

# School Newsletter

St Andrew's C of E Primary Academy

**Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Friends,**

## Newsletters

We are so sorry for being adrift with the newsletters; various technical problems have impacted on our capacity to publish and distribute. Hopefully all is sorted now and we will be back on track for this half term. Letters will now be published at the beginning of the week.

## Long Hair, Jewellery and Nail Polish

Please make sure that all long hair is tied back. This is primarily a health and safety concern but also helps with concentration, so we would appreciate your support in this. Children with pierced ears may wear single stud earrings— no other jewellery is permitted in school. Nail polish should not be worn during term time and should be removed before return to school after holidays.

## A Topic Visitor in Holly Class

Just before half term Holly Class had a very special visitor on Friday; Ben from Bridport Foundry and Stuart Models came to visit to share some interesting facts about his job as a blacksmith and as a steam engine driver. He talked to the children about Victorian transport and occupations and answered numerous questions along the way.

He demonstrated how to make a hook and gave everyone a turn on the model traction engine. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and got stuck into the activities; even to the point of getting covered in soot! Many thanks to Bridport Foundry and Stuart Models for facilitating this great opportunity.

## Parking

You may be aware that we have had some problems with parking outside the school. This has caused concern for some parents. The school has committed considerable time to ensuring the situation is resolved and have put in place a new system and signage so that all drivers are clear about how to use the parking spaces. If everyone follows the rules parking will be incident free. The parking policy was launched last week and as yet only one parent has applied for a school permit. All drivers entering the premises will require a permit as of Monday 13th November.

If at any time you have concerns about how the school is dealing with an issue please discuss it with Mrs Leganski directly to avoid misunderstandings.

## Holly's Topic Visit Gallery





## The Week Ahead - After School Clubs and

<b>Monday</b>	Y4, 5 and 6 Swimming
<b>Tuesday</b>	3.30-4.30 KS2 Football and Cooking
<b>Wednesday</b>	3.30-4.30 KS1 Ball Club
<b>Thursday</b>	3.30-4.30 Lego
<b>Friday</b>	

## Curriculum Provision

**Maple:** Last week we enjoyed celebrating Bonfire Night. We used 2D and 3D shapes to make fireworks and rockets to sell in our firework shop. We also got our last superhero on our class reward chart. We enjoyed our treat of toasting real marshmallows around our pretend bonfire whilst watching fireworks on the interactive whiteboard!

**Hazel:** In Literacy we have been learning about the different features of Diary writing. We have written our own diary entries about something we did over the half term holiday. In Maths we have been looking at  $\frac{1}{2}$ s. The children have been folding shapes, splitting objects and halving numbers. We have started our new topic of The Great Fire of London.

**Holly:** In Literacy the children have written some fantastic fact files on Victorian schools and toys, researching the information for themselves using iPads and books. In Maths the

children have continued their great enthusiasm for times tables and have been challenging themselves with their fraction work. The whole class can find multiple fractions of one number using different methods.

**Willow:** Willow Class have been enjoying story-mapping their new English story, Elf Road. Ask the children to show you the actions to the story! We have also started to learn about our new topic, Mountains.

**Oak:** In Literacy we have been looking at a range of non fiction sources to inform us about UFOs; the truth is out there! In Numeracy we have been working out how to calculate equivalent fractions. Our Topic this half of term is about mountains. In PE the children have applied themselves competitively, deciding good strategies to win the games. They have thoroughly enjoyed the mental and physical challenges and putting their tactics into action.

### Dates for your Diary

- 17/11/17—EYFS Pudsey Picnic and Children in Need Spotacular
- 21/11/17— Parents Evening for Maple, Hazel, Holly and Oak
- 22/11/17—Parents Evening for Hazel, Willow and Oak
- 23/11/17—Parents Evening for Maple, Holly and Willow
- 30/11/17—2:30pm Communion St Andrew's Day
- 12/12/17—2:30pm Nativity to Parents
- 13/12/17—6pm arrival and 6:30pm Nativity to Parents
- 15/12/17—Last day of term, Save the Children and Christmas Outfit Day

### Pre School

The children of Pre school have been exploring colour through fireworks paintings and talking about the noises that fireworks make. We have also been making 2D rocket shape pictures as we explore our theme 'Space'. We will expanding on this next week as we make 3D rockets and planets.

## Stars of the Week

**Maple:** Oliver H for persisting through mathematical challenges.

**Hazel:** Joey for working really hard with his writing.

**Holly:** Oliver R is star of the week in Holly class for his continuous hard work in his writing, maths and overall presentation.

**Willow:** Tom for producing beautiful descriptive writing in English. Well done!

**Oak:** Ella for a positive attitude and Pink Group In Literacy for some very focused writing.

