



Ardeley St Lawrence C of E Primary School

Newsletter

9th November 2018

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy start to this half term and this is reflected in a full newsletter!

Several of our children have celebrated Diwali this week. Mrs Ramana kindly came and talked to several classes about the celebrations. Mrs Parmar provided sweets for everyone to celebrate and Y5/6 drew a lovely Rangoli pattern outside today.



Well done to the following children who have been awarded Merit Certificates this week:

RED: Alessia
ORANGE: Leo, Jack, Harrison, Lyra-Rae, Toby P, Rex, Lacey RS, Owen
YELLOW: Ella, Seren

Attendance in the week before Half Term was 97% which is great. Thank you for your help in achieving this.

Our PJ's for Sarah day has raised a huge £72. Thank you for your generosity. This is equivalent to 3 months sponsorship for Sarah.

Of course this weekend is Remembrance Day and the end of the First World War Centenary Commemorations. Our Poppy Appeal this year has been very successful - again thank you for your generosity. All classes have made poppies in different ways and we have had a special assembly today. We have also laid a wreath of poppies at the Ardeley St Lawrence War Memorial. Below are a few pictures of our displays.





Thank you to everyone who has returned their school journey deposits and slips. My apologies if the short notice on the deposits required caused any anxiety. As per the parentmail I sent earlier this week, we have extended the deadline for deposits to next Friday. If you have any concerns about paying please speak to Mrs Walsh in confidence.

We have recently been reviewing our homework arrangements, in light of valuable feedback from parents.

Year 1-6 will now only receive spellings and mental maths fluency practice each week in addition to reading a minimum of 5 times a week. Y1 may also have phonics flash cards where required and Y6 may have some practice SAT activities, again as required.

We feel these activities are the most beneficial, and hopefully least stressful, to practise at home.

On the odd occasion we have children who do not finish work in class. Instead of keeping them in at playtime we would rather send work home for them to finish that night. Class teachers will let you know if that is the case.

Our parking option only had 2 positive responses so unfortunately we will not be able to offer use of the playground for parking at the end of the day.

We still have a position available for a Midday Supervisory Assistant for Thursday and Friday. Please let the office know if you are interested.

We have booked our Panto seats! We will be taking the children (Reception to Year 6) to see Snow White at the Gordon Craig on Thursday 13 December. More information will come out shortly.

Finally our Open Morning is on Tuesday 13th November when the school will be open for any parents who may be thinking of sending their child to us in September 2019. You are welcome to look around for sibling admissions. Please also spread the word if you know someone looking for a school place; you are our best advert. The Open morning will run between 9.30 and 11.30am and our admissions arrangements are available on our school website.

With kind regards,

Mrs Connolly



Autumn Diary Dates



Tuesday 13 November	9.30 - 11.30am	Open Morning
Friday 16 November		Children in Need & mental wellbeing theme day
Friday 7 December - after School		Christmas Craft Fair
Tuesday 11 December	2.00pm	Nativity Matinee
Wednesday 12 December	1.30pm 6.30pm	Children collected early Nativity Evening Performance
After school club will not run this evening		
Thursday 13 December	pm	Panto - more information to follow
Friday 21 December	2.00pm	End of Term

Please help the school and residents by arriving no earlier than 8.40am (gates open at 8.45am), parking considerately and not blocking resident's drives. If you arrive earlier than 8.40am could I suggest parking down the lane, by the pond or on the gravel hard standing between the school and the farm, and then joining the free flow drop off system when it starts. Thank you.