

## **Newsletter**

9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

## **Dear Parents**

Our bake sale for Sarah, our sponsored child in Uganda raised a fantastic £76.44. This is three months sponsorship for Sarah, enabling her to attend school and receive health care. The cakes, biscuits, cheese straws and scotch eggs all sold out so quickly - we will have to make more next time! Well done to the Year 5 & 6 children for producing such lovely treats, and thank you to those who donated cakes. Thanks also to Mrs Jones who spent all day literally over a hot oven.

It has been a busy week in school - Fitter Futures visited us and filmed a workout with each class. These have been uploaded and the children can now practise them. Reception and Nursery went to Hendon RAF museum yesterday as part of their topic on transport. They had a wonderful time and were an absolute credit to the school.

These children have been awarded Merit Certificates this week:

ORANGE:	Ethan	KS1	Harley	KS1
	Lacey	KS1		
YELLOW:	Sophia	EYFS	Archer	EYFS
	Caitlyn	EYFS	lvy	EYFS
	Isla	EYFS		
GREEN:	Daniel	EYFS	Evelyn	EYFS
	Maddie	EYFS	Jasmine	EYFS

Well done children!

We will be celebrating World Book Day this year on Thursday 1 March. The children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character and bring with them the book they 'appear' in. We have a special World Book Day menu that day too - organised by Herts catering. I thought I would give you plenty of notice to start organising costumes - I remember several years of digging out a cloak at 10.30pm the night before and starting to stick things on!

Sharing assembly this term will be part of the Mother's Day afternoon tea and we will hold 'drop everything and read' on a separate day next half term. Please do come along to the afternoon tea - it will be a lovely event.

Ardeley School have just joined 'TT Rock Stars' (ttrockstars.com) which is a fun, interactive way for children to practise their times tables. This is for children from Year 1 - 6; letters will be coming out today telling you more about it and containing the log in. There are free mobile apps available for both Apple and Android. The children complete times tables challenges and earn points which they can then use to change their rock star avatar! They can compete in challenges with other users. Therefore, in line with our commitment to online safety, we have



set the system to only show their 'rock star' name in competitions. This keeps their identity safe.

We have two positions available in school, a site manager position and an After School Club leader. Mrs Rao has decided it is time to move on from her role and I know she will be sorely missed by the children who attend after school club.

The site manager position is for 3 hours a week, preferably at weekends, up to 52 weeks a year. The role involves basic DIY and maintenance jobs and experience in this area is required.

The After School Club leader position is for 3 hours daily, 3.10 - 6.10pm, term time only. This role involves planning and leading a range of play opportunities with the children and providing and preparing a healthy snack. Experience working with children is essential.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in either of these positions and would like more information, including salary details, please call the school and ask to speak to me.

Our Nursery application process is open until the 23rd February 2018 and applications are dealt with by the school. Please do spread the word and encourage people to visit the school. We are very proud of what we do here at Ardeley and it is a pleasure to share this with prospective parents.

I hope you all have a relaxing and restful half term.

With kind regards, Mrs Connolly



## **Spring Diary Dates**



12-16 February

Half Term

Tuesday 20 February 9.05am

Collective worship - all welcome

Friday 23 February 1.25pm

Collective worship led by the worship crew

Tuesday 27 February 9.15am

Eucharist in church - all welcome

Friday 9 March

FAS Mother's Day afternoon tea

Tuesday 13 March

**Parent Consultations** 

Wednesday 14 March

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