

# Ardeley St Lawrence Church of England Primary School and Nursery

Head Teacher: Mrs. Barbara Young



## Spring Newsletter Number 2

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to you all, at this, the end of our first full week of the Spring Term. All of the team at Ardeley would like to say a warm thank you to children and parents for the cards and gifts that we received for Christmas. We are very grateful; they were very much appreciated.



### Wrap Around Clubs a further update:



#### Breakfast Club:

Sometimes in life, it feels as if it never rains, but pours.

As shared last week, we have been working hard to plug the gaps in the provision. We thought we had found someone to take on the delivery of Breakfast Club service, but sadly for a number of reasons, that person decided to step back from the role with immediate effect. Knowing how important this is for you, the school was very grateful to teacher Mrs Kirwan who stepped in on a temporary basis to save the day. Mrs. Kirwan, has kindly agreed to run the Club on **Mondays to Wednesdays** as a temporary measure until Feb half term. We are already advertising the post with a closing date of Jan 31st, or sooner, if we can find the right person. If you know anyone who might be interested, please send them our way! **Mrs Tilby-Baker** will continue to run the Club on **Thursdays and Fridays** as usual.

**After School Club:** Even though the post has been advertised, we do not have any applicants yet. As a result, we have tweaked the incentives and included the offer of mileage to make the post more attractive! We shall see what happens. After discussions with Teachers this week, they have agreed to plug some gaps in this offer on a temporary basis until half term. These arrangements come into immediate effect from **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January**.

The usual fees for each club will apply. If you would like to use any of these provisions, please contact the school in the usual way.

Please note the **After School Club Mobile Number** for you to use when your child is attending the After School Club out of hours, is **07592 730850**. I will remind all Club Leaders to have the mobile with them, especially as I know there were some issues this week with being heard at the school front door. Our apologies.

*After a considerable research, including discussions with a number of wrap around school providers, meetings have been scheduled over the next couple of weeks to discuss if they may be able to support us with this important provision. I shall keep you informed of any progress made. Mrs Young*



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Wrap Around Club Provision January to February Half Term					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Club	8am – 8.50am	8am – 8.50am	8am – 8.50am	8am – 8.50am	8am – 8.50am
Club Location	Middle Room	Middle Room	Middle Room	Middle Room	Middle Room
Lead Adult	Mrs Kirwan	Mrs Kirwan	Mrs Kirwan	Mrs Tilby-Baker	Mrs Tilby-Baker
After School Club	3:20pm – 4:30pm	3:20pm – 6:00pm	3:20pm – 6:00pm	3:20pm – 4:30pm	3:20pm – 6:00pm
Lead Adult	Miss Fry & Miss Weston	Mrs Tilby-Baker	Mrs Tilby-Baker	Miss Sheldon & Mrs Young	Mrs Tilby-Baker
Club Location	EYFS / KS1 Classroom	Middle Room	Middle Room	Year 3&4 Classroom	Middle Room
Collection point	Enter via side gate to collect outside EYFS / Y1&2 Classroom	Enter via front door to collect from Middle Room	Enter via front door to collect from Middle Room	Enter back door nearest Miss Sheldon's classroom	Enter via front door to collect from Middle Room

My personal thanks to the Teaching Team who have stepped in to give their support to ensure that this service can be maintained during this transitional period.  
Thank you. Mrs Young

## Collection of your child in poor weather:

It has been very wet and cold this week, and we have reflected on how we can better keep the children both warm and dry on wet and blustery days. Staff have agreed that on these days, we shall keep the children inside the school building.

**Early Years** children will wait in the **Main School Entrance (Library)** with their class adults for you to collect them from there.

**All other year groups** will be in the **School Hall**. The side door will be manned and open ready to hand children over to you on your arrival.

Please can I remind parents to ensure that the children have waterproof coats (as well as gloves, hat and scarf) with them to wear every day during the cold weather.

Now, on to lighter matters, after an enjoyable panto performance of A Christmas Carol last week, the children quickly settled down to their learning as you can see below:



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## News from Years 1 & 2



Hello, Year 1 and 2 have made a wonderful start to the new term. They have been busy learning about tally charts, comparing the weight of objects and using interesting words in their writing. This week we were also joined by Mr Zeal. He will be helping to teach in our class for the next few weeks.

This week we started our topic 'villages, towns and cities' in Geography. We compared Ardeley, Stevenage and Shanghai! The children came up with excellent ideas and we are looking forward to learning more about these places.

Lastly, we wanted to say thank you to all our parents for joining us at our Christmas Tea Party. The children were very excited to show you their work and make you a sandwich (thank you for eating them!)



From next week please can your child bring in their PE kit. Please bring it in before Thursday. It is really important that they practise getting changed independently and then we also have it here for extra PE lessons! Their PE kit can stay at school and will be sent home every half term. Have a wonderful weekend 😊 Miss Weston

## News from Years 5 & 6

This week in Upper Key Stage 2 we have started our new science learning which is about electricity. We have really enjoyed exploring static electricity and have learned how to draw an electrical circuit using symbols.



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We have started to learn about the Vikings in history and found the place on our class timeline for the Viking era.



## News from EYFS

Early Years have settled back into routines quickly after the Christmas Break. They have started their 'Hero' topic by discussing why they and their families are superheroes. Please pop into the classroom and see their stunning self-portraits!

The class have explored their senses and written a book! They enjoyed the 'guess the crisp flavour' challenge. During RE with Mrs Yates, the children made crowns to symbolise the arrival of the Kings to Bethlehem. Jude and Ronnie made a robo-super owl and a robo-super cat in their CHIL time!



**The Early Years Team would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.**

## News from Years 3 & 4

First of all, I want to say 'well done' to all of LKS2 for such a great start to 2023. All of the children have come back with a fantastic attitude and enthusiasm for their learning which has been wonderful to see. Swimming started up again and all the staff were super impressed by the children's behaviour and effort. I think it is fair to say that we have one or two future Olympic medallists in our midst.

This week we have been looking at playscripts and reading a fantastic story; 'The Adventures of The Dish and The Spoon'. The children have loved reading the story and are all very keen to bring their playscripts to life. I was especially impressed by their first attempt at scripting a scene from the book. There are definitely some budding playwrights and actors in Year 3/4!



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## Latest news from the FAS Team



### The FAS Team - Christmas clear out for FAS

FAS will be collecting unwanted Christmas gifts (toiletry sets, books, toys, stationary etc) and pre loved kid's Christmas clothes for this year's Christmas Fair.

If you have any items you'd like to donate, please drop them at school between the 23rd - 27th Jan.

Please only donate unwanted gifts that are in good condition. No food produce please due to expiration dates.

Thank you.



**Scarlet Fever alert - it is doing the rounds in the wider society so please remain alert to the signs. Thank you.**

#### Signs and Symptoms of Scarlet Fever

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection. The early symptoms include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present.

Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'. As the child improves peeling of the skin can occur. Infections can be spread through direct physical contact with people or surfaces. Children with scarlet fever **must** remain away from school for **24 hours after** the start of appropriate antibiotic treatment has started.



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## Merits:

### GREEN

**Y5&6** James Goldsmith-Steele & Daniel Daodu

**Year 3 & 4** Isla Head, Ella Large

**Y1&2** Isaac Robbins, Indie Hill, Poppy Lavery

### YELLOW:

**Y3&4** Ella Large & Isla Head

**Y1&2** Laceigh Goldsmith-Wright, Jacob Crossman, Theo Brierley, Bradley Chumbley,



## Stars of the week



### *Star Readers*

Years 5 & 6 Daniel Daodu Years 3 & 4 Alice Proctor Years 1 & 2 Poppy Lavery  
EYFS Charlie Heuer



### *Star Writers*

Years 5 & 6 Lillie-May Stapleton Years 3 & 4 Lyra-Rea Redman Shackell  
Years 1 & 2 Indie Hill EYFS Aurora Baker



### *Star Mathematicians*

Years 5 & 6 Bradley Large Years 3 & 4 Felix Twiston-Davies Years 1 & 2  
Brody Muncer EYFS: Priest Adeniji



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## Stars of the Week

Years 5 & 6 Not awarded this week Years 3 & 4 Eden Triplow  
2 Albie Careford

Years 1 &

EYFS Ronnie Large



Bear Boxes have gone to: **EYFS:** Opie F

**KS1:** Toby B

**Lower KS2:** Zach C

**Upper KS2:** Amelia D

Happy Reading children!

## What's Going On...

Date	Event	Time	Class
<b>September</b>			
<b>October</b>			
<b>November</b>			
<b>December</b>			
<b>January</b>			
16.01.2023	After School Club extended opening times	Open all week	Whole school
<b>February</b>			
02.02.2023	FAS Meeting	3:30 – 4:30 pm	Miss Sheldon's Room
13.02.2023 – 17.02.2023	Half Term Break	School Closed	Whole school
20.02.2023	Return to school		
<b>March</b>			
14.03.2023	Parent Consultations	All Day	
15.03.2023	Parent Consultations	All Day	
<b>April</b>			
03.04.2023 – 14.04.2023	Easter Holidays	School Closed	Whole school
17.04.2023	Return to School		
<b>May</b>			
08.05.2023	His Majesty's Coronation Bank Holiday	Closed All DAY	Whole school
09.05.2023	SATS Week all week Tuesday to Friday incl.	No holidays permitted please	
29.05.2023 – 02.06.2023	Half Term Holidays	School Closed	Whole school
<b>June</b>			
05.06.2023	Return to School		
24.06.2023	FAS School Fete		Whole School
<b>July</b>			
13.07.2023	Transition Day		

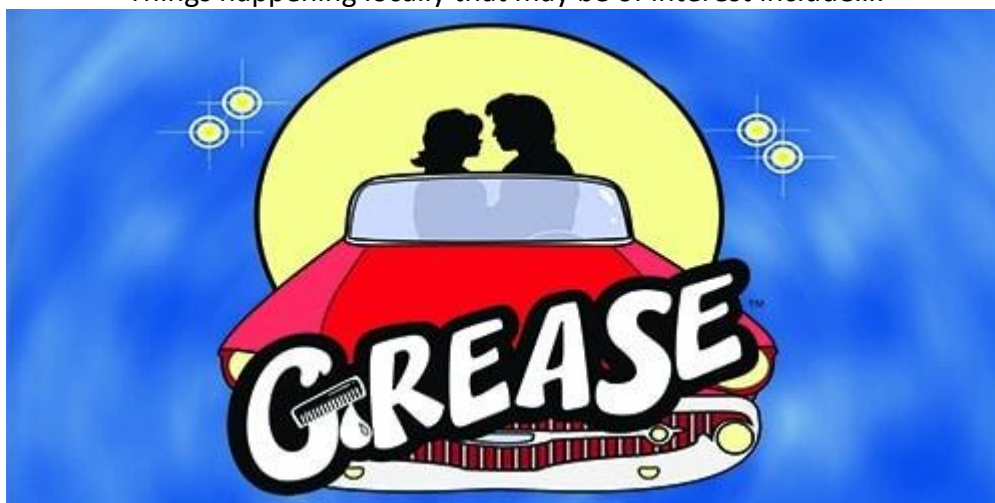


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19.07.2023	Last Day of School Summer Holidays start	All Day	Whole School
20.07.2023	Inset Day	School Closed to pupils	Whole School
21.07.2023	Occasional Day	School Closed to pupils	Whole School
August	Summer Holidays	School Closed	Whole School

Things happening locally that may be of interest include....



RARE Productions is the UK's largest theatre movement for young people, with over 5,000 participants, 50,000 audiences and 100 professional practitioners creating unique experiences across 35 regional partner venues.

In May 2023 RARE will produce a full scale production of Grease here at the Gordon Craig Theatre. They are running open auditions here this month. Full details are below.

Auditions are for 8 - 21 years

Wed 25th Jan 6.30pm -8.30pm

**(6.30pm-7.30pm 8-12yrs 7.30pm-8.30pm 13-21yrs )**

Sunday 29th Jan 1.30pm -4.30pm

**(1.30pm-3pm 8-12yrs 3pm-4.30pm 13-21yrs )**

There is no need to book your attendance for the Open Audition, you may just turn up. You do not need to prepare anything as everyone will be given the same instructions on the day. You only need to attend one of the dates listed above.

**If you have any questions please contact the Rare Productions office directly by clicking the link above.** Please note The Gordon Craig Theatre Box Office do not have any further information regarding the auditions or the show itself.

Further details [www.rareproductions.co.uk](http://www.rareproductions.co.uk)



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The above is not recommended by the school, but has only been included in this newsletter as an item that may be of interest to families of Ardeley.

If you know of something else happening locally that you feel might be of interest to our families, please let us know so that we can give it a shout out.

Mrs Young

### Mental Health Support for Hertfordshire's Children and Young People



**JUST TALK**

If you're young and feeling a bit low, or worried, find the help you need in Herts.

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/mentalhealthsupportforhertsyoungpeople](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/mentalhealthsupportforhertsyoungpeople)



**JUST TALK**

Find advice and help if your child is feeling low, anxious or generally struggling

[www.justtalkherts.org](http://www.justtalkherts.org)

If your child or teenager is feeling low, anxious, or generally struggling, there are lots of services available to help them all year round. Please always encourage them to talk and ask for help if they need it.

The services listed on Just Talk's webpage are all free and don't need a professional referral, so they can be contacted directly by young people and/or their parents/carers. Services listed include Hertfordshire's new With YOUth Digital Wellbeing Service for ages 5-18, parents and carers and many more, so please take a look:

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/mentalhealthsupportforhertsyoungpeople](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/mentalhealthsupportforhertsyoungpeople)



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## WEEK ONE

Served Week Commencing:

• 2022: 31 October, 21 November, 12 December • 2023: 5 January, 23 January, 20 February, 13 March

### MONDAY

BBQ Dusted Chicken with Rice  
Italian Pasta Bake (V) with Crusty Bread

CHILLED OPTION:  
Cheese Baguette (V)

### TUESDAY

Pork Sausages with Diced Potato (V)  
Macaroni Cheese (V) with Garlic Bread

CHILLED OPTION:  
Egg Roll (V)

### WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing  
Sausages in Yorkshire Pudding (V) with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta

CHILLED OPTION:  
Chicken Mayo Wrap

### THURSDAY

Cottage Pie  
Quorn Burger in a Bun (V) with Diced Potatoes

CHILLED OPTION:  
Ham Roll

### FRIDAY

Battered Fish  
Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) with Oven Chips or Pasta

CHILLED OPTION:  
Tuna Sandwich

## PUPILS' CHOICE MENU

WINTER/  
SPRING  
2022/23

## WEEK TWO

Served Week Commencing: • 2022: 7 November, 28 November, 19 December • 2023: 9 January, 30 January, 27 February, 20 March

### MONDAY

Pork Sausages in Gravy with Creamed Potatoes  
Cheese & Veg Pasties with Diced Potatoes (V)

CHILLED OPTION:  
Tuna Sandwich

### TUESDAY

Chicken Pie with Herby Potatoes  
Mild Vegetable Curry (V) with Rice

CHILLED OPTION:  
Ham Roll

### WEDNESDAY

Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding  
Lentil Roast (V) with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta

CHILLED OPTION:  
Chicken Mayo Wrap

### THURSDAY

Beef Burger (V)  
Roasted Vegetable Lasagne (V) with Garlic Bread with Potato Wedges or Pasta

CHILLED OPTION:  
Cheese Baguette (V)

### FRIDAY

Crispy Coated Salmon  
Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) with Oven Chips or Pasta

CHILLED OPTION:  
Egg Roll (V)

## WEEK THREE

Served Week Commencing: • 2022: 14 November, 5 December • 2023: 16 January, 6 February, 6 March, 27 March

### MONDAY

Pork Sausages With Diced Potatoes  
Cheese Pinwheel (V) with Diced Potatoes

CHILLED OPTION:  
Egg Roll (V)

### TUESDAY

Mild Chicken Curry with Rice  
Omelette, Grilled Tomatoes and Baked Beans (V)  
Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta

CHILLED OPTION:  
Ham Roll

### WEDNESDAY

Roast Pork with Sage and Onion Stuffing  
Tomato Bolognese (V) with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta

CHILLED OPTION:  
Cheese Baguette (V)

### THURSDAY

Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges  
Cheese, Potato and Broccoli Bake (V)

CHILLED OPTION:  
Chicken Mayo Wrap

### FRIDAY

Fish Fillet Fingers  
Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) with Oven Chips or Pasta

CHILLED OPTION:  
Tuna Sandwich

Freshly baked bread, seasonal vegetables and bowl salads are available daily • Gravy and Custard are always available separately when on the menu • All our milk is organic - fresh from the dairy (V) = Vegetarian (V) = Vegan

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