Head Teacher: Mrs. Barbara Young



Friday 17th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As promised last week, I am now able to share with you the staffing arrangements for after Easter, when we will have:

In **Early Years** (**Reception and Nursery**): Due to Miss Fry's departure, the Early Years teaching team will now be led by Miss Weston. Miss Weston, has always wanted specialise in teaching this key stage, and has already had experience of working with Mrs Harvey and Mrs Watson, when she was a trainee teacher. Both Mrs Harvey and Mrs Watson will remain in EYFS to provide the children with continuity and familiarity.

In Year 1 & 2: the new teaching team will be Mrs Templeton who is moving from Year 5&6 back to Key Stage One, which is her preference. She will remain as a part time teacher and will be joined by Mrs Sleath, a senior teacher who is very experienced in teaching Years 1 and 2. Mrs Sleath will teach the class on Mondays and Tuesdays and handover to Mrs Templeton who will teach on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Elkington, will remain with this class providing the children with familiarity and continuity.

In Year 3 & 4: This class will remain unchanged, with Miss Sheldon as their Class Teacher.

In Year 5 & 6: The teaching team will remain with Mrs Kerwan, who will provide the children with continuity and familiarity. She works part time, and so will now be joined by Mr Barlow. Mr Barlow, is an experienced senior teacher and so will lead the class overall as he is working full time at the school. However, because Mrs Kerwan is familiar to the children, she will be supporting our Year 6s through their SATS.

SENDCo: This role will be covered by Mrs Sleath, who is a qualified SENDCo. Miss Fry will be meeting with Mrs Sleath before she leaves to ensure that there is a thorough handover of all the necessary information to try to ensure a smooth transition. In addition to working on Monday and Tuesday in class, Mrs Sleath, will also be non-classroom based in order to support the special needs provision throughout the school.



Mr Barlow and **Mrs Sleath**, as Senior Teachers, will also be working alongside me to provide support in leading the strategic improvements needed to enhance the educational experience and improve the outcomes for all of the children.















After Easter, work will start in two important areas that will improve your child's learning. And they are in ...

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Reading, is widely supported by research and understood to be crucial if the children are to thrive and achieve their full potential. It is accepted that children need to be able to read at the earliest possible stage in Early Years, through the robust and consistent teaching of synthetic phonics. It also needs to be taught consistently well after this time through Key Stages 1 and 2. For this to happen, the children need to be motivated to want to read and to read widely, for the joy of reading in itself. That is why from April, behind the scenes we shall be laying the ground work for a systematic and robust new school wide reading scheme called Accelerated Reader. With Accelerated Reader, a child reads a book, takes an online quiz, and gets immediate feedback.

Mr Barlow will be working closely with me to introduce this scheme. We will share more information on exactly how the scheme works in the summer term, through workshops that you will be invited to attend so that you can see it in action. For now, the key headlines that you need to take away is that as part of this new initiative, we shall be purchasing hundreds of new books for the children, as well as developing reading areas throughout the school and revamping the school library to make it far more enticing to the children!

If you feel that you would like to lend a hand and help us with this exciting project in any way, please get in touch, we would love to work in partnership with you.

2.

But it is not all about reading and academic work!

Changes are happening to promote rich experiences that support the children's learning outside of the classroom too!

Mr Hill, as many of you know, has taught **Music and Forest School** at Ardeley for some years. He however, has been promoted to a new position that means he will be delivering music support county wide. We are happy for him and congratulate him in his new position. Much like most Primary Schools up and down the country, music will now be taught by Class Teachers as part of the weekly timetable. We are also looking at the possibility of commissioning specialist music teachers for additional, perhaps private lessons, but we are only at the initial stages of investigating the financial feasibility of this. We will let you know what we find out in due course.

Mr Hill's departure has also provided us with an opportunity to build on his legacy of Forest School teaching taking it along a unique and exciting new path. We have been in discussions with **Church Farm** to see how we can work collaboratively with them to further develop the Forest School experience for the children in a real life meaningful way. It is our intention to















trial a period of **Farm Forest School** in the Summer Term. This will involve all of the children having the forest school experience based at Church Farm, where they will learn about sustainable living, animal husbandry and maintaining wildlife and the environment. They will learn what plants, including those that they eat such as carrots, cabbages and salads need to grow well and how to do it I based on organic principles. They will learn about different animals and what they need in order to be well cared for and how to do this, as well as learning about how to look after and maintain the natural environment and the living history within it.

It is also hoped that as the new Farm Forest School project progresses, they will also learn about what needs to be done in today's world in order to protect the natural environment that they live in – what in other words a farm like Church Farm, needs to do to ensure it remains economically viable. So, for instance, what it takes to run a farm shop and how to market the produce and products it sells. This project aims to teach the children real life skills they need for today's world, whilst learning how to further appreciate the special rural environment that Ardeley's children and their families live in.

This is an exciting new venture that those at Church Farm and Ardeley School are excited about. If you have any related interests or skills that you would like to offer to help ensure the success of this project, please get in touch we would love to hear from you.

The Farm Forest School sessions will have Ardeley class staff involvement as well as Church Farm staff (all DBS security cleared). The sessions will take place on Thursdays and run alongside PE with Mr Fitzgerald. Children will need to come dressed in their Forest School clothes, either with their PE kit underneath or in a separate bag to change into during the day when at school. Class Staff will let you know when your child will be taking part, nearer the time.

We will be saying a fond farewell to our Finance Officer Mrs Sendall, who will be leaving us at the end of the month to work for her family's business. She has been a strong supporter of the school over many years, for which we thank her, and wish her well.

At the time of writing, Miss Mullins is still off work due to illness. Unless I am informed by her directly, I will continue to assume that she will return in due course. Until then, we shall continue to try to manage the running of the School Office as best as we can. We thank many of you for your patience and support. Thank you for contacting us through email admin@ardeley.herts.sch.uk as this is the best method to ensure your needs are addressed in a timely manner.













Overall, we hope that you are as excited as we all are about the new projects and developments that will be happening at school after Easter. We look forward to updating you on further developments as they happen.

With kindest regards,

Mrs Young

P.s Don't forget Parent Consultations are happening on Tuesday 21st March and Wednesday 22nd March in the School Hall. You should have all received your appointment confirmation in book bags on Thursday, if you haven't and were expecting one, please drop an email to the Office so that we know and can look into it for you. Thank you.

Miss Fry will be available to see anyone with a SEND concern on Wednesday – please email the school if you would like to book a slot to speak with her.

Now for news about what the children have been up to.

From Years 3 & 4

It has been another busy week in LKS2! We have combined English and RE this week to complete some independent writing about the Easter story! We watched some of The Miracle Maker to help us immerse ourselves in the experience and understand what it would have been like to be at the last supper or witness Jesus' crucifixion.

In maths, we have been exploring shape. We have looked at symmetry and different types of polygons. The children did a super job of identifying different polygons by looking at their characteristics!

I just wanted to say a big 'well done' to all the children who took part in our TT Rockstars tournament for homework! The boys just clinched it this time but I have set a new one for this week so who knows which team will be victorious? A special shout out to our Top 5 players: Milo, Alice, Ella B, Leo and Harrison who all dedicated a huge amount of time to their times tables and each earned over 890 points! Not that any of them are competitive of course!

Well done for another great super week Year 3 and 4! **Miss Sheldon**

From Years 1 & 2

Hello, this week year 1 and 2 have continued to work hard and show the Ardeley values.

In Maths, year 1s have been learning how to measure volume and length. On Monday, they used the same container to compare different volumes. They worked really











hard and I was very impressed that we didn't spill any water ©





Year 2s have been using their counting skills to solve multiplication questions. They built arrays to prove that multiplication is commutative.

This week we joined RE and English together to learn more about the Easter Story. The children wrote about the story in English independently and I was very impressed with their work.

I am always amazed their work and positive attitude to learning. We learnt some tricky things this week, but year 1 and 2 never give up. I am excited to share their wonderful work with you all at parents evening next week. Well done year 1 and 2, have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Weston ©

News from Early Years



This week the class have learnt about mythical animals: dragons and unicorns.

The whole class have completed subtraction and addition sums. They have had to look carefully at the signs to do the correct operation!



We are proud that they spoke up in the Mother's day celebration and how well they made peppermint creams.

The Early Tears Team





















Y5 & 6 Daniel Daodu, James Goldsmith Steele

BLUE:

- Y1 & 2 Theo Brierley
- Y3 & 4 Alice Proctor, Alex Randall and Harrison Rowell
- Y5 & 6 Lillie-May Stapleton, Daniel Daodu

GREEN:

- Y1 & 2 Arthur Ware, Hailey Clarke
- Y3 & 4 Ella Large, Rohan Ramana, Jacob Osbourne, jack Warburton, Gabriel Daodu, Seffie Farfar, Noah Hill, Hudson Streatfield, Isabelle Lavery, Chloe Wilkinson
- Y5 & 6 Not awarded this week

RED:

Y 3 & 4 Annabelle Krieger





Star Readers of the Week:

Not awarded (Y5&6), Annabelle Krieger (Y3&4), Laceigh Goldsmith-Wright (Y1&2), (EYFS) Sonny Long





Star Writers of the Week:

Daniel Daodu (Y5&6) Seffie Farrar (Y3&4), Hailey Clarke (Y1&2), Azra Bloom Priest Adeniji (EYFS)



Star Mathematicians of the Week:

Charlotte York (Y3&4), Theo Brierley(Y1&2), (EYFS) Aurora Baker (Y5 &6) Amelie-Rose Hill & Lillie-May Stapleton



Star of the Week:

Y1 & 2 Poppy Lavery who always shows the Ardeley values of compassion, wisdom and respect















Loving and Learning in Fellowship and Faith







Bear Boxes have gone to: **EYFS**: Alex

KS1: Poppy

Lower KS2: Seffie Upper KS2: Ayva Happy Reading children!

What's Going On				
Date	Event	Time	Class	
March				
20.03.2023	Year 5 & 6 Bikeability Course	All week	Year 5 & 6	
21.03.2023	Parent Consultations	Letter in book bags	Whole School	
22.03.2023	Parent Consultations	Letter in book bags	Whole School	
24.03.2023	Comic Relief School Council Disco	3:20 - 4:30pm	Whole School	
26.03.2023	FAS Allotment Teamwork Tidy	10 am – 5 pm		
29.03.2023	Bishop Patrick visiting Ardeley School	Morning only	Whole School	
April				
03.04.2023 -	Easter Holidays	School Closed	Whole school	
14.04.2023				
17.04.2023	Return to School	School Open	Whole School	
May				
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 -	Half Term Holidays	School Closed	Whole school	
02.06.2023				
June				
05.06.2023	Return to School	School Open	Whole School	
24.06.2023	FAS School Fete		Whole School	
July				
13.07.2023	Transition Day	School Open	Whole School	
19.07.2023	Last Day of School Summer Holidays start	All Day	Whole School	
20.07.2023	Inset Day	School Closed	Whole School	
21.07.2023	Occasional Day	School Closed	Whole School	
August	Summer Holidays	School Closed	Whole School	
NEW TERM DATES 2023-2024				
September				
01.09.2023	INSET DAY	School Closed	Whole School	
04.09.2023	INSET DAY	School Closed	Whole School	















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05.09.2023	School Open – Pupils	School Open	Whole School	
October			1	
23.10.2023	First day of half term	School Closed	Whole School	
30.10.2023	Last day of half term	School Closed	Whole School	
31.10.2023	Return to school – Pupils	School Open	Whole School	
November				
24.11.2023	Occasional Day	School Closed	Whole School	
December				
21.12.2023	Christmas Holiday Starts	School Closed	Whole School	
January 2024				
04.01.2024	Return to school – Pupils	School Open	Whole School	
February				
19.02.2024	Half term Holidays	School Closed	Whole School	
26.02.2024	Return to school – Pupils	School Open	Whole School	
March				
15.03.2024	INSET DAY	School Closed	Whole School	
29.03.2024	Bank Holiday & Easter Holiday	School Closed	Whole School	
April				
15.04.2024	Return to school – Pupils	School Open	Whole School	
May				
06.05.2024	Bank Holiday	School Closed	Whole School	
27.05.2024	Half Term	School Closed	Whole School	
June				
03.06.2024	Return to school – Pupils	School Open	Whole School	
July				
11.07.2024	Transition Day	School Open	Whole School	
19.07.2024	Last day of school	School Open	Whole School	















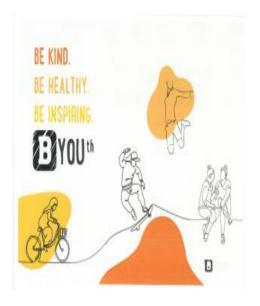


If your child or teenager is feeling low, anxious, or generally struggling, there are lots of services available to help them all year round. Please always encourage them to talk and ask for help if they need it.

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/mentalhealthsupportforhertsyoungpeope





















WEEK ONE

Served Week Commenting

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

PUPILS' CHOICE MENU

MONDAY

\$80 Dusted Chicken with Rice

Italian Pasta Bake (Ve) with Crusty Bread

CHILLED OFFICE

Cheese Baguette (V)

TUESDAY

Pork Sausages with Diced Potato

Macaroni Cheese (V) with Garlic Bread

CHILLED OFFICE

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 OFFICE

Ham Roll

FRIDAY

Battered Fish

Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)

with Oven Chips or Pasta

CHILLED OFFICE

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

Cheese & Veg Pasties with Diced Potatoes (V)

with Creamed Potatoes

CHILLED OPTION: Tuna Sandwich

TUESDAY

Chicken Ne with Herby Potatoes

Mild Vegetable Curry (Ve) 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)

Tuna Sandwich

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 Finwheel (V) with **Diced Potatoes**

> CHILLED OFFICE 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 (Vr.)

with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta

CHILLED OFFICE

Cheese Baquette (V)

THURSDAY

Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges

Cheese, Potato and Broccoli Bake (V)

CHILLED OFTION

Chicken Mayo Wrap

FRIDAY

Fish Fillet Fingers

Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)

with Oven Chips or Pasta

CHILLED OFTION

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

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