

**** Ashton First School News ****

Friday 13^h September 2019



Thank you to all of the parents who were able to come to the Meet The Teacher sessions this week, we hope it was useful, don't worry if you were not able to make it; the class teachers will send out information about what your child is doing in class. For pupils in Acorn Class Mrs Stephenson will let you know when your sessions will be soon.

Unfortunately there appears to be a sickness bug going around the school, please can you keep any children who have been sick at home for 48 hours after they have last been sick so that it minimizes the spread of any illness.

Enjoy the lovely weather this weekend, let's hope it lasts into next week!

Acorn



We have had a busy week settling into new routines and getting to know one another in the class and around the school and we are very grateful to our Year 5 and 4 buddies who have been so very helpful with the newest members of the school. We have all made some beautiful self portrait pictures to decorate our classroom walls.



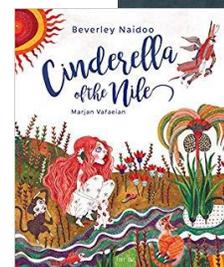
Hawthorn

On Tuesday, we were delighted to be invited to Ashton Free Church to 'Experience Harvest'. This fitted perfectly with our topic, in which we are exploring our local world and finding out about farming in the beautiful Vale of Evesham. The children learnt about growing crops, fishing the oceans, shearing sheep for their wool, and grinding wheat for bread-making. They also had the opportunity to make a small clay finger pot, which they will be decorating with primary and secondary colours. We heard some Christian stories, and also found out about the Jewish harvest festival known as Sukkot. As always, it was a fantastic learning experience and we'd like to thank those who participated at the chapel, as well as our wonderful parent helpers!



Willow

This week the children learned about hieroglyphics and wrote their own name using the symbols. In our English lessons, the children have been learning about Cinderella of the Nile



Oak

This week we have been learning about the location of Egypt. We started off with a challenge to chalk the map of Africa onto the playground, recalling as much information as you could. We then used geographical vocabulary such as latitude, hemisphere, countries, tropics etc. to create a fact file on the location of Egypt.



Flu Vaccination Letters were sent out at the beginning of this week. Please return them to school no later than **Friday 20th September**. The vaccination is being offered to all children in Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 this year.

Data Collection Sheets are being sent home today to every child. Please check the details and correct where necessary. It would be helpful if you could return them to school **by next Friday**. **We are also sending home new photo consent forms to all children**. The GDPR rules require that consent is specific, so our forms have been reviewed. We are very proud of our children and would love to be able to showcase the school but we aren't able to publish any photos or recordings without your consent. Please speak to Mrs Peacey or Mrs Grant if you have any concerns about how the images will be used.

SeSaME Oil Buying Club is open for registrations from new customers. If you use oil and are looking to save money, you may like to consider this. You can save money, plus the club pays dividends to local villages. In 2018/19 Ashton under Hill received £254. For further details contact Mike Parker on 01386 881863 or 07949 200207, or email energy@sesame.me.uk. A poster with details is on the school noticeboard.

Harp & a Monkey Musical Event will be taking place in the Village Hall Saturday 12th October at 7.30pm. The Victorians will be presenting songs & stories from the Victorian age to the present day. Tickets cost £12.50 from Geraldine Womersley: 01386 881416.

Ashton 5K Run The Ashton 5k run is returning on Sunday 17th November starting at 10.30am. Please look out for posters around the village with more details.

Star Learners

Willow for trying hard to read at home every evening

Edith for trying so hard and writing a lovely poem

Harry for showing great resilience and writing a great poem

Annabelle for setting a good example and a great attitude to her learning

Indie for thinking outside the box in maths lessons

Vivi for a great attitude in maths lessons and for working hard

Charles for producing a fantastic fact file on Egypt using geographical vocabulary accurately

Jenny for fantastic writing and trying out some challenging spellings

Eden for really impressing us with her independence

Well done all of you.

We have a large double sided book case which we no longer need, if you or anyone you know would like it please let see Mrs Grant.

Dates for the Diary:

16/09/19 Clubs start

02/10/19 Flu Vaccinations

04/10/19 Harvest Festival at St Barbara's

04/10/19 MacMillan Coffee morning at school

18/10/19 School photos (no family assembly)

25/10/19 TED (no children in school)

28/ 10 – 01/11 Half term



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