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Whole School Together Again

I just thought I would share with you my thoughts for this week. I know that for most of us it has been an unnerving time as there has been a lot of debate in the press about how we should move forward to stop COVID 19 within the UK. I know that we must try our best to adhere to the directions that the Government is giving us as these will hopefully ensure that we are able to keep safe and healthy.

What I can say is that at Audlem we will ensure that the children are safe and secure. The children will learn in exciting lessons where their imaginations are able to run wild and their dreams can come true. All the teachers have ensured that the curriculum is rich with stimulating lessons where topics and books are able to come to life. This can only be done though the support of all stakeholders in ensuring the protocols that we have put into place are observed on a regular basis. Throughout the last six months the key to our success has always been that we have worked alongside each other to safeguard our community.

Thought of the Week

We must always believe in ourselves and recognise that we are the rays of sunshine that bring happiness to the people around us.



Prayer of the Week

In these times more than ever Family is so important to us and even if we can't always be with them that we must ensure that they know that we are always there for them no matter what. Ensure that we carry on communicating with family, friends and neighbours locally or nationally.



Meet the Teacher

Throughout this week we had our Meet the Teacher sessions which were a huge success as parents were able to have an insight into how each classroom is set up and ask any questions that they might have about routines or ways to help



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their children. In the next couple of weeks, we will be having our Parents Evening which will take place on the 13th and 15th October. Unfortunately, this won't take place in school but each parent will still get a 10min discussion slot via a phone call rather than face to face.

Data Collection Forms

Annual data collection forms were sent home yesterday to all children who returned to us in September (Y1 to Y6). It is important that all forms are sent back (even if there are no alterations) to ensure we have the children's current contact details and medical information on our system. Please return them by **Friday 2 October 2020**. Many thanks.

Safety at the Beginning and End of the School Day

I would like to remind all parents and carers that we must be considerate to our neighbours around school when dropping off and picking up as cars are still being parked in front of driveways. All children must be supervised once collected from school staff at the end of the school day and before being dropped off each morning. Children are NOT allowed onto the school field, trim trails or climbing frames before or after school. Thank you for your support in ensuring these safety guidelines are adhered to. In the interests of health and safety we ask that **no dogs** be brought on to school grounds at drop off and pick up time (carried or walking on a lead). I would also ask that all dog owners are mindful of children and families when using the public footpath running alongside our school car park and ABC Childcare; please ensure all dogs are kept on leads on the public footpath at all times.

Holidays

A reminder that, even in the current circumstances, all requests for leave of absence during term time will be denied unless there are exceptional family reasons. I would also like to bring to your attention the fact that parents will most probably be fined by the Local Authority.

Praise Book Children this week

Mrs Burgess and Mrs Maughan's class: Phoebe Phillips - for her great ideas on how to share.

Mrs Hayward's class: Nessa Furber - for trying really hard with reading, handwriting and phonics.

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class: Lilyrose Satchithananda-for working with enthusiasm and interest in all lessons. Lily has excellent listening skills, great recall and she ably explains her ideas.

Mr Davies' class: Max Bunseedhun - for always listening in lessons and being polite and cheerful.

Miss Morris' class: Milo Hetherington-Doyle - for following the school's golden rules of honesty beautifully.

Mr Blenkins' class: Jasmine Baddeley - for always working hard, doing the right thing, and just being a general pleasure to have in the class.

Mrs Bird's class: Heidi Woods - for always being kind and following all the Golden Rules around our school.



Attendance

The winners this week are Pearl class who have had full attendance and Ruby class who have had only two absences.

School

All the children have enjoyed the different work that they have been learning throughout the week and the classrooms have been buzzing with activity. Here is an overview of what has been happening in every class.

Amethyst class: This week in Amethyst Class we have read the story "Only one you" and "The Colour Monster." We talked about our families, being unique and learnt about feelings. Like in the story, we assigned a colour to each feeling, for example, happiness is yellow. We have practised recognising our number of the week, "number 2," in lots of different ways - in numicon, on a coin, as a digit, on a number line and learnt a rhyme to remember how to form it correctly.

Sapphire class: In maths we have been learning about greater than and less than. In English we have been practising our listening skills. We have also been practising our handwriting skills whilst writing sentences about what we would like to be when we grow up.

Pearl class: The children in Pearl Class used maps, the globe and an atlas to learn about the seven continents in the world. They know that a continent is a large land mass and can be made up of several different countries with their own borders and governments. They discovered that North America and South America are separated by the Panama Canal. They also examined Primary Sources in History. They used the hearth tax from Pudding Lane in 1666 to identify the name of the King's baker and to discover who lived on Pudding Lane at the time of the fire and they found out how many fireplaces and ovens each house had.



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Amber class: In literacy we have been reading "Counting On Katherine" and using question marks and the past tense in our writing. In numeracy we have concentrated on place value, identifying where numbers go on the number line and estimating values.

Emerald class: This week Emerald class have been revising how to calculate 1, 10, 100 more or less than a 3 digit number and have worked on comparing and ordering 4 digit numbers. In English they have written a diary entry as Katherine's dad and his worries about moving the whole family to a town with a high school where black students are admitted. They have had fun completing their art project about a colourful Victorian house.

Ruby class: This week, Ruby Class have further expanded their knowledge of place value by working with numbers in the hundred-thousands; partitioning 6-digit numbers and using their reasoning skills to identify numbers based on mathematical clues. The children also discovered how World War 1 began (and why Britain became involved) and dived into the life of an Audlem soldier. They worked as farmers harvesting crops in the school garden before news of the war broke out. They then went to the registration office to sign up for the army (where I'm pretty sure some of them lied about their age and gender...) Once they were signed up, the class experienced a gruelling training regime involving a uniform inspection, exercise and combat training. Each child then got stuck into digging trenches, (7 feet deep, 6 feet wide and in a zigzag formation) near the playground before finally being sent over the top into No-Man's-Land to face the enemy. Unfortunately, they suffered a gas attack and had to walk back to class blind. (No children were harmed in the making of this lesson).

Diamond class: In Year 6 this week, we have been learning about how light travels in straight lines and understanding how light reflects off of surfaces. They have drawn some great pictures to model how this happens. We have also been very busy in maths; looking at negative numbers, multiplying and dividing by powers of ten and learning about rounding numbers. We have also read more of our class books and have been exploring how authors use language in books.

Everyone!

You are all amazing shining stars.



School Uniform - Schools In

In light of the recent increases of COVID-19 we have taken the decision to revert back to our APPOINTMENTS ONLY system within our stores and we will be opening with reduced hours. Please ring Nantwich: 01270 618957.

Monday: CLOSED; Tuesday: 9:30 - 16:00 Wednesday: CLOSED Thursday: 9:30 - 16:00

Friday: CLOSED Saturday: 9:30 - 16:00.

Our online ordering system will remain in place as normal but orders may take a little longer to be despatched. Please note that this applies particularly to book bags due to COVID-19 restrictions on those undertaking the embroidery. Thank you for your support during difficult times.

Important reminders - social distancing and arrival times

Please remember the social distancing rule when dropping your child off at school. We are aware that arriving and leaving promptly at your child's set time is difficult if you have two or more children **but could everybody else please keep to the allocated times**, especially when bringing children to school at 8.45 or 9.00 am. We have identified the beginning of the school day as the most difficult time when adults are most likely to be congregating on the premises. These rules have been introduced to keep the children, staff and parents safe and we very much appreciate your help.

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