



Spring Term

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HEAD TEACHER'S HIGHLIGHTS

Dear parents,

We have had a wonderful week. I am so pleased to be able to say we have been able to go on our visit to Ancient High House, the first visit for a very long time. The children were an absolute credit to you and our school. They were so knowledgeable about the Great Fire of London and were keen to share all the facts they know. The guides at the house were very impressed. I particularly enjoyed seeing the children reacting as the guides brought history to life for them. There was a great mixture of surprise, interest, and disgust at times, which made us all smile. Definitely an element of Horrible Histories! I hope the children have shared some of the things they found out with you. Please enjoy the photographs in the newsletter and on our website. Thank you to our current staff for the planning and support during the day. Also, a big thank you to Mrs Bryon who came to help out- just like old times! A great team effort all round.

Next week we will be participating in the **NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. online** programme. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom-based activities. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline. Please see the letter attached for further details. We have used this resource in the past and feel it helps children develop the confidence and understanding to speak out if there is something worrying them.

Finally, the children have been talking about the weather this week and have made some little videos of themselves presenting the Weather forecast. [Have a look at this link to check out the weather forecast for Church Aston.](#)

Unfortunately we have had a child test positive in Class 2. As we have been together as a school public health have advised that all staff and children are counted as close contacts therefore they will all need to take LFD daily tests for the next 7 days.

Best wishes

Jenny Griffiths

Please note there has been a positive COVID-19 case within school. We are taking all the measures we can in school to prevent transmission, while trying to provide a full curriculum of face-to-face learning.

In order to assist us in keeping everybody as safe as possible, while keeping the school operating, we ask that your child test using LFD (rapid) test kits daily for 7 days before coming to school each morning.

Advice on obtaining test kits is available by following these links:

<https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

As always, please ensure you are vigilant for symptoms and if your child does display symptoms, please keep them off school and book them a COVID test using this link: Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

As general advice, if your child is a **household contact of a positive case** (even at primary age) we would also ask that they take daily LFD tests for a period of 7 days from the date of exposure to the positive case.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 18th February—Last day of term.

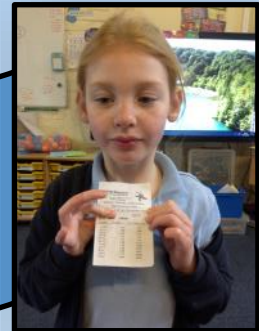
This Week's Winning Team is **BLUE TEAM**



Well done!

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations on your orienteering achievements.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Ancient High House



CLASS 1

Well, what an exciting week we have had! All the children had a fantastic time visiting The Ancient High House on Wednesday. They were extremely well behaved and the staff there couldn't believe it was the children's first ever school trip! They made us all very proud indeed. I'm sure they have told you all about it (or maybe just the part about the chamber pots and thunder boxes!)

The children enjoyed writing all about the trip in their English lessons, they have all re-counted their day and year ones have used time connectives in their writing which makes it much more interesting to read.

In maths this week reception have been finding ways to partition the number 5. They have been using the statement '5 is made from _ and _.'

Year 1's have been using story telling to solve maths problems using the vocabulary 'First, then and now.'

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you next week.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Rewarded for being a lovely friend and trying hard in all her lessons.

CLASS 2

What a wonderful trip we had to Ancient High House!

The class were so excited to go on a trip and Ancient High House was just perfect. The children dressed up in rich and poor costumes, set the table ready for dinner, and helped put out a fire in Stafford using a fire bucket. The children helped construct a wattle and daub wall and looked for the symbol to show us which pieces of wood slot together to hold the wattle and daub in place. Also watch out if you see an open window in a Tudor house the maid might just be throwing something horrible out the window! What could it be?

In English, the children are exploring powerful verbs in the story The Snow Dragon. They have been capturing how Little Tuft *heaved* and *hauled* himself out of the deep, dark chasm.



In Music we are exploring the rhythm and the beat. We have written a song about potatoes and have started to make our own musical instruments. So far we have made shakers and a flute. If you have any small plastic tubs (butter/ takeaway size tubs would be ideal and a small box please can your child bring them into school next Wednesday or Thursday.

We have some wonderful weather forecasters in Class 2. In science and geography our focus has been to describe the weather in the four countries that make up the United Kingdom. Unfortunately, it looks like there will be heavy rainstorms and gusts of wind in Wales so Mrs Griffiths will need to wrap up warm!



Rewarded for being a good role model and working hard in all her lessons.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Celebrating Success

REWARDS OF THE WEEK

Well done to all the children that received an award for Marvellous Mathematician, Wonderful writer, hand writer of the week, Reader of the week or Breakfast Club Superstar. Keep up the hard work.



Class 1



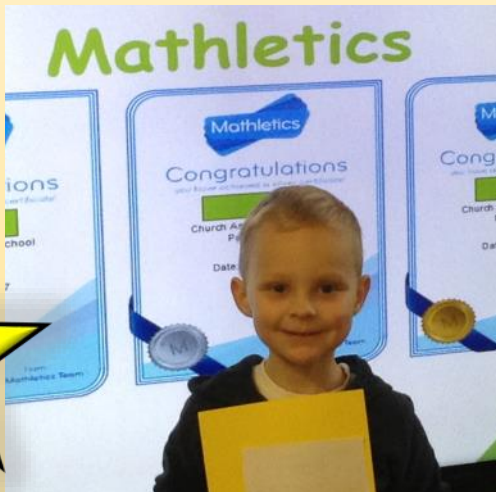
Class 2

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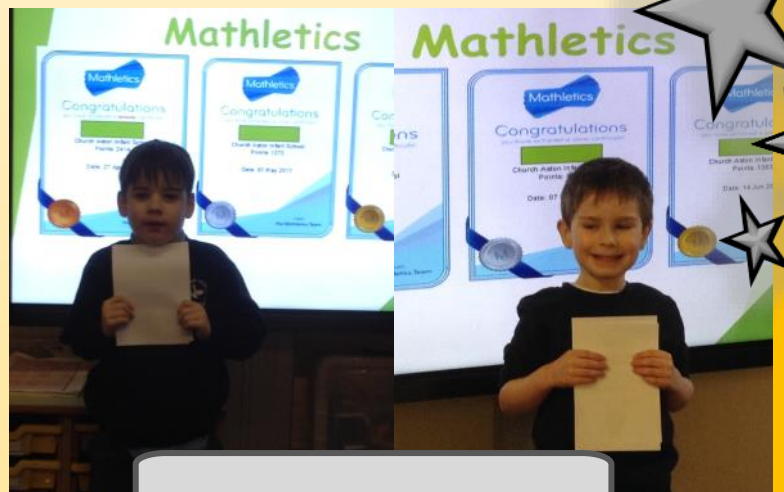
MATHLETICS



BRONZE



GOLD



SILVER