

Acle St Edmund C of E Primary School

Newsletter AWARDS



16 October 2020

Headteacher: Mrs Rebecca Clarke

Message from Mrs Clarke

We hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter, it has been a really fun week in school!

We are pleased that parents are appreciative of the class email address that can be used to contact your child's teacher. We know that it is useful for you to be able to email at evening's and weekends. We hope that you respect that staff will not be able to reply to emails outside of their working day, however. We would also like you make you aware that it may take up to 48 hours for the teacher to reply to your email. As I am sure you are aware, the staff are having to undertake additional work, planning and provision to ensure your children catch up on lost learning, which means they are not able to attend to emails immediately.

Acle Library opening hours

Love Reading

Monday CLOSED
Tuesday 10am – 4pm
Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday 10am – 2pm
Friday 2pm-6pm
Saturday 1pm – 4pm
Sunday CLOSED

You can apply for library cards at the Library.

Click [here](#) to see suggested books that your child may enjoy reading.

Why not get your older children to read stories to their younger siblings. In 'normal' times our Reception class love having our Year 6 buddies read to them.

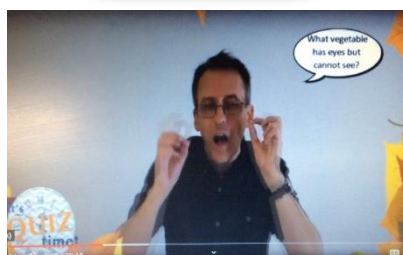
Study after study shows that reading for pleasure is vital for educational achievement, mental health and, in later life, economic success.

Let your child choose the books they want to read, don't force them to finish a book they don't enjoy. Talk to them about what they like, or don't like about a book. Some children are interested in a mystery, others in non-fiction such as science, or history. It's all good!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

John Hardwick, who has previously visited our school through Barnabus in Schools, has kindly been providing virtual assemblies for us to show in school.

Today the children have been enjoying taking part in assembly in their classrooms, learning all about Harvest Festival. Thank you so much to all the parents for kindly sending in goods for us to pass onto the local food bank.



STONE AGE LIVING HISTORY

On Monday Year 3 and 4 had a special prehistoric workshop led by Roots. Jess and Kally provided a range of outdoor learning experiences which helped us to understand even more how Prehistoric people lived. We pretended to travel back in time and engaged in a range of practical experiences. We used clay to make jewellery, we made our own axes, we made paint from paprika, turmeric, chalk and charcoal to paint the trees in our woods. In the afternoon, we had a fire circle and had a go at creating sparks in groups, before sampling some Stone Age inspired food. We had rainbow trout, sweet potato and beans. We had an absolutely brilliant time. The children loved learning outside and experiencing things they would not have been able to at home or in the classroom. We have even been able to improve our story writing this week with our real life experiences. Thank you so much for your emails and photos of the children's continued learning at home.



"I liked trying things for the first time."
Grace



"My favourite thing was making a hammer and painting my face with my own feather paintbrush."
Amelia

"I liked painting the trees." Flora



"I liked making the spears because it was hard so it was a challenge." Ethan



"Painting my cheeks." Ollie

"I liked the jewellery making" Delilah



"Making my face messy."
Leon

"Food and fire."
Harry



"My favourite part was the axe because I had never tried it and I really liked it." Claudia

"Eating the food and making the fire." Ryan



Free School Meals / Pupil Premium

If you receive certain benefits, the school can receive extra money. This is called Pupil Premium, and amounts to £1345 per year per pupil (in any year group). It would also entitle your child to Free School Meals, if they are in Year 3 and above.

If you are receiving any benefits please click on the link [here](#) to check to see whether you are able to apply, and if so please do complete an application. Your child does not have to have the FSM in school if they do not wish to, but if you apply, this money can be used to support children's learning in school. This is particularly important money for us in the current circumstances when budgets are so tight. Thank you.

Reception intake Sept 2020

Our 'Virtual Open Morning' video, is now live on the website. Please click on the picture to be taken to the admissions page on our website, where you will be able to view the video and find out further information. Please do share this with anyone you know who is looking at schools for their child for next September.



Lunch monies

Thank you to everyone who has been paying online. If possible, I would be grateful that if your child regularly only has 1 or 2 lunches per week, would it be possible to pay a lump sum (eg 5 lunches - £11.50)? It is just lots of £2.30s take lots of time. You can always check any outstanding lunch monies owed/being carried forward on the Pupil Asset App or website. Obviously I don't mind one off payments if they just have the occasional lunch. Many thanks, Mrs Bruce.

Footwear

We appreciate that you might not be able to send in wellies for KS2 lunchtime play on the field. As the children are having to stay on their tables in their classes during the day and for lunch, it is really important that they do have time to have a run around at break and lunch. We have been a little unfortunate with the weather recently, so if you can send in a spare pair of footwear, that they can change into if they get wet, it means they are able to get that fresh air and exercise. Either their school shoes or their trainers (depending if they have PE), or as suggested by a parent, a cheap pair of plimsolls or slippers if you would rather leave something in school.

Norwich Science Festival

This year it is all online, which means more is free, and everyone can get involved.

Have a look at what is on offer here.

<https://norwichsciencefestival.co.uk/whats-on>

My favourite is a live session looking at the night sky in Australia!

The Night Sky Live! with Mark Thompson

Each family will receive one 'flat pack' shoebox today for '**Operation Christmas Child**'. We are able to provide extra if you want them. We will let you know after half term, when they can be returned. Please see the flyer with the previous newsletter for what can go in the shoeboxes.

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