

Acle St Edmund C of E Primary School

Newsletter AWARDS



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Headteacher: Mrs Rebecca Clarke

Message from Mrs Clarke

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you are all well and safe. It has been lovely to meet some more parents this week whilst I have been on the gate – thank you for your time and patience whilst I get to know the school.

Thank you for all the responses to the parent questionnaire on remote learning and returning to school which we sent out earlier this week. It is wonderful to hear how well children have settled back into school:

Some of the lovely positive comments we have received are:

“The kind and caring way they have been welcomed back to school by their teachers and all that come into contact with them.”

“Clear routine, safety measures clearly explained but still a familiar environment in which to learn.”

“My lot have been absolutely amazing with settling back. They come home happy, although tired from all the learning. They seem happy to be set in their little bubbles.”

“They feel safe.”

“The staff at Acle have always made the children a priority and so although the world is different for them, and even though life has changed in school, the children are still having fun, playing with their friends and being exposed to a rich curriculum in a safe environment (and not being made to feel anxious about the virus). All of which makes for happy children who are going to learn more.”

Thank you also for providing us with information on areas we can continue to improve. We will review these and put appropriate actions into place.

Today was my first opportunity to give out Rainbow Certificates and it was a pleasure to visit the classrooms. All the children showed exemplary behavior and cheered for the children who received a certificate showing such great kindness towards each other. Whilst on my visits, I was able to see some wonderful learning taking place in the classrooms and the children were keen to show and tell me about their learning. It was lovely to see.

I hope you have an enjoyable family weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Clarke

REMEMBER SOCIAL DISTANCING

Please keep 2 metres apart and only one parent/care on site to drop off in the morning and collect at the end of the day please.

Reading

Every child should have received a 'Reading at Home' target over the last few weeks. If you have not got one, please let your class teacher know. We are trying to encourage every child to read widely and often as this is the best way for them to increase their reading fluency, stamina and confidence.

If you would like access to more books, then please visit Acle Library. They have put in many measures to make sure your trip to the library is safe. Tess, the library manager, will speak to the children in a virtual assembly on Tuesday to give them more information. The Norfolk Library Service are still providing access to their 'virtual library' through the Libby App:

<https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/>

Oxford reading tree have also got a collection of free ebooks for children to read, which match our reading scheme books in school <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

Click on 'My class login' at the top of the screen. Each class has a group login to use:

Reception – **aclers**

Year 1 & 2 – **acle1and2**

Year 3 - **acle3**

Year 4 – **acle4**

Year 5 & 6 – **acle5and6**

The password is the same for all classes and is: **acle**

Kindle also have hundreds of free picture books to download.
Happy Reading!



Times Tables Rockstars Leaderboard



We are still using Times Tables Rockstars for the children to practise their times tables

The web address is <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

Each child from Year 1 upwards has their own login and password. If you don't know what your child's login is, please email the office or the class email and we will send it to you.

'Garage' is set by the teacher, 'Studio' is a 60 second timed game where you answer as many questions as possible correctly in 60 seconds. Studio is more suitable for Year 4 upwards, as it includes all the way up to the 12 times table.

The leaderboard for Studio is shown below. We have seen Cody in action and are very impressed with his speed, although other Year 6's are catching up!

Year group	Name	Speed per question (in seconds)
Year 6	Cody	0.49
Year 5	Kale	2.54
Year 4	Poppy	2.96

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