



## Aslacton Primary School - Newsletter Friday 23rd November 2018

### This term our Core Value is: Celebrate

In Owl class we have been finding out about Thanksgiving and have made and tasted a pumpkin pie and have written instructions so that others can make it too. In Kestrel class we have had a very exciting visit from Norwich Puppet Theatre where we got to make shadow puppets and perform our own shows. We have also written letters to the King of our story persuading him not to ban the dark. Eagles have been learning how to write interview scripts and finding out about ancient Mayan religious rituals.

#### **Paving slabs**

We are aware that there are some uneven paving slabs on the front path up to the main reception door. We have already engaged the services of our grounds people to assess and replace those that are uneven as soon as possible. In the meantime we ask that you and your children take extra care when walking up the path.

#### **PTA—Friends of Aslacton Primary**

Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting on Wednesday, and to those who sent their apologies. We had a very positive meeting and can announce that we have a chair and a treasurer and plenty of support for the work of the PTA! Thank you to Hannah Brookes who was voted in as Chair and Ela Nunn who was voted in as Treasurer. We look forward to working with you over the next year to raise money and support the extra curricular activities we provide in school. The committee would like to hear from you as to the events that you would be happy to support as fundraisers over the next year. Please speak to Hannah or to Mrs Turk and they will pass them to the committee. There will be a meeting of the PTA on Wednesday 9th January at 2.30pm to set a timetable of events.

#### **Pantomime**

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the PTA last year we are able to take the whole school (oh yes we are!) to see the pantomime 'Aladdin' at the Theatre Royal in Norwich on Monday 7th January during the school day. Please watch out for a permission letter and more details in the next few weeks and return the forms asap as this trip is close to the start of the next term. Please note that all children will require a home packed lunch on this day.

#### **Puppet Theatre visit**

On Wednesday Kestrel Class had a visit from the puppet theatre. Thank you to the PTA for funding this exciting event to enhance their learning about puppets this half term.

#### **Sugar for Shelters**

We are once again collecting sugar for the Sugar for Shelters campaign which supports the homeless and families in crisis across East Anglia. If you are able to donate a bag of sugar for this campaign, please bring it to the school office by 7th December.

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

##### **Christmas Play date and times**

**Christmas Lunch:** Wednesday 12th December—please return your order forms asap.

**Christmas Jumper Day:** 14th December. School uniform with a Christmas jumper for a donation to charity.

**Class Christmas parties:** Monday 17th December.

**Candlelight Carol Service:** Tuesday 18th December at 9.15am in Church—all are welcome.

**Autumn Term ends:** Tuesday 18th December

**Spring Term begins:** Thursday 3rd January 2019

**Whole school Pantomime trip:** Monday 7th January.

**PTA meeting:** Wednesday 9th January, 2.30pm

#### **Birthday Collective Worship:**

To be held on Friday 30th November.

We will celebrate all birthdays which fall between Sunday 25th November and Saturday 1st December 2018.

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## Christmas Performances

The children are working very hard to get our play "The Magical Christmas Jigsaw" ready for our performances in December. The support staff have been busy measuring for costumes and making headdresses and scenery this week and the whole school has been filled with all the classes singing the songs.

We look forward to welcoming you to watch our performances and we politely ask that you do not bring younger siblings to the 6pm performance. We allow photography at performances but request that you only photograph your child and do not upload any photos or video to social media. Thank you for your support with this.

**Please help your child to learn their lines for the play—please encourage them to say them loudly and slowly. Ask them to stand at the top of the stairs or in a different room and say them to you so that they get used to being heard and understood at a distance.**

## Eagle Class

Eagle Class are going to be making and trying Mayan corn tortillas next week. The ingredients are: cornmeal, salt, olive oil and water. Please let a member of Eagle Class staff know if you would rather your child does not eat any of these ingredients.

## Archant— 'Books for Schools'

We currently have 440 tokens. We need at least 1000 tokens to get us £100 worth of books. Please help us to reach this target before December 12th.

## Request for old shirts!

We would be most grateful for any old shirts which could be used as painting aprons for the children please.

## Cake Friday

This week's winner is Kallum.

### Attendance:

We are aiming for 100% attendance in school. Overall attendance for w/e November 23rd was 95%.

The class attendance for this week was:

Owl: 95%

Kestrel: 98%

Eagle: 89%

If your child is unwell and unable to be in school, please ensure that you phone and leave a message to inform us before 9.30am. Absences not accounted for after this time will be recorded as unauthorised.

### Headteacher's Award

Amia in Owl class for your independent writing

Florence in Kestrel class for her enthusiasm in the Christmas play rehearsals

Theo in Eagle class for really getting into character during our play rehearsals.