



Aslacton Primary School - Newsletter Friday 5th October 2018

In Owls class we have been collecting adjectives to describe the Big Bad Wolf and learning our number bonds to 10. In Kestrel class we have written some fantastic descriptions of characters from Jack and the Beanstalk, and in maths we have compared numbers by using the inequality symbols. In Eagle class, we have been learning about the properties of quadrilaterals and circles. In topic work, we have been designing and drawing Indonesian batik designs on material.

A letter from Mrs Lightbown:

Dear Parents /Carers,

The summer holidays seem a distant memory now and the children are settled into their new classes. We have been observing the teaching in all of our trust schools and have been delighted with the quality of learning that the children are experiencing. Our parent evenings are coming up very soon so please make sure you have made an appointment with your child's/children's class teacher.

The Trust grows from strength to strength. The majority of the money we receive to run our schools is generated by pupil numbers and we do our best to make sure that the majority of that money is spent on your children's education. I work across all three and so does our Special Needs Co-ordinator Diane Bainbridge. This means that we are able to put even more money back into your school pot for good quality teachers. We are always available to talk to if you need us and if you let the school office know they will contact us where ever we are and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Our teachers across the trust work together behind the scenes, planning and co-ordinating subject areas and special events and keeping up to date with the ever changing world of education. Whilst pupil numbers fluctuate in our schools we are able to say that the quality of provision for our lovely small school is truly enhanced by being part of the Trust.

Each of our larger schools has a Head of School and Aslacton Primary, as a small school, has a Lead Teacher. These are people you need to talk to regarding day to day matters. I am in contact with all three schools every day and spend as much time in school as possible. If you are at all concerned about any other issues or would like to talk to me about the Trust, please let me know and I can talk to you over the phone or arrange to meet you.

Kind regards,

Alex Lightbown

CEO/Executive Headteacher

Upcoming Dates:

Parents Evenings

Wednesday 10th and Thursday
11th October 2018

Horstead Parents Meeting -

Tuesday 16th October 3.15pm

Term Dates:

Half Term 18th October 2018.

School re-opens 29th October 2018

Christmas break 19th December 2018

School re-opens 3rd January 2019

Half Term 18th February 2019

School re-opens 25th February 2019

Easter break 8th April 2019

School re-opens 23rd April 2019

Half term 27th May 2019

School re-opens 3rd June 2019

Summer break 25th July 2019

Birthday Collective

**Worship: To be held at 9:00am
on Friday 12th October.**

**We will celebrate all birthdays
that fall on or between 7th & 13th
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Eagle Class Learning Café

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for this session, we really enjoyed learning alongside you.

Harvest Festival

Thank you for all the contributions for Harvest, we will let you know how many people we have fed when we hear from the food bank. Thank you for joining us to celebrate in the church, we really enjoyed singing our songs there.

Archant— 'Books for Schools'

We will once again be collecting the tokens from Archant publications which include the EDP, EADT, Evening News and the Diss Mercury. This time they will be providing books for schools in return for the tokens. We need at least 1000 tokens to get us £100 worth of books. Please support this appeal and ask anyone you know who reads these publications to save the tokens for us, it would be great to be able to add new books to our school library.

Wanted!

Since forming the Trust in March 2017 we have established a Board of Trustees and Local Governing Bodies for our schools. The Trustees work at a strategic level and the Local Governors work more directly with the schools monitoring the Teaching and Learning as well as other aspects of school life. We are looking for more people from the community to join our Local Governors.

We meet every half term and there is an opportunity for governors to come into school to play an active part in monitoring provision and to see the wonderful learning experiences that we provide for our children.

If you know of someone who might be interested in the role of Local Governor, it could be someone who works part-time or possibly someone who is recently retired, please let them know that we are actively seeking new people to join us. Please contact the school for more information on 01379 677345 or office@aslacton.norfolk.sch.uk

Parent Curriculum meetings

On Wednesday 17th October there will be a curriculum meeting held for Mathematics. This session will cover how Mathematics is taught, including approaches to Calculation. It will be held at Manor Field from 9.15am.

Online Safety and VLE

Thank you to those parents who attended the curriculum meeting for online safety. The following links were discussed at the meeting.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> - a very helpful website that shows the coverage of online safety in school which has a parent section to help with online safety at home.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> - a very helpful website that reviews apps and websites that your child may wish to access. Guidelines are given for suitability and conversations you can have with your child to help to keep them safe when using them.

Cake Friday

Congratulation to Ethan this weeks winner of Cake Friday.

Attendance:

We are aiming for 100% attendance in School. Overall school attendance for w/e 5th October was 95%

The class attendance for this week

Owl :94%

Kestrel : 94%

Eagle : 98%

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.

This weeks Headteacher's Awards go to:

Alicia in Owl Class for your effort in every lesson this week

Kallum in Kestrel for your hard work in Mathematics

Max in Eagle class for your lovely batik art designs

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