



Aslacton Primary School

Half Term ending Friday 16th December
2022

Head Teacher's Message

What a term, it has gone so quickly. It has been lovely to hear the children singing and watching the Christmas performances again.

We have seen the comeback of the usual infant illness this term. We have had coughs and colds and a variety of chest infections to name a few. Please remember to follow the 48hr rule if your child has sickness diarrhoea, and if you are ever unsure about the exclusion period for any other illness, please do ring and ask us.

I hope you all keep well over Christmas and the New Year, and I will see you all back, fresh faced, on the 4th January 2023

Aslacton Parent Survey Results

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for taking part in our parent questionnaire earlier this term; over 20 parents took part. We are in the process of using the data collected to inform our new parent programme. We hope to be able to share this with you in the new year.

Here is what you said:

Parents said yes to having more opportunities to work with their children across the year.

Activities on Tuesdays are preferred (*this will be taken into account from the Summer term as dates for the Spring Learning Café's have already been set and we have swimming on Tuesday mornings next term*).

Getting time off work is a big factor so we feel that we need to give parents plenty of notice to support this.

Parents already have a range of weekly activities that they attend including; parent reading and Family Fun sessions.

Parents are particularly interested in making a meal or some artwork for the wall.

They would 'maybe' like an art club for parents.

Parents would like to do something with their child every half term or as many times as possible!

Parents would be interested in attending forest school sessions.

They would like some ideas for activities to do with your children over the holidays.

Your ideas included; science experiments, learning behaviour techniques, making cards and changing the days of Family Friday and reading sessions to include everyone.

We hope that we can start to make some of these things possible in the new year and thank you for having your say. Mrs Mundford

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Around the School

Owls Beegu has been the core story in Owl class this half term. It's the story of a little lost alien who is desperate to make some friends. Owls have written her letters to give her advice and used art and craft materials to make some new friends for her. In DT Owls designed and made aliens with moving parts, using split pins to give them moveable arms, legs and antennae. As we moved towards Christmas we used the same technique to turn Owl class into paper elves at our Family Friday. We have had a wonderful busy half term. Everyone in Reception enjoyed their first experience of a Christmas play and the year 1s and 2s enjoyed taking on new roles and singing new songs. Well done everyone – a super performance! We are looking forward to our new core story in January.

What a busy half term we have had in **Kestrel** Class! We all enjoyed reading our core story, Archie's War, which gave us a good understanding of life for children during the First World War years. In RE, we had a detailed look at the Nativity Story, and in science, we investigated the water cycle and different states of matter: liquids, solids and gases. We enjoyed a visit from Wild East where we learnt valuable outdoor skills and developed our knowledge about the local landscape, and creating more 'wild' areas. We also put our performance skills into practise by singing, dancing and acting in our wonderful Christmas play - a real highlight of our term. Well done everyone!

Eagles have had a successful and hardworking term. It is fantastic to see the progress Year 4 and 5 have made and the pace and depth of learning in Year 6. We have enjoyed studying Bandoola and World War Two and we have had lots of mature discussion and conversation on the topics covered. Eagles have worked with accuracy and method to consolidate learning of long multiplication and division methods and have moved on to fractions with confidence. In Science, we have learnt about light through reflection, refraction and the colour spectrum. The children ended their topic in a shadow puppet show finale. I am very proud of the children and their efforts in the Christmas performance and their behaviour in swimming lessons. They are always commended on their behaviour and politeness. Enjoy the Christmas break Eagles and I look forward to more exciting learning next term.

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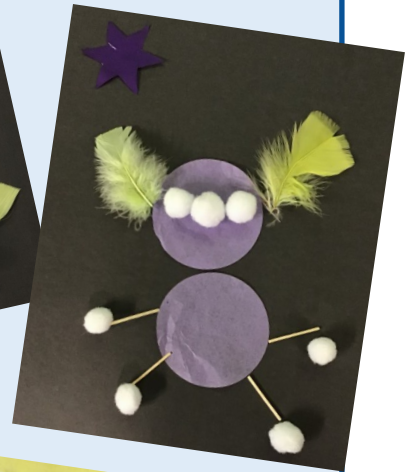
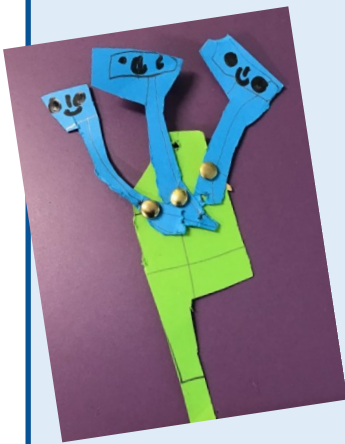


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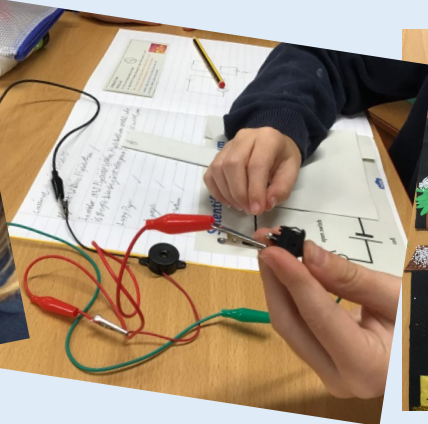
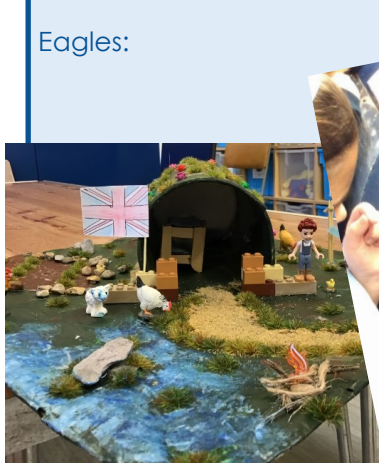


Kestrels:



Remember these soldiers in the war
Everlasting memories of those that we lose
Mad as the poppies growing tall
Emotional people that lost loved ones
Many soldiers in the war died we will remember
Bandages getting wound and wound
Everywhere there are rows of brave soldiers
Why red poppies brightening the grass

Eagles:



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Information

Family Friday for the Spring Term - 9am unless otherwise stated

13th Jan: Eagle

20th Jan: Kestrel

27th Jan: Owl

10th Feb: All classes 2.45pm

24th Feb: Eagle

10th Mar: Kestrel

17th Mar: Owl

31st Mar: All classes 2.45pm

Parent Readers for the Spring term:

Owl: **moving to Mondays** at 2.50pm

Kestrel: Wednesdays 9am

Eagle: Monday morning 9am

Invite from St Michael's Aslacton

Vicki and the congregation of St Michaels invite everyone to join them for their carol service on Christmas Eve at 7pm in church.

All the children have contributed a decoration again this year towards the decoration of the church, so do try and pop in and see them over the Christmas holidays,

Clubs

We are pleased to say that everyone who wanted a space at a club has got one. Clubs re-start on **Tuesday 10th January 2023**

Friends

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Friends hamper raffle, calendars and refreshments over the last 2 weeks, the current total stands at £442. Thank you to the Friends for organising all these events.

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Save the date!

January	
Wednesday 4th January 2023	Term starts for pupils
Tuesday 10th January	Year 3 and 4 Kestrels start swimming Clubs start
Wednesday 11th January	Kestrel class learning café– 9-10am in the hall—open to all Kestrel parents
Thursday 12th January	2023 Reception starters stay and play Friends Coffee Morning
Wednesday 25th January	Eagle class learning café– 9-10am in the hall—open to all Eagle parents
Tuesday 31st January	Friends of Aslacton Meeting 3.15 pm in the staff room
February	
Thursday 2nd February	Owl class learning café– 9-10am in the hall—open to all Owl parents
Thursday 9th February	Friends Valentines Disco All years Times to follow
Friday 10th February	Friends cake sale—cakes to be provided by Owls on the theme of Valentines 3.15pm Break up for half term
Monday 13th—Friday 17th February	Half Term
Week beginning 27th February	Parent Consultation week—times and days be confirmed in new year. NO CLUBS this week
March	
Friday 3rd March	World Book Day –details to follow.
Monday 20th March	Y6 parents meeting re Y6 SATs. 9am in the hall
Friday 31st March	Easter Service for pupils in church Break up for Easter

Monday 3rd April—Monday 17th April Easter Holidays. Children return Tuesday 18th April

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Attendance

There is room for improvement to be made with pupil attendance at school. It is a legal requirement that your child attends school everyday unless they are genuinely unwell. IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL FOR ANY REASON, YOU MUST INFORM THE SCHOOL ON EACH DAY OF ABSENCE before 9.00am. In most cases there are very simple explanations for absence, but if you do not tell us, your child's absence has to be recorded as unauthorised.

Our attendance:

Attendance target: 96%

This half term's attendance: 91.4%

Class with the best attendance: Eagle with 94.5%

Late pupils this half term: 0

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