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ALVELEY NEWS

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Monthly Newsletter



What a fantastic Sports Day!

On Tuesday children enjoyed taking part in our school Sports Day. We are so pleased that we were able to welcome parents on the school field to cheer on each class! We had lots of different sports to try in the obstacle race, from hurdles to egg and spoon racing and the long jump. A huge well done to all children for their effort and for taking part.

Experiences at Alveley

This month brings an update of our class trips and topic days.



INSIDE THE ISSUE

Playground News

We are delighted to share the news of our new Key Stage 1 playground and pergoda.

Thank you and Good Luck!

We say goodbye to some very special teachers and children.



Class Trips



Early years had a wonderful trip to the country park! We began with a story all about saving endangered animals, then Ed the ranger took us all pond dipping. We caught fish, snails, tadpoles and water beetles. In the afternoon Ed took us on an insect hunt in the meadow, we swept the field with our nets and caught butterflies, crickets and grasshoppers, this was really fun! We had a great time and have followed up our trip with writing, pictures and paintings in school.



<u>Elm</u>

Elm class had a wonderful day at the Severn Valley Country Park. We started off our visit by learning a bit of history about the country park and how miners used to work there a long time ago. We then looked at the different type of rock which can be found at the park before doing some fossil hunting! The children really enjoyed this activity and were fascinated by the different types of fossils and rocks in the local area. In the afternoon we went on to do some pond dipping. The children managed to catch lots of different creatures with their fishing nets including tadpoles, newts, fish and lots of different insects!



<u>Cedar</u>

Cedar had the fantastic opportunity to go to the country park too. We started our morning by searching for mini-beasts. We looked underneath logs and in the forest area for different creatures. We found lots of slugs, worms, woodlouse and even a newt! We then had a go at den building. We listened carefully to the ranger about how we needed to make sure that our dens were waterproof. We used different materials that we could find and worked as a team to create our dens!



<u>Oak</u>

Oak class have spent 6 weeks visiting the country park taking part in activities such as pond dipping, meadow sweeping and orienteering. The children enjoyed finding creatures with their nets including fish, tadpoles and water scorpions! They were very interested in the different creatures and loved asking questions to the ranger, Ed.

The year 6s have also had the amazing opportunity to go horse riding. They've learnt the different parts of the tack and how to muck out the stables, as well as having a go at trotting!

A big thank you to KAHorses for our brilliant lessons!



Class Topic Days EYFS

In EYFS we had our dinosaur topic day. We all came dressed as palaeontologists or dinosaurs and took part in lots of fun activities! We went hunting for dinosaurs and fossils in swamps and up volcanoes, we made salt dough dinosaurs, everyone made a dinosaur puppet and mask to take home and a special dinosaur egg! We also decorated a yummy swamp biscuit to eat at our dinosaur picnic where we ate dinosaur bones (breadsticks), dinosaur claws (cheesy puffs) and a cake with a dinosaur skeleton on! To finish the day we went hunting for T-Rex's in forest school!



<u>Elm</u>

Elm class had such a lovely smarties day to celebrate our chocolate topic in class! We completed lots of fun activities which have included some maths activities using smarties to make graphs, using the colour and shapes of smarties to create artwork and we also enjoyed a smarties picnic at the end of the day. We had a fantastic day!



<u>Cedar</u>

Cedar had a wonderful medieval day! Children came dressed as kings, queens, princesses and knights, everyone looked fantastic! We enjoyed a variety of medieval activities. We started our day off by making some crowns fit for a king or queen. After this we had a go at making our own stained glass windows. The children really enjoyed our arts and crafts morning. In the afternoon we enjoyed a medieval banquet. We tried lots of different foods such as dried fruit, marzipan, cheese and bread. What a lovely day!



<u>Oak</u>

As part of our 'Me, Myself & I' themed day, we looked at ourselves in the future. The children dressed up in their dream jobs before they earned money by undertaking various roles within the class. The jobs earned the children squirrel money which they could then spend on leisure activities of their choice. We had lots of different careers and it was really exciting to hear about their dream jobs and aspirations for the future. .







EXCITING PLAYGROUND AND PERGODA NEWS

We are very excited that our Key Stage One playground is now finished! The children were very excited to play on it and we know it's going to provide many fun playtimes!

We're also in the process of developing our new pergoda by the school field. It's our hope that this will be a peaceful area that children and staff can relax in.

TRANSITIONS



We were able to hold a lovely transition afternoon during July. Our new teachers, Mr Vaughan and Mr Barlow joined us for the afternoon and pupils remained in groups with their current bubbles to enjoy transition activities with their new teacher. The transition sessions have been a really special opportunity to begin to develop new relationships in advance of September, as well as chance for pupils to ask questions and look forward for the new school year. Children took the opportunity to reflect on their thoughts and feelings around transition.

"I'm happy now I've met Mr Barlow because he is nice and gentle." "I am looking forward to learning a new topic for next year with my new teacher." "Before transition day I was scared to move up to Oak, but now I'm not!

ART CLUB AND FOREST SCHOOL CLUB



A big thank you!

Everyone at Alveley would like to say a big thank you to Miss Underhill, Miss Thompson, Mrs Langton and our cook Kate Thomson who will be leaving us at the end of term. Thank you for all your hard work and we wish you the best of luck for the future.

We would also like to say a big thank you to the parents , governers and community for their ongoing support and help.



Dates for your Diary

<u>Autumn Term</u>

1st September PD Day 2nd Sept-22nd Oct Term Starts 25th Oct-29th Oct Half Term 1st Nov-17th Dec Term Starts 20th Dec-3rd Jan Christmas Break

Spring Term

4th January PD Day 5th Jan-18th Feb Term Starts 21st Feb-25th Feb Half Term 28th Feb-8th Apr Term Starts 11th Apr-22nd Apr Easter Break

<u>Summer Term</u>

25th April-27th May Term Starts 2nd May Bank Holiday 30th May-3rd June Half Term 6th June-15th July Term Starts

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of this challenging academic year and look back on what we have accomplished together, as a community, we are left knowing that we have met this challenge with determination, support and optimism.

As the summer holidays begin we have the opportunity to recharge our batteries and hope that September presents us with a different landscape allowing us to return to things as they 'used to be'. The announcement made by the Prime Minister suggests from the 19th July 2021, Stage 4 of the Roadmap will have been achieved and measures put in place over the last year are to be removed in the majority of cases. This will mean the relaxation of bubbles, the removal of facial coverings in and around school and a number of other measures that were put in place to ensure the safe education of every child.

We very much hope we can then once again invite you into school to share the knowledge and experiences your children have learnt. For now we wish Year 6 good luck and fingers crossed for a smooth transition to secondary school. I am sure they will all continue to progress and achieve great success in their future ventures.

May we wish you all a happy Summer . Thankyou for your support and patience this year.

End of

Summer Term

As we reflect on the past year we are so proud of all the fantastic work and exciting news that have taken place at Alveley School this year.

We would like to wish you all an enjoyable and restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming back the children on Thursday 2nd September.

Mr O'Malley and Miss Coleman



All staff and students at Alveley Primary School would like to wish our Year 6 pupils good luck as they make their transition to secondary school. We're very proud of all their accomplishments and hard work both in class and around school! We look forward to keeping in touch and hearing about your future success and achievements. Alveley Cricket club are running multi sport summer holiday camps during the school holidays. Camps will be available for children aged 5-11 years of age. Go to the following website to find out more. https://alveleycc.co.uk/summer-holidaycamps-book-your-childs-place-now/





Caterlink, our catering company, are looking for new kitchen staff to join their team. Further information can be found on the vacancies page of the Alveley website.

Tennis and Holiday Camp Opportunities

LTA tennis coach 'Jack Croton' from Alveley Tennis Club has delivered tennis PE lessons at School earlier this half term. If your child is interested in receiving lessons at the club during the summer holiday please contact Richard on 07941 722980.

Jack of Sports4U is running holiday camps for the first four weeks of the holiday from 8.30am -3.00pm in Albrighton. The training camps will include tennis, football and multi-sports - text Richard on 07941 722980 for further details.



Brownies in Alveley Brownie Unit opening in Alveley next term. Spaces available for girls age 7-10 years on Friday early evening at the Village Hall. In Brownie girls have fun by doing crafts, games and challenges whilst working for badges. They build brilliant friendships, gain valuable life skills and build confidence in themselves. Further information can be found on

https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/informationfor-parents or email Diana Griffiths on firstbridgnorthguides@gmail.com If you would like your daughter to join then register your interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk Girlguiding is led by volunteers thanks to the dedication and support of amazing leaders. Could you help out at our meetings in Alveley? Please contact Dlana.