

ALVELEY NEWS

JANUARY

NEWSLETTER

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We have made a fantastic start to the Spring Term and all of the classes are really enthused about their new topics. As a stimulus for these topics, children enjoyed Class Topic Day on Wednesday 18th January. It was a pleasure to share this memorable learning experience with the children and we look forward to the further interest and inspiration that develops this term.

TOPIC DAY



EYFS

The topic this term in EYFS is 'Under the Ground'. The children had an amazing time participating in an 'Ant Challenge: as well as making marshmallow worms. We were overwhelmed with the fantastic costumes and all of the conversations throughout the day.



Cedar

In Cedar this term, the children will be learning about 'All Around the World'. The children had a brilliant time making their own globes and trying fruits from different parts of the world. They enjoyed tasting new flavours and seeing new places.



Elm

This term, Elm have started learning all about their topic 'Chocolate'. The children have learnt more about the history of chocolate and even enjoyed some taste testing- the part of the day that was definitely enjoyed by all! The children learnt more about the french words linked to chocolate, even experiencing our own Patisserie!



Oak

Oak Class were immersed in learning more about 'Extreme Earth' for Topic Day. They explored extreme weather phenomena around the world, climate change differences and much more! The children had lots of fun creating their own artwork linked to the theme and answering many questions that they researched. A great day was had by all!

POLICE ASSEMBLY



On Wednesday 11th January, we had a PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) visit to explain the importance of recognising safety within the community; as well as safety online. The children all listened well and had some great questions to ask at the end of the session.

Following the whole school assembly, the Police Community Support Officer stayed to give a workshop to Oak Class. This went into further detail about the role of the police in offering support within the community, as well as being a safe person to speak to if the children had concerns. Oak Class learnt how the police officers deal with concerns and how they themselves could help to prevent problems within our own community by looking for potential risks and by not participating in things that may seem worrying to them. It was a very thought-provoking workshop and all of the children participated with respect and great manners to the officer attending.



CHINESE NEW YEAR

Children from Ash and Beech class have been learning all about Chinese New Year, with 2023 being the year of the rabbit. They have discussed the wide range of celebrations culminating in the making of a dragon's head, with the children performing a dragon dance around the school. EYFS have had a great time appreciating all elements of the Chinese New Year and discussing it being a welcoming of the new and good. They have helped cook rice, noodles and stir fry vegetables before taste testing, as food is a really crucial part of the celebration rituals when meeting with family for reunions during this time. There are certain rituals followed that people follow during Chinese New Year that symbolise prosper and luck that the EYFS children also looked at such as colours, lanterns and the giving of money envelopes.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Children have been enjoying a range of activities during after school clubs with lots of exciting new clubs! Craft club is providing the opportunity for children to explore different materials and creating their own projects; whilst Minecraft Club is offering children more chances to test and improve the technology skills. We have a number of children attending Lego Club, a great way for children to use those fine motor skills to build and create their own models with or alongside their peers. Our Mindfulness Club is a great way for the children to unwind after a long day; taking time out to be calm, quiet and appreciating the little things. The Art Club are enjoying time to experiment with different media and painting techniques, creating our very own group of artists, whilst Movie Night Club are enjoying time to choose a film and having time to relax after the week.

If you are wishing for your child to attend any of our amazing clubs, please contact Mrs Green in the office or book on through ParentPay where availability allows. Please remember clubs should be booked in advance with the exception of emergencies.



MINECRAFT
Minecraft After School Club
Thursday's 12th January, 19th January, 26th January, 2nd February, 9th February, 16th February
Year 1-Year 6
3.15pm-4.15pm
Maximum 10 places
£20 for 6 weeks please book and pay via Parent pay

Alveley Artists!
Enjoy exploring with paint, pastels, collage, clay and more!
Workshops: 1.30pm - 4.30pm
Join Mrs Green to get creative and have fun!
10th January, 17th January, 24th January, 31st January, 7th February, 14th February
Maximum 10 places
Please book and pay via Parent Pay! £20 for 6 weeks

Movie Night
Friday Evenings 4.00pm - 6.15pm
13th January, 20th January, 27th January, 3rd February, 10th February, 17th February
Maximum 10 places available
Please book and pay via Parent Pay! £20 for 6 weeks

Lego Club
Tuesday Evenings 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Maximum 10 places
10th January, 17th January, 24th January, 31st January, 7th February, 14th February
£20 for 6 weeks
Please book and pay via Parent Pay

Craft Club
Thursday Evenings 3.30pm-4.30pm
Maximum 10 places
12th January, 19th January, 26th January, 2nd February, 9th February, 16th February
£20 for 6 weeks
Please book and pay via Parent Pay!

MINDFULNESS
Enjoy opportunities of calm activities
9th January, 16th January, 23rd January, 30th January, 6th February, 13th February
LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE FOR OUR NEW CLUB
10 PLACES AVAILABLE OVER 6 WEEKS £20
PLEASE BOOK AND PAY VIA PARENTPAY

Friends Of Alveley School

We are very grateful to our FOAS team, who are hosting a Valentines Disco on **Thursday 16th February**. Always a popular event, there are a wide range of activities and games available on the evening. With a DJ, music playing and a number of pocket money stalls available, it promises to be an amazing night!

Tickets for the Disco will be available through the ParentPay app for £3, with children asked to bring some extra coins for any pocket money stalls.

*Photos from last year's event



Safer Internet Day!

**Safer
Internet
Day 2023** | **Tuesday
7 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

On **Tuesday 7th February**, Alveley Primary will be joining other schools to promote Safer Internet Day, a day used to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile phones. Each class will spend the afternoon creating an exciting way to demonstrate and discuss their learning of what is a safer use of technology. Cedar class will make posters, whilst Elm class will act out scenarios as roleplays of safer Internet use and Oak will provide presentations. All classes will present their ideas and knowledge to the school in Wednesday's Assembly.

Parent/Carer Workshops

Shropshire Beam is an emotional health and wellbeing service for young people under 25 years old who are registered with a GP in Shropshire, and Telford & Wrekin.

Shropshire Beam are pleased to provide the next timetable of virtual workshops for parents & professionals which includes a workshop on understanding & responding to self-harm this has been requested by popular demand.

All workshops will be done via Microsoft Teams Video call.

There are four Workshops which will be rolled out to the end of February 2023 at various different times to enable more people to attend, these workshops will be built around:

- Supporting Children & Young People with Anxiety – aims & Objectives are to discuss practical suggestions of methods & techniques to help support the youth experience issues with anxiety.

Wednesday 22/2/23 – 9am – Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 313 589 969 716
/ Password: HfMH5w

- Wellbeing Planning – a workshop which explains & provides a tool for children & count people to support their general emotional health & wellbeing, it recognises triggers and promotes self-awareness.

Wednesday 8/2/23 2pm – Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 319 622 846 575 /
Password: TZacjt

- Sleep Support - practical suggestions & advice of methods & techniques to help support the children & young people having difficulties with getting to sleep and staying a sleep.

Wednesday 15/2/23 – 11am – Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 386 217 310
594 / Password: 7Ezoto



Term Dates

2022/2023

Spring Term 2023

PD Day

Tuesday 3rd January

Term Starts Wednesday

4th January - Friday 17th February

Half Term

Monday 20th February - Friday 24th
February

Term Starts

Monday 27th February - Friday
31st March

Easter Break

Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April

Summer Term 2023

Term Starts

Monday 17th April - Friday 26th
May

Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May

Half Term

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

Term Starts

Monday 5th June - Friday 21st July

PD Day

Monday 24th July

PD Day

Tuesday 25th July

PD Days only staff attend

Monday 24th July

Tuesday 25th July

Spring Term Events

Dates For your Diary

Thurs 16th Feb FOAS Valentines disco

Fri 17th Feb Oak Class Planetarium visit

Thurs 2nd March World Book Day

Mon 6th March Cedar Class Exotic zoo trip

Tues 7th March EYFS Trip Apley Farm

Wed 8th March EYFS Families for lunch

Tues 14th March Cedar Families for lunch

Wed 15th March EYFS Class Assembly

Mon 20th March Oak Class Parent
workshop

Tuesday 21st March Elm Parent workshop

Wed 22nd March Cedar Class Assembly

Wed 22nd March Oak Families for lunch

Wed 22nd March Elm Class Cadbury World

Wed 29th March Elm Families for lunch