

MAY 2023

ALVELEY NEWSLETTER

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THE KING'S CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

On Friday 5th May, Alveley Primary celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. In classes, children discussed the meaning of the coronation and what may happen over the Coronation Bank Holiday weekend; as well as what they may do to celebrate too. During lunch, the children enjoyed a picnic with their peers before celebrating the Coronation with monarch inspired activities within their class.

All classes have helped to decorate collaged crowns, with some having decorated the fencing around the school site over the bank holiday weekend. Children within EYFS celebrated with a tea party, whilst others such as Elm class played 'Pin the Crown on King Charles', before participating in a Scavenger Hunt for Royal themed items. A great day was had by all!



SCHOOL CALENDAR OVERVIEW

Summer Term 2023

Term Starts
Monday 5th June -
Friday 21st July

PD Day
Monday 24th July
PD Day
Tuesday 25th July



CLASSES



BEECH

Reception have been looking at the concept of more and less in number work. They have compared piles of objects with each other using the language more, less and the same. They have looked at consecutive numbers on the number line to see what is 'one more' and 'one less' than a particular number. The children called these the 'friends' of that number.



ELM

Elm class arrived in class to a very big surprise- their chairs had all decided to go on strike! There were lots of thoughtful ideas linked to the topic 'Mayans', ranging from a waste of resources to make the chairs, through to the idea Mayans may just not have needed them. The children needed to persuade the Mayan God, Kukulcan, to return their chairs using their very best persuasive writing techniques.



CEDAR

In Cedar class, the children have learnt about amphibians and reptiles in their science lessons. They have discussed the differences and what the clear features are of both groups. The children participated in a scavenger hunt in our outdoor space, where they looked for creatures. Cedar class then worked in groups to categorise the creatures into their correct groups.



OAK

Oak have been learning about World War II and how Britain was rebuilt post war. They have looked at how people stayed safe in bomb shelters. The class explored different artefacts and discussed why British people wanted significant changes after the war eg. the Welfare State and Nationalisation.

CLASS DATES FOR THE DIARY

Summer Term 2023

Elm Class Trip-
Monday 5th June
The Butterfly Farm

Book Fair (after school)-
Tuesday 6th - Friday 12th
June

Oak Swimming Weekly -
Thursday 8th June

Kidderminster Harriers
Health Kick -
9th June- 21st July

Cedar Class Trip-
Tuesday 20th June
Warwick Castle

Crucial Crew Yr 6 -
Wednesday 21st June

Topic Celebration Day
Wednesday 28th June

Year 6 Kayaking
Wednesday 5th July

KS2 Orienteering Trip-
Tuesday 11th July

Sports Day-
Wednesday 12th July
Reserve Day 13th July

LITTLE SQUIRRELS NURSERY

NURSERY TIMINGS

Morning Sessions

8.45-11.45AM

Afternoon Sessions

12.15-3.15PM

OUR CURRENT LEARNING

The children in Nursery have really enjoyed their topic “Dinosaurs” so far. They have learnt about different types of dinosaur and looked closely to recognise their individual features, as well as comparing their sizes. They have also investigated dinosaur habitats and their diet.

The children have particularly enjoyed creating their own time machines from a variety of resources in preparation to travel back to prehistoric times and imagine what it would be like to live with the dinosaurs!



JOIN OUR NURSERY!

In EYFS at Alveley School, we follow a child led approach to play based learning with the belief that each child develops at his or her own pace. The teachers and teaching assistants support each child’s development, focusing upon interests and taking opportunities to support and extend learning in a meaningful context. Play is a child's work, we follow their personal exploration and natural inquisitiveness to extend and develop learning opportunities.

A positive ethos is at the heart of our EYFS unit. It is extremely important that the children feel happy and comfortable within the setting; where they are constantly supported and encouraged. The children's achievements are recognised and celebrated. This ethos allows for and encourages problem solving, resilience, curiosity and high levels of engagement. All adults recognise the importance of developing a strong, positive, trusting relationship with each child, knowing each of them as an individual. If you are interested to know more, please contact our School Office.



MINI MARATHON



Alveley Primary take part in the Mini Marathon Attempt

On Friday 26th May, children from all classes participated in our Mini Marathon attempt. This year, 'TCS Mini London Marathon in schools; are encouraging children in schools to run, jog or walk approximately one mile for a planned 'Mini Marathon' event! 'TCS Mini Marathon for Schools' mission is to inspire activity – especially in children and young people. At Alveley Primary, we are always looking to promote active movement and seek out activities that allow all to participate in a way that is inclusive, fun and engaging.



The afternoon was a really great opportunity to enjoy our outside environment and for the children to have fun with their peers. With the half term holiday just around the corner, children were excited for the afternoon activity with music playing out and a great atmosphere filling the school site. Children demonstrated their resilient side to compete and had great fun supporting each other.

A huge thank you to Mr Marsh for organising, as well as participating, in the 'TCS Mini Marathon for Schools'. It is an event Alveley Primary has participated in for the past two years and something all look forward to!

RECOGNISING RUNNERS

EYFS	Lacey Mills
CEDAR	Tommy Morgan
ELM	Nathan Severn
OAK	Jessie Pitt

Children were recognised for their commitment to compete following elements of our BLAST policy:

Being Resilient
Listening Carefully
Aiming High
Showing Respect
Trying my Best



BOOKFEST



BOOKFEST 2023

Shropshire Bookfest is a small local charity that prides itself on the development and delivery of high quality, creative, classroom-based activities for primary school children across the county. It aims to inspire as many children as possible to help them develop a love of reading and writing.

Oak children all participated in the Bookfest creative writing workshop, planning and writing their own story; including any illustrations drawn themselves to engage their reader. The books were all then sent away to be analysed by a panel of judges who decide which of the stories have acknowledged the brief, had an imaginative approach and engaged the reader to read on further.

Alveley Primary had multiple people who were recognised for their amazing story-telling, interesting topics choice or fantastic illustration. Children recognised are as follows:

Jessie Pitt, Ruby Young, Caleb McLeod, Zach Graham, Isabelle Matthews and Jess Hughes

Alveley Primary School's overall story acknowledgment went to **Adam Janjua**. We would like to congratulate all children in their dedication and commitment to their Bookfest Story Projects.



FOREST SCHOOL

THE RHS 'BIG SEED SOW'

During Forest School sessions this month, children have spent time improving our outside environment alongside the renovations to the Forest School area. As part of the 'RHS Big Seed Sow' children have been looking at the type of plants and vegetables that would thrive within our school site. All classes have had a range of seeds that they have discussed before choosing the ideal planting condition and hoping that they see the results of their planting support very soon with a flourish of growth around the site- we are hoping for a lovely Summer to promote this!

Children have also supported and participated with the ongoing renovation of Forest School, using wheelbarrows to move soil to the large planters and assisting with smaller level project work- we thank them for their own commitment and passion to the project! They have all shown great enthusiasm to working together as a team, really showing the Alveley Primary spirit and true resilience to get the jobs done, their work has been a huge help to the wider scale work that is being undertaken!



ONGOING FOREST SCHOOL RENOVATION UPDATES!

Children have been eagerly watching the ongoing process of renovation works that have been taking place within our Forest School site these past few weeks. Since the last newsletter, the children have watched the Forest School site more than double in size! The border fence has been moved ready for the incorporation of more sensory themed learning through additional exploration activity areas that will encourage independent play. The new forest school fire pit square has been installed as well as progression with renovation to the new science garden.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank TG Building Merchants who have provided us with all materials, as well as New Barns Nursery, Hilton, who have donated flowers and plants for our science garden. A huge thank you must also go to Lazer Groundworks who have carried out all works on site to create our new Forest School area!

CLASS FOREST SCHOOL INFORMATION

EYFS	Monday
CEDAR	Tuesday
ELM	Wednesday
OAK	Thursday

Please remember your child will need an appropriate Forest School kit of long sleeved top, trousers and wellies, for their session. Be mindful of weather conditions with waterproof layers, hats or suncream needed.



SPORT

CLASS PE LESSON INFORMATION

EYFS	Thursday
CEDAR	Wednesday Friday
ELM	Tuesday Thursday
OAK	Tuesday Wednesday

On your child's PE day, please ensure they have weather appropriate PE kit within school of white t-shirt, blue shorts OR black sports trousers and trainers.

ALVELEY SUMMER SPORTS

Mr Bennett, from the sports partnership, is back in school this term teaching tennis to Cedar Class. He has been teaching 'sending and receiving' skills with them, alongside racket control. Mr Bennett has been with Oak class on Wednesday afternoons, where they have been learning rounders skills and tactics in a build up to friendly in-school games and a future Rounders competition. The children are really enjoying their time with him.

In addition to this, Elm and Oak class are having cricket lessons on a Tuesday afternoon provided by Alveley cricket club.



BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday 2nd May, two teams made up of KS2 children took part in a basketball tournament at Oldbury Wells school, organised through the sports partnership. Both of the Alveley teams played really well, showing great teamwork and resilience. Alveley Primary won the certificate for the school who showed the most respect. Well Done to all of the children who took part!



OUR COMMUNITY



OPEN THE BOOK

A huge thank you to The 'Open the Book' team who spoke about the importance of forgiveness through another of their immersive stories. The moral of the story is something the children take great interest in as they participate through answering questions and watching the acting of the adults and some of their Alveley school peers. Thank you to 'Open the Book' for visiting!



ALVELEY CRICKET CLUB

On Tuesday 23rd May, Cedar, Elm and Oak Class enjoyed an afternoon of activities at Alveley Cricket Ground. The afternoon provided children with the opportunity to show off the skills they have learnt over the course of the half term with the Cricket coaches that have been attending school. The children had the opportunity to play alongside their peers, leading to batting and bowling skills using wicket stumps to play competitive games. Thank you to Alveley Cricket Club for letting us attend.



CATERLINK

On Friday 5th May, Caterlink provided a special Coronation lunch for the children. Children had an offering of sandwiches available to choose from alongside sausage rolls and King's Coronation themed cakes. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Caterlink for providing this special celebration lunch for the day of our Coronation picnic.

WRAPAROUND CARE

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club runs every day during school term times from Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays and PD days). Children are welcome to attend the sessions from 7.30am, remaining within the club until school starts. Those that attend can have a breakfast provided, with multiple choices available, alongside a chance to catch up with peers in a relaxed 'homely' environment. Board games and crafts are available to the children during these morning sessions. If you would like your child to attend any of our Breakfast Club sessions, please contact our school office.



WRAPAROUND TIMES

BREAKFAST CLUB TIME

7.30AM-9AM

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY

3.15PM-4.15PM

AFTER SCHOOL CARE CLUB

3.15PM-5.15PM

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After School Club runs every day during school term times from Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays and PD days. The club starts at 3.15pm as school finishes and ends at 5.15pm. During the hour of 3.15-4.15pm, there are optional daily activities that the children can participate in for an extra cost. The children that attend the group activities always have a great time with fun and engaging opportunities that enable the children to pursue a talent or explore a new passion. If you are wishing for your child to attend one of our daily activities or to join the after school club, please contact our School Office.



ALVELEY PTA (FOAS)

FOAS (Alveley PTA)

Our amazing PTA team have been working on many projects over the last few weeks and we wanted to take this opportunity to recognise and share their fantastic efforts to support our school community. Their generosity and commitment to our school does not go unnoticed and we cannot thank them enough for their continued support with ongoing projects and ideas. If you are wishing to learn more about our PTA and would like to discuss any ideas, the next FOAS meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd June ,730pm at The Three Horseshoes. The meetings are open for anyone to attend with a welcome approach to new members that attend.

Listed below are some of the current and ongoing projects happening in school with thanks to the amazing generosity of our PTA team.



LEAVER'S HOODIES

The FOAS team provided money and the opportunity to purchase every Year 6 Leaver a hoodie for their departure from Alveley. The hoodies provide a lovely reminder of their Primary school years. The Leaver's Hoodies will be presented to the children nearer the end of their school journey.



LIBRARY SUPPORT

Within school, we are updating and planning to renovate our school library to provide the very best opportunities for all to expand their knowledge and explore a wider range of media. The PTA team are providing an ongoing fundraising effort to purchase new books and support with the purchasing of new bookshelves, subject to design creations of the school.



FOREST SCHOOL TRAINING

With thanks to the FOAS, Mrs Price has completed her Forest School. The Forest School is providing the children with an exploration of our outside environment and encouraging them to appreciate the wild around them. The training allows a greater educational reach for all of our children and the ability to learn further life skills. We cannot thank FOAS enough for providing this extra educational benefit for all of the children.

ADVERTISING

St Mary's Church, Alveley

Saturday 1st July

3pm – 5pm

Crafts

Worship



Games

Food

Family Fun

FREE TO ATTEND

Young people under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult