

# ALVELEY NEWS

# NOVEMBER

# NEWSLETTER

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## PIZZA OVEN CONSTRUCTION



As a school, we are incredibly excited and proud to show all of the children's hardwork in helping to construct our own pizza oven! The children mixed sand and clay with their feet to form 'cob', a thick, natural mix that is as strong as cement when dry. Once mixed, the children then helped to sculpt the cob into the desired pizza oven shape, using decorative bottles that help to insulate the oven. The children were all so polite and well-mannered to Nick and Esme who kindly offered their time to show the children how the oven needed to be constructed. We cannot wait to use the oven in the upcoming months!



## CHILDREN IN NEED 2022



On Friday 18th November, children participated in the annual Children in Need fundraising, organised by School Council. During the morning, every child had the opportunity to buy Pudsey cakes, kindly donated by Mrs Guest's Mum, Mrs Lawley. There was a real excitement in school as children separated into their house groups for the afternoon to complete a number of Pudsey inspired games. The range of activities, voted for by pupils via School Council reps, included a Pudsey Make-a-thon with Mrs Guest, Pudsey's balloon games and 'Pudsey Says' game with Miss Ordidge, an orienteering Pudsey treasure hunt with Miss Sherry and a competitive Hula-a-thon and Keepy-uppy-a-thon with Mr Marsh. The children had an amazing day and their attitude and encouragement of their peers was brilliant to see. We are pleased to say that as school, we raised an incredible £197.61! Thank you!

# AUTUMN TERM



Cedar class received an exciting visitor from Shropshire Museum, who brought along an array of exciting and magical items to explore. The interactive workshop gave the children the opportunity to handle replica and original toys from the past, linking to their new topic 'Toys' in class. The class looked for similarities and differences in the toys that were played with from past years, with those they may play with today. Whilst playing with the toys and investigating the properties of each, they discussed their purpose and classified them based on their era. We could not have been prouder of the children during this fabulous workshop! They represented Alveley with impeccable manners and lots of enthusiastic and inquisitive questions.



Oak Class pupils had a brilliant time at 'Think Tank' in Birmingham on Friday 11th November. In the morning, they explored chemical reactions in the laboratory, becoming real scientists! The group made carbon dioxide using a vinegar reaction and a slime from borax and clear glue. During the afternoon, the children investigated the effects of friction, experimenting with a cube on different surface faces and measuring the distance travelled. All pupils enjoyed exploring the hands on experiences around the museum. The science garden was the favourite area for everyone! All of the children listened well throughout the day and showed exceptional manners.

# FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



Our fabulous football team showed a real passion for the sport they love when they took part in a tournament at Bridgnorth Endowed School, alongside other primary schools. The team played a number of matches during the afternoon of football, showing great teamwork, commitment and support for each other. We are so proud of them for competing and representing Alveley Primary!

## 'OPEN THE BOOK' ASSEMBLY



As a school, we have enjoyed welcoming the 'Open the Book' team. The children have expressed real excitement both watching and participating in the Bible stories, read beautifully by Betty. The 'Open the Book' team's enthusiasm is enthralling to watch and everyone listens intently to the stories told. We are so glad to have the 'Open the Book' team back in school and thank them for their dedication in telling the Bible stories in a magical and memorable way for all of the children to understand and participate in.



# CLASS WORKSHOPS



On Monday 14th November, all EYFS children had a lovely time with their adults at their Class Topic Workshop! Thank you so much to all of you who came to support your children and joining them for part of their learning journey. The children enjoyed lots of different activities connected to our topic of 'Seasonal Change' and the snow machine and snowballs were particularly popular! The mindfulness snowmen shakers looked wonderful and the fir cone decorations too. It was great to see children making their story character puppet sticks and retelling the story to their adults. A fantastic afternoon and we are so grateful for all of the Parent and Carer support!



On Wednesday 16th November, Cedar class children and their parents had a very enjoyable topic based afternoon, themed around their topics of 'Toys' and 'Superheroes'! There were lots of activities for the children to choose from, such as as building a construction bridge for five bears to sit on, creating a superhero profile and playing an adding and subtraction game. Thank you to all the children for making it such a special afternoon and Parents and Carers for your ongoing support.

# A FIREFIGHTER'S ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday 22nd November, we were really lucky to have a firefighter visit for a school assembly. He explained what a firefighter may be called to help with in an emergency and gave guidance to the children as to how they are able to assist in an incident where there is a fire, as well as how they can limit risks in their own home. Children had so many questions to ask and learnt so many new facts about the work of a firefighter. Thank you for visiting!



# OAK CLASS ASSEMBLY



On Wednesday 22nd November, we were really pleased to welcome parents to watch Oak children's class assembly, all about their topic 'Ancient Greece'. The children spoke clearly and with enthusiasm as they explained all of the facts they had learnt in a fun and interactive way! All of the children enjoyed the assembly: and that their adults were able to join in with the quiz at the end!

# FOOTBALL FEVER

On Friday 25th November, the children had a special World-cup themed lunch, thanks to Caterlink. The excitement surrounding the football has many of the children waiting to hear match news and scores, so the lunch was greatly appreciated. Caterlink kindly provided a football as a raffle prize. Thank you once again to Lou, our cook, from the Caterlink team.



# Poppy Appeal



We have appreciated all of the donations received in aid of the Poppy Appeal for The Royal British Legion. The poppies commemorate our brave military personnel and the money raised will directly support our Armed Forces community and Veterans of war. Your support for this cause has been amazing and we are incredibly grateful for all of the donations made.

## Fantastic Forest School

It's often said that there is nothing better than getting into the great outdoors.

This phrase couldn't be more true, with even the colour green thought to be beneficial to growth, as well as stimulating relaxation for the mind and body. At Alveley, we are lucky to have so much outdoor space within the grounds. Our Forest School gives all children the chance to be in nature, where the ethos promotes self-esteem, creativity, confidence and a growing sense of independence.

Mrs Price's Forest School training is allowing the confidence to facilitate children's freely chosen, child initiated play options with greater understanding and respect for their environment. Whether this be den building with encouragement and a watchful eye from an adult, creative artwork with natural resources or sensory play engaging those from EYFS all the way through to our KS2 children; we can now encourage countless activities with more knowledge as to how we can approach them. For Remembrance Day, the children of Oak Class created their own poppy art using pebbles and paints, inspired by artists that use natural resources such as Andy Goldsworthy.



# First Responder's CPR demonstrations with Year 6

We were so grateful to be visited by Alveley's First Responders to show Oak Class safe CPR practice. The children were mature and showed a real passion when given the opportunity to participate with CPR on the dummy models, provided by the First Responders team. A very important and informative morning-thank you so much for visiting!



## ALVELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL'S WINTER PARTY



We are excited to invite families and the local community to our Winter Party on Friday 9th December.

Free entry. Children tickets for Santa's Grotto can be bought in advance for £3 and will include a range of activities.

FOAS will be selling refreshments and also running pocket money stalls (with the help of some pupils!).

This is a family event, all children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

# BRIDGNORTH HOCKEY CLUB NEEDS YOU!



**JUNIOR HOCKEY COACHING  
2022/2023**

We need new young players!

We invite you to a free trial at our club, hockey is an exciting and energetic team game.

Boys and Girls can start from the age of 8 and it's never too late to start. Monday junior coaching ranges from 8 to 14, before progressing to senior training.

Sessions are at Bridgnorth Endowed Leisure Centre on Monday nights between 8 and 8pm (please contact us to find the best time for you). Many of our young members play for Shropshire and the Midlands and one even went on to Captain GB at the Olympics! So come and give it a go.

Please contact Julian Dwane (07801 272367) or Nicky Scowen (07947 007293) for further details



**JUNIOR HOCKEY COACHING  
2022/2023**

What does Junior Membership Involve?

- A minimum of 22 one hour sessions run by qualified coaches
- The opportunity to represent the Club in various Junior tournaments
- The opportunity to play in Badgers (seniors/juniors) leagues
- Progression to adult teams
- The chance for younger members to take Six Skills Awards

Training is on a Monday evening, from 6pm -8pm at Bridgnorth Leisure Centre.

Bridgnorth Hockey Club are looking for new players to join their hockey teams. They have trials running if you wish to try a new sport! If you are considering joining or would like more information, please contact Julian Dwane (07801 272367) or Nicky Scowen (07947 007293)

# SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL WORKSHOP AND CHILD GROUPS



Would you like to know more about why sleep is important for our health and emotional well-being?

- Does your child struggle with their sleep?
- Would you like to access support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines?
- Would you like to meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences?

**SLEEP TIGHT WORKSHOP**  
The workshop is delivered virtually via MS Teams  
Our workshop runs for 5 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays

Starting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
from 12.30pm to 2.30pm

To book a place on one of our workshops or for further information on the workshops we run please contact the Parenting Team by:  
Emailing [Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk)  
Or call us on 01743 250950

[www.shropshire.gov.uk](https://www.shropshire.gov.uk)  
General Enquiries: 0345 678 9000



Would you like to know more about your child's development?

Do you need support to understand your child's behaviour?

Would you like a chance to meet with other parents and carers?

**UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUPS**  
The groups are delivered virtually via MS Teams  
All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays

**Understanding Your Child SEND on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023**  
from 9.30am to 11.30am  
SEND groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities. No formal diagnosis is needed.

**Understanding Your Child on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023**  
from 9.30am to 11.30am

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Telephone: 01743 250950

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General Enquiries: 0345 678 9000



If you would like to find out about other services the Parenting Team offers please email [Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) or call us on 01743 250950

**PARENTING HELPLINE**  
available on  
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.00am to 12.30pm  
Call us on 01743 250950

Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. Shropshire Council's Parenting Team is here to support parents and carers to raise healthy, well-rounded children in a loving and stable environment.

Do you have any questions around child development and parenting?  
Why not call our Parenting Helpline where one of our trained Parenting Practitioners will be ready to listen.  
(Please note the Parenting Helpline will not operate between Christmas & New Year)

If you have concerns about a child's safety or well-being please call  
First Point of Contact 0345 678 9021

[www.shropshire.gov.uk](https://www.shropshire.gov.uk)  
General Enquiries: 0345 678 9000

## Shropshire Council Further Support

Compass	0345 678 9021
Family Information Service	01743 254400 email: <a href="mailto:ShropshireFIS@shropshire.gov.uk">ShropshireFIS@shropshire.gov.uk</a>
IASS	01743 280019 Information, Advice and Support Service (IASS)   <a href="http://Shropshire Council">Shropshire Council</a>
SEND Local Offer	<a href="http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer">www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer</a>
Autism West Midlands	0121 450 7575 <a href="http://Shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk">Shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk</a>
Beam	<a href="mailto:Shropshirebeam@childrengroup.org.uk">Shropshirebeam@childrengroup.org.uk</a>
Kooth.com (Online counselling service for children and young people aged 11-25yrs)	<a href="http://The Children's Society   UK children's charity (childrengroup.org.uk)">The Children's Society   UK children's charity (childrengroup.org.uk)</a>
Young Minds (Parents Helpline)	0808 802 5544 <a href="http://www.youngminds.org.uk">www.youngminds.org.uk</a> <a href="http://www.kooth.com">www.kooth.com</a>
Online community for Shropshire residents who are stressed, anxious or low	<a href="http://www.togetherall.com">www.togetherall.com</a>
Shropshire MIND	01743 368647
Samartians	116 123
Family Lives Helpline	0808 800 2222 <a href="http://www.familylives.org.uk">www.familylives.org.uk</a>
Contact (For Families for Disabled Children)	0808 808 3555 <a href="http://www.contact.org.uk">www.contact.org.uk</a>
Spectra	0771 757536 <a href="http://www.spectraautisminclusion.service.co.uk">www.spectraautisminclusion.service.co.uk</a>
Thinkuknow (Online Safety)	<a href="http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents">www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents</a>
NSPCC	<a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk/send-online-safety-hub">www.nspcc.org.uk/send-online-safety-hub</a>
NSPCC	<a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk">www.nspcc.org.uk</a> 0800 1111
(Confidential service for under 18s or for those worried about a child)	0800 800 5000
Frank - Confidential advice re alcohol & drug misuse	Contact Frank Directly   Confidential Advice   FRANK (talktofrank.com) or telephone 0300 123 6600
Parenting Team Helpline	Tuesday & Thursday 9am - 12:30pm 01743 250 950
For Further Support: <a href="http://www.shropshire.gov.uk">www.shropshire.gov.uk</a>	

# 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 5th September Friday 21st

October Tuesday 3rd January Monday

21st July Tuesday 25th July

# Autumn Term Events

## Dates For your Diary

- Friday 2nd December – KS1 and KS2 Pantomime trip – due to return to school at 5.30pm
- Friday 9th December – Alveley School Christmas Fayre – 5-8pm
- Monday 12th December – Elm Class presentation afternoon
- Tuesday 13th December – Pupils to attend Church rehearsal during school day
- Tuesday 13th December - Santa Dash
- Wednesday 14th December – Nativity Performance – St Mary's Church – 10am
- Thursday 15th December – Nativity Performance – St Mary's Church – 5.30pm
- Thursday 15th December – Class Winter Parties in school
- Friday 16th December – last day of term – Christmas Jumper / Non uniform Day
- Saturday 17th December – performance at Alveley Village Band concert – 7.30pm