

# ALVELEY NEWS

## OCTOBER

### NEWSLETTER

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On Thursday 6th October, School Council hosted their first event this year, our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon which was a tremendous success, raising a fantastic £230! We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support and amazing charitable contributions, both through the numerous cake deliveries we received and being with us for the afternoon celebrations. It was great to see so many families and members of the wider school community attending and the fun and conversations both the children and adults were sharing! We are delighted to share our fundraising efforts with Macmillan; helping to improve the lives of those dealing with the affects of cancer. A very big thank you from all at Alveley Primary School!



# SCHOOL TRIPS



## EYFS

Ash and Beech class visited the Country Park to explore their topics, 'All About Me' and 'Autumn', through lots of great activities with ranger, Ed! The children searched the site for animal homes and then made their own bird houses for the park's wildlife, camouflaging them to blend with the habitat. All of the children had a great time, finishing the day by making natural self portraits.



## Elm

As part of Elm's topic 'Rainforests', the children visited The Exotic Zoo, Telford. After researching rainforest animals in the classroom, the children had a fantastic time observing the animals and having the opportunity to hold some of the reptiles and creatures from the rainforest. The children really enjoyed the experience with many questions asked; especially after watching a playful armadillo and feeding time with the otters! Everyone had a brilliant time in a very immersive day and the information the children learnt has used in the classroom to discuss where certain animals will live within the rainforest layers, whether that be the forest floor, the understorey, canopy or emergent layers. This has given us the opportunity to greater understand the rainforest as its own ecosystem and why the creatures are adapted to this habitat. Thank you Exotic Zoo for helping us further our knowledge of the rainforest habitat!

Cedar and Oak class are looking forward to their school trips next half term. Oak Class will be visiting Think Tank on 11th November which will link back to their Science Topic, learning all about forces and the different resistances. Cedar class will enjoy a toy museum workshop on 3rd November where they will learn more about their new topic 'Toys' and the toys throughout the eras whilst also thinking about how they have changed to suit a more technological world that we now live in.

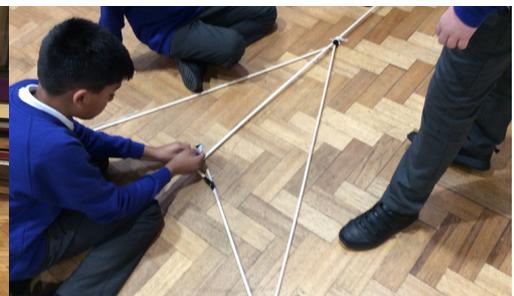
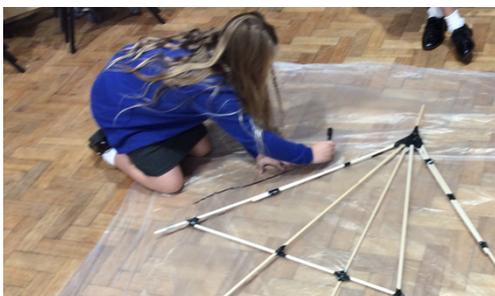
# SHROPSHIRE STAR 'FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL'



The Shropshire Star invited Alveley Primary School to be part of the 'First day at School' special photo supplement to be featured within the newspaper. The supplement will feature class photos from schools across the region. We were delighted to be asked and have chosen this photo of children from Beech Class that will feature in the article. The children were absolute superstars for their photo moment and we cannot wait to see them feature alongside the other schools!

## YEAR 6 STEM WORKSHOP AT OWS

Year 6 children from Oak class visited Oldbury Wells school as part of a STEM workshop. The children participated in a Science experiment, creating their own planes! Each group was asked to participate in the process of plane manufacture, from designing their model through to making their prototype. The children were asked to discuss the materials and shape that would make their plane the most aerodynamic. At the end of the session, each group had a test run to see if their plane was able to fly and whose would travel the furthest! All children had a fantastic time and their planes are now proudly on display in class!



# Harvest Festival



We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kind donations for The Harvest Festival. The food was greatly received by Bridgnorth Food Bank, providing for those who need support. It is great that we are able to support such a fantastic scheme within our community. We received a lovely 'Thank You' card from Bridgnorth Food Bank, which was shared with each class.



## Families to Lunch

It was lovely to welcome so many families to our class lunches this half term. The children really look forward to these events and it is always great to see so many attending. The children show huge pride in showing their families their school, their friends and enjoying lunch together, provided by Caterlink.



## Alveley's Brilliant Bookworms



It has been great to see so many children reading at home with their adults this half term and bringing their planners into school everyday. To read daily helps boost the language, fluency and confidence of children so it has been brilliant to see so much engagement within the children's planners. Every week, children are celebrated for their reading achievements both in school and at home. Please keep up the brilliant reading and continue to write in planners during the holidays Bookworms!

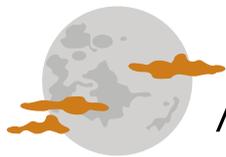
# Alveley's Marvellous Mini Marathon

Children had a fantastic afternoon on Wednesday 19th October, when Mr Marsh hosted the Mini Marathon at school, with a running track around the school field. With Marathon numbers worn, the sun shining and upbeat running music such as 'Eye of the Tiger' playing; there was a real buzz in school as children started to warm up ready to run!

The children were amazing and showed a real resilience as they pushed themselves to run further, whilst encouraging their peers and cheering each other on once they had finished. We could not have been prouder of the efforts of all of them and the brilliant atmosphere that could be felt all afternoon around school! Children completed multiple laps of the field with singalongs to the music being heard, as well as our own impromptu cheerleading team and the Oak Class support team giving that extra running boost as they were passed around the course.

It was great to see everyone participating and the KS1 and KS2 children coming together for such a brilliant event. A huge thank you Mr Marsh for co-ordinating the Mini Marathon and the team of sports ambassadors who helped.





Alveley Primary presents...



# The 'Fang-tastic Festival of Frights' Night

An enchanting and memorable evening awaited for all of those that attended The 'Fang-tastic Festival of Frights' evening hosted by Alveley Primary school and the amazing FOAS team. We were overwhelmed by the incredible turnout on the evening and as darkness fell, the spooky atmosphere that loomed over the school grounds which was heightened by the appearance of so many fantastic ghosts, ghouls, witches and more wandering through the darkness!

Those that dared to explore Forest School, will have been mesmerised by the incredible transformation into the Big Bad Wolf's darkened lair. Wandering the paths, you may have encountered our surprise skeletal visitor, Mr Smith, ready to pounce on unknowing visitors; as well as our very own wise (and very friendly) witch who was in attendance to concoct her amazing bubbling potions with your help! Did you find the clues needed to escape the Wolf's forest?

Further to this, the ghost of Mr Vaughan was haunting the grounds reading spooky tales by torchlight. We were also very thankful to have special visitors in the form of KA Equestrian, giving rides on their beautiful horses; as well as Head's Potatoes, the delicious, warm donuts and fabulous support from Alveley Football Juniors.

Inside the spooky going's on continued with 'Hook a Duck', Halloween glitter tattoos, skittles and much more. We were so pleased with all of the support and have been overwhelmed by the positive responses we have received.

We are all so excited for upcoming events hosted with FOAS. We are sure the next event will be just as magical but with a sprinkle of festive cheer! The Christmar Fair will be held on..... alongside our brilliant FOAS team. Thank you all for your ongoing support!



# Friends Of Alveley School

On the 3rd November, FOAS are hosting their AGM. From 6.30 that evening, the 'Friends of Alveley School' will join the Library Working Party, where the team will be discussing the plans for the new Library space whilst thinking about the books that would make the Library the very best working space for the children to assist their learning. It would be great to see as much support as possible from our School Community for this.

From 7.30 that evening, the AGM will be held. This will be an opportunity to hear all about events that FOAS have hosted over the past year, upcoming events that are planned and how money has been spent so far. A really exciting prospect and something the school and FOAS team would appreciate your support with, promoting a real togetherness and community spirit for the children and families of Alveley. Please consider joining us to find out how we are hoping to progress and help the children of Alveley School further.



## It's Panto Season!



An exciting and magical day awaits for **all Key Stage One and Two** children this festive half term! The children will be visiting **Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury** on **December 2nd** to watch the theatre's pantomime production, 'Beauty and The Beast'. It is sure to be an incredible trip with lots of laughs, beautiful sets and fantastic costumes. A fun filled day with huge anticipation in the lead up to Christmas!



# Breakfast and After School Clubs

Children at Breakfast Club have enjoyed helping to create the spooky themed window display to advertise the 'Fang-tastic Festival of Frights' Night that was hosted on 20th October. The children have really enjoyed their very relaxed morning of breakfast and chats with friends, whilst then helping each other to create some Halloween-themed crafts. In After School clubs, children have enjoyed the multiple activities on offer. From cooking club, to games night and Minecraft using the amazing ICT available to the children; it has been great to see so many attending the sessions and really enjoying time with their peers. Please remember to book in advance through ParentPay if you are wishing for your child(ren) to attend future breakfast or after school clubs.

## Alveley's First Responders Assembly



On Wednesday 19th October, we had a visit from Mike and Jenny, familiar faces to the children and the local Alveley community due to the tireless work they undertake as our local First Responders. During their visit to school, they explained to the children the importance of their role, why and how they exist and how they can support in an emergency based on the knowledge they have learnt, as well as the equipment they carry with them during their on call duty. The children were captivated by the information they were told and the resources shown; in turn, this prompted incredibly thought-provoking questions both within assembly and back in the classroom. We cannot be more thankful for the work of our local team of CFR volunteers within the village.



## Term Dates 2022/2023

### Autumn Term 2022

#### Term Starts

Tuesday 6th September -

Thursday 20th October

PD Day Friday 21st October

#### Half Term

Monday 24th October - Friday

28th October

#### Term Starts

Monday 31st October - Friday

16th December

#### Christmas Holidays

Monday 19th December -

Monday 2nd January

### 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

## Autumn Term Events Dates For your Diary

3rd November Cedar class toy  
museum workshop

10th November Whole school flu  
vaccinations

11th November Oak class trip to Think  
tank

14th November EYFS Topic workshop  
1.30pm-3.00pm

16th November Cedar class Topic  
workshop 1.30pm - 3.00pm

18th November Children in Need

18th November Year 6 with first  
responders

23rd November Oak class assembly

2nd December Year 1-Year 6 Panto

3rd December FOAS Meeting

9th December Christmas Fair

12th December Elm Class Topic  
presentation

13th December Nativity practice at  
church

14th December Nativity at church  
10.00am

14th December Christmas dinner

15th December Christmas Parties

16th December Last day of term

3rd January PD Day