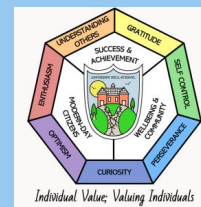


Monthly Newsletter

Asfordby Hill Primary School

July 2024: Issue 11



Dear Parents / Carers,

At the end of this academic year, we reflect on the year gone by and celebrate all of the wonderful things that we have achieved as a school community. The class assemblies have been a particular highlight for me. Everyone, both child and adult, worked incredibly hard to produce excellence and we were able to see many children in a different light. Being 'on stage' gives children so much confidence and resilience.



This week we say goodbye to our Year 6 children who have been a superb cohort. We are so proud of them and they are more than ready for the next step in their academic journey. We know our work with them is complete when we see the fruits of the work in action- at their end of Year 6 residential, the children were so polite, they collaborated and supported one another and had such fun as a group. We wish them all the very best as they move to their new schools.

During the summer holidays, Mr Mould will be leaving us for pastures new. We would like to thank him for all his work with us over the last 7 years and wish him every success for the future.

Finally, thank you to you, our parents and family community, for your ongoing support. We look forward to continuing to work together in the new academic year and to continue to achieve the very best for all our children.

Have a very restful summer,

Mrs Millward

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Key dates for your diary

Please note the change of our teacher day to May.

- Tuesday 27th August- First day back for children



Term Dates 2024-2025

Autumn Term

**Teacher Days
(School closed to Children)** Thursday 22nd August 2024
Friday 23rd August 2024

August Bank Holiday: School Closed Monday 26th August 2024

Schools open: Tuesday 27th August 2024

Half term break: Monday 21st to Friday 25th October 2024

Schools close: Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term

Schools open: Monday 6th January 2025

Half term break: Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025

Schools close: Friday 11th April 2025

Summer Term

Schools open: Monday 28th April 2025

May Day Bank Holiday: School Closed Monday 5th May 2025

**Teacher Day
(School closed to Children)** Friday 23rd May 2025

Half term break: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025

Schools close: Wednesday 9th July 2025

**Teacher Days
(School closed to Children)** Thursday 10th July 2025
Friday 11th July 2025

Updates: Attendance

Here is an extract from our school attendance policy, explaining the new penalty notices. Hopefully, the leaflet given to us by the Local Authority is more easy to read!

Morning registration begins at 8:45 am. It is important to be on time as the first few minutes of the school day are often used to give out instructions or organise schoolwork for the rest of the day. If your child misses this short but vital session, their work for the whole day may be affected. Many lessons begin at exactly 8:50 am and late arrivals are disruptive to the whole class and often embarrassing for your child. We take the view there are no late children, only late parents. Arrival after the close of registration will be marked as unauthorised absence or as a 'U' for arrival after the register has closed. We will let you know if we have concerns about your child's punctuality.

Children who remain uncollected at the end of school time will be referred to a place of safety if not collected or the school contacted by school closing time. Please let us know if you are going to be unavoidably detained.

Term Time Leave of Absence

We are always concerned about the amount of school time pupils' miss as a result of family holidays. There is no entitlement to time off in term time. Leave of absence is only allowed at the discretion of the head teacher in accordance with the school policy as agreed by the board of governors.

It is our policy:

- That the school does not allow leave of absence for holidays in term time, unless under exceptional circumstances. As stated above, this permission will be given by the Head Teacher in accordance with the school policy.
- If the school does not agree holiday leave, and you take your child on holiday, the absence will be unauthorised.
- Please remember that the more time your child misses from school, the more difficult it is for them to catch up with their work. Valuable learning time is lost. A *good* understanding of the work can only take place when the pupil is in the classroom.

Penalty notices

Under the revised Working together to Improve School Attendance guidance 2024 the government have introduced a new National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence. The new regulations will come into effect on **19th August 2024**.

The National Framework aims to:

- Prioritise the support first approach by expecting support to be used in cases where it is appropriate and using penalty notices in cases where support is not appropriate (e.g., a term time holiday), has not worked or has not been engaged with.
- Make penalty notices more effective by ensuring they are only used in cases where they are the most appropriate tool to change parental behaviour and improve attendance.
- Improve consistency in the use of penalty notices across England by introducing a new national threshold at which they are considered.
- Improve the deterrent effect of a penalty notice by increasing the amount and introducing a new national limit of 2 penalty notices within a 3-year period to break cycles of repeat offending.

Penalty Notices for unauthorised absences: What you need to know about the changes.

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for unauthorised absences that occur after 19th August 2024.

5 Consecutive Days of Term Time Leave.

Penalty Notice fines will be issued by the Local Authority for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days and for fewer days where this has happened before.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised Absence in a 10-week period.

Penalty Notice fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of absence in a 10-week period.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will be issued to each parent, for each child who was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave will result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.

(No option to pay at £80 level)

Third offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued. The case will proceed to the Magistrates' court.

Magistrate's fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, per child.



Please consult your school's attendance policy and speak with your school if you are thinking of taking your child out of school during term-time. It is likely you will need to make a written request to take your child out of school and any leave of absence will need to be agreed by your Headteacher before it is taken.

Our Achievements

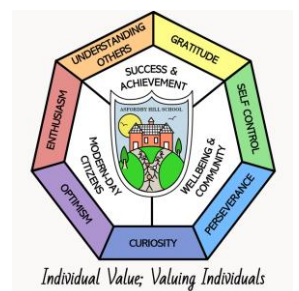
Each year, Melton Mowbray Rotary Club celebrates the achievements of one of our young people, who will be leaving us to go on to secondary school, with the annual Rotary Young Citizen Award. This year it was awarded to Amelia for her own personal skills and understanding of others, her growth in her self-esteem, her contribution to Asfordby Hill life and for being an excellent citizen.

Congratulations Amelia- it is well deserved.

Photo

Curriculum In Action: July

Holly Class delighted us with their information, music and stories about Robin Hood in their class assembly. Poor King John was tricked out of his gold by the legendary Robin Hood and his team when building a new castle (or not!). Well done Holly Class.



Botanical Gardens Leicester Trip -Willow Class



A huge thank you to Friends of Asfordby Hill (FOAH) for paying for the Year 6 leaver's trip to Twin Lakes. We had a fantastic time.



Team Points



WATER



AIR



EARTH



FIRE

This month's team points results:

Week ending	AIR	EARTH	FIRE	WATER
Friday 28 th June	155	115	159	115
Friday 5 th July	190	192	188	212

Congratulations to our weekly winning teams. Each week's team winners have had an extra 10 minutes of playtime on a Wednesday- enjoy!

Wow Awards

The children have worked exceptionally hard on using their rainbow skills. It has been a delight to see how many

children are using these skills throughout the curriculum but also around school. On Fridays, two children from each class are rewarded in our Celebration Assembly with a WOW certificate and a gold star badge to wear in class the following week.

Congratulations to you all- you deserve a WOW!



Governor's Section

And so here we are at the end of yet another school year- how quickly the time passes. The ending of any year provides an opportunity to pause, reflect, celebrate, consider and then to plan ahead. It is no different for our school community here at Asfordby Hill.

Thinking over the year, we can reflect on numerous academic, social and community successes that have been achieved, including the many things our children have learnt, the range of opportunities offered to the pupils by staff as well as our dedicated FOAH. All these achievements are clearly the reflection of the hard work of all our staff, children and parents. On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to take this opportunity to say **'THANK YOU'** to you all.

Finally, I would like to personally thank all the trustees of our Governing Body for the support and commitment that they have given to the school during this academic year. We are a dedicated band of people and I thank them for their time and effort.



With all good wishes for a pleasant summer break

Jenny Smith

Chair of Governors

Friends of Asfordby Hill (FOAH)

Watch out for dates for the next academic year!

All welcome.

Community Information

MELTON CARNEGIE MUSEUM **Leicestershire County Council**

Summer Holiday Activities

Free Entry

10th July to 24th August
Tuesday to Saturday
10am to 4pm

Join us every week for a free trail around the museum, free craft activities and a special paid activity of £2.50

Open to everyone and no need to book

10th July to 13th July - Medieval Mayhem
 15th July - Bubbles in the Bandstand
 16th to 20th July - Well Loved Tales
 23rd to 27th July - Mad Hatters Tea Party
 30th July to 3rd August - Paris Olympics
 6th to 10th August - Rocking Around with Geology
 13th to 17th August - Let's Go Fly a Kite
 20th to 24th August - Food Glorious Food

Melton Carnegie Museum, Thorpe End, Melton Mowbray LE13 1RB
 0153053860 www.meltonmuseum.org/
 meltonmuseum@leics.gov.uk

Mowbray Rangers Football Club, Melton Road, Asfordby Hill, LE14 3DX

SUMMER FUN DAY
SAT 3RD AUGUST 11AM-4PM

The day will also include a photo opportunity for new and current members, signing forms and receiving their new kit for the forthcoming season

Activities, Games, Inflatables slides and obstacle course, BBQ, Licensed Bar, Entertainment, Live Music, Raffle, Stalls & much more!!!

In addition Leicester City will be present running an activation with a mini goals area, panna cage and foot golf! (There may even be a special guest appearance)

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