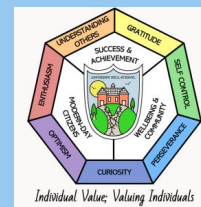


# Monthly Newsletter

Asfordby Hill Primary School

September 2024: Issue 12



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2024-25!

The Autumn Term has always been my favourite for a number of reasons. Firstly, the excitement of our new Chestnut Class joining us, secondly welcoming prospective children and parents to our open day events and finally the anticipation for the exciting school calendar ahead. This year we have many events planned: the Key Stage Two's production of Shrek Junior, the Chestnut's Nativity play and later in the year a Key Stage One's production; we are also booking many curriculum enrichment opportunities through a range of visitors and trips; and many more chances for the children to develop and embed their RAINBOW skills. We are very excited about our forthcoming trip to the theatre in Loughborough to see the pantomime Snow White.



Across the school, we have been thinking about the values that guide our decision making and behaviour in our every day lives. We have decided that in order to make the right decisions and behave positively, we all need to be **READY, RESPECTFUL** and **SAFE**. Why don't you ask your children how they are ready for learning, how they are respectful to each other and everyone around them and what they can do to keep themselves and their environment safe?

Already the children are using these values around school not only in the classrooms when learning but also when moving around the school and playing out at break times. This gives me great pride knowing that our children are fantastic modern-day citizens in the communities that they live in.

Mrs Millward

Welcome to our new Chestnut Class!

## WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

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*Key dates for your diary*

*Other Dates:*

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: Leicestershire County Council Friendship Soup workshop in school for Year 5 and 6

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: Caribbean Harvest assemblies across the school

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October: Year 3 and 4 football event

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 9-12: SEND Clinic

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest Collection – donations of food for Store House Charity

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October: Year 3 gymnastics event

Monday 21<sup>st</sup>- Friday 25<sup>th</sup>: School Closed HALF TERM

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October: Parents Evening

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October: Willow Class workshop in school: Mrs Tiggy-Winkle's Wash Day

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November: Holly Class Workshop in school: Printing linked to the Great Fire of London

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November: SEND Clinic

Week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025: Year 6 SATS week

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025: Year 6 residential to Beaumanor Hall

## Staffing News

We would all like to welcome our new premises officer, Mr Fryer, to Asfordby Hill. Please don't forget to give him a smile if you see him around school at the beginning and end of the school day.



## PE Timetable

*Please remember to wear PE kit on your PE days. PE days for each class are below:*

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Friday
am1					EYFS
am 2		Rowan			Sycamore
lunch	Y	Y		Y	Y
	Holly	Sycamore	Beech	Willow	Willow
	Rowan	Beech	Oak	Oak	Holly

### After school timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Football KS2 boys	Football girls	Gymnastics KS2	Scooter KS1	

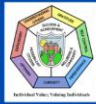
## School News

### HARVEST FESTIVAL 2024

As part of our Harvest Celebrations, we will be having a collection of food for the local food bank, Storehouse. We would like to collect in date, non-perishable FOOD items such as tinned vegetables, including beans and tomatoes/packs of cereal/ tinned meats/dog and cat food, nappies, biscuits and chocolates. Toiletries including toothbrushes, shower gel etc, would also be useful. Please can all food items be brought in to school via the children on the morning of Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. If you are able, please donate generously and thank you, as always, for your support.



**Spaces for tours of the school for children starting school in August 2025 are booking up fast!**



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 Welby Road, Asfordby Hill, Melton Mowbray,  
 Leicestershire LE14 3RB  
 01664 812244 admin@asfordbyhill.leics.sch.uk

## Is your child due to start school August 2025?

We would be delighted to welcome you to our school with an opportunity to meet our amazing children, have a tour of the school and ask any questions you may have.



Open day sessions:  
 Monday 30th September 9:30-2:00pm  
 Wednesday 2nd October 9:30-2:00pm  
 Tuesday 15th October 5:30pm  
 Tuesday 29th October 9:30-2:00pm  
 Wednesday 20th November 9:30-2:00pm  
 Monday 2nd December 9:30-2:00pm

Call the school office to  
 book your slot  
 01664 812244



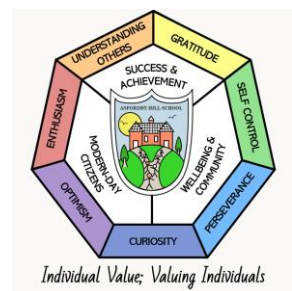
### READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE- parking

Please be mindful of our neighbours when you park. The streets around school are becoming very congested and we have had complaints from residents that school traffic often blocks their driveways. Now that the wetter weather has arrived, please be extra careful outside the school. The road becomes treacherous for pedestrians and cars alike. It is far safer for your child if you park across the road and let them walk the short distance to cross on the crossing with Mrs Lillyman.

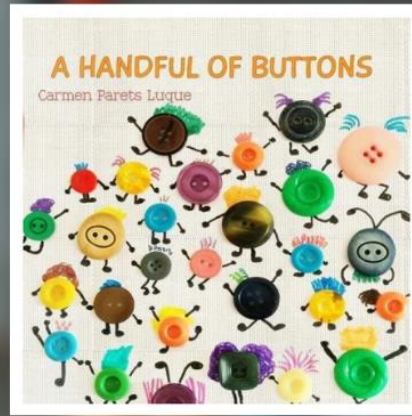
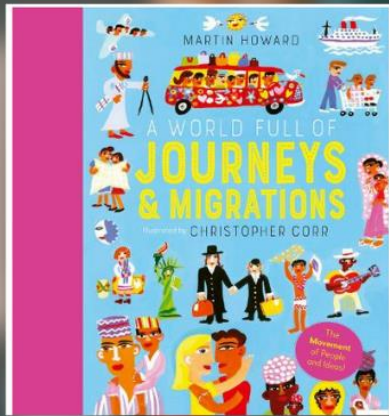
## Our Achievements



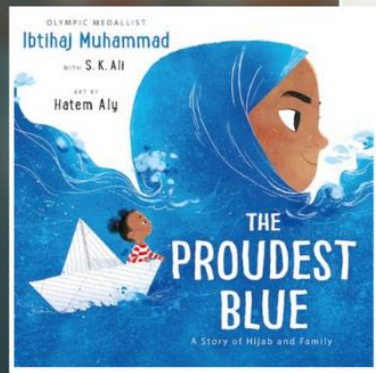
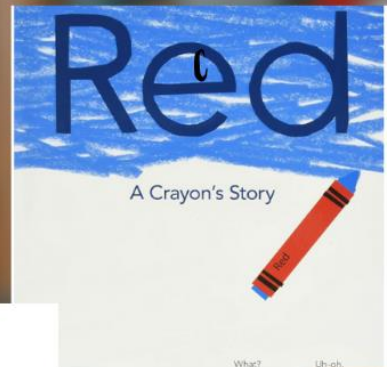
George entered the annual Asfordby Garden Produce, Arts and Craft Show. He came first in the longest carrot category and first for the tallest sunflower. His sunflower also won overall 'Best in Section' so he retained his trophy for the third year running! What an achievement George!



Individual Value; Valuing Individuals



Miss Harby, our reading lead, recommends these books...



## Team Points

We would like to introduce to you this year's team captains who were voted in by their peers. Their role is to model Asfordby Hill's rainbow skills in their daily lives. They are working hard in their roles: collecting weekly team points and encouraging younger children to achieve their best. Congratulations to the team captains and we are all looking forward to working alongside you in future team events.

### TEAM CAPTAINS



AIR



EARTH



FIRE



WATER

This month's team points results:

Week ending	AIR	EARTH	FIRE	WATER
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	<b><u>176</u></b>	175	170	151
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	171	152	<b><u>195</u></b>	161
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	150	<b><u>159</u></b>	148	150
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	<b><u>186</u></b>	154	135	179

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 awarded a WOW certificate in our Celebration Assembly and a gold star badge to wear in class the following week.

Congratulations to you all- you deserve a WOW!

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September



Welcome to the new term from all the governors. We are looking forward to meeting you all- new and known faces- as the year progresses at key events in the school calendar. Please come and say hello if you see us around school wearing our governor's lanyard

Mrs Jenny Smith  
Chair of Governors



## Mental Health Information

Here at Asfordby Hill we champion the belief that to thrive, emotional well-being is just as important as physical health. We advocate that helping children to manage their emotions is as important as teaching them to read and write. We work with children, their families and other outside agencies by helping to support emotional wellbeing issues, so that they're able to fully engage with all aspects of their life. If you require further support with regards anxiety, sleep, managing emotions, toileting, emotional based school avoidance or grief, please see our excellent pamphlets from Dragonfly Impact Education in the school's foyer. In the newsletter each month, we will focus on a theme with additional signposting. This month is **Transition and Change especially with admission portals open to those families in Year 6 secondary places and new intake for primary school for 2025.**

## What is mental health?

### Everyone has mental health.

Our mental health is about how our minds grow and learn and about how we overcome the struggles we face, so that we can make the most of our strengths and succeed in life.

The way we feel, behave and cope may change and sometimes we need to find support or an adult we can trust to help us.

Good mental health helps us with things like:

- Having good friendships
- How positively we see ourselves and the world around us
- Our ability to learn
- Being able to do the things we enjoy
- Setting goals for ourselves and reaching them

Just like we can all look after our bodies, we can also all look after our minds. Mental health includes all the feelings we have - good and bad, and is different for every person. Sometimes you might feel really happy and positive, and other times you might feel sad or worried. How you feel can change all the time, and this is all a part of your mental health.

Going through a new change can sometimes create new feelings that we might not know how to deal with. Thinking about how we can look after our mental health can help us to manage these feelings before they get too big.

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[Apply for a secondary school | Leicestershire County Council](#) closes 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024

[Apply for a primary or junior school | Leicestershire County Council](#) closes 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Community Information

## MELTON & BELVOIR SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

### TRAINING DATES FOR YEARS 3-9

TAKING PLACE AT LONG  
FIELD SPENCER ACADEMY  
ON:

- WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER
- WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER
- WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
- WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

REGISTRATION: HAMPSON CENTRE 3:45PM  
TIME: 4PM - 5PM  
COST: £2 PER CHILD (FREE FOR LFSA STUDENTS)

FOR BOOKING INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL:  
CMARLOW@LONGFIELDSPENCER.ORG.UK



### YOUNG PEOPLE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & SPORT HARDSHIP FUND

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