



News Letter March 2018

Diary Dates

School Opens

11th April – NSPCC Fund-raiser (Buddy's Circuit workout)

19th April – Supporting parents to support their children at home (Maths workshop)

20th April – FOAH meeting (2pm) All welcome!

14th May – Year 6 SATs week

14th/15th May – Educational Van visit

25th June – 1st June – Half term (School opens 4th June)

16th June – Summer fair (11am-1pm)

27th June – Yr 6 Brass rehearsal and concert at De Montfort Hall

4th July – Sports Morning + picnic

Visitors in school

We have been incredibly lucky to have had a huge range of visitors come in to school this term to widen the children's learning, knowledge and experience.

The NSPCC ran two separate assemblies for EYFS/KS1 and KS 2 showing them strategies on how to keep themselves safe. If you would like further information, they have a fantastic website: nspcc.org.uk/pants or nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe

They also came in to present a workshop for our Year 5 and Year 6 children. "It was really interesting and helped me understand more about the NSPCC and how I can keep myself safe" said Lily –Ann.

Other visitors have included a team from the Creative learning Services who ran a workshop for Rowan class about the Stone Age and Oak Class invited Andy Jackson (from LCC) and his team in to talk to them about the distribution road and the environmental issues that are affecting it. They loved meeting the real life bat!

We love our sport/PE!

A huge 'CONGRATULATIONS' needs to go to the whole of Rowan Class who represented the school wonderfully at the Leicestershire School's Challenge 2018 Dance Competition. Although we didn't win overall, we were presented with three awards: 'Best Concept' 'Most polished performance' and 'Most organised Team'.



Plus, we have had fantastic success in Cross Country this year with 8 members of our team being selected to represent Melton and Belvoir in the County Finals. This is an incredible achievement – well done to everyone! I am looking forward to hearing how you did after Easter.

Our new football club is now up and running with 17 boys and girls attending practices weekly on a Friday after school. Skills are improving and we hope to arrange some interschool competitions in the near future. Mrs Smith is also very pleased with her Netballers who have been practising diligently on Tuesdays after school. I am looking forward to watching you play in the Netball tournament in May.

Being Safe

Teaching our children to be safe in a world that is increasingly technological is a priority for everyone at AHS. We held a whole school 'E-Safety' Day where the children learnt about how to keep themselves safe on the internet, mobile phones and tablets and Beech Class travelled to John Ferneley College to watch 'In the net'. Grace commented, 'When we went to see 'In the net' it was amazing, interactive and will help us keep safe online!' We also invited David Barsby in to school to talk to parents about how they could support their children in being safe on the internet at home. Many braved the cold weather but were warmly welcomed with a hot drink and biscuits! One parent commented, 'Very useful and informative. It is the parent's responsibility to monitor internet usage if their child actually needs to play online games. Lots to learn!'



As part of their PSHCE the children in Oak class recently experienced a memorable trip to The Warning Zone. They learnt about personal safety and online safety in a stimulating environment. The children thought hard about consequences for their own actions, peer pressure and personal responsibility. It was certainly 'food for thought' and gave a great chance for them all to use their independent thinking skills.

Citizenship Awards

We have heard a few 'Whispers' about children being good citizens! The awards are designed to help our children begin to take more responsibility for themselves, their environment and think about others around them. We present them in assembly on Friday (along with a Whisper chocolate bar) together with the class WOW awards. We also like to celebrate your child's achievements outside school, so if they have received an award from an out



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Arriving and Leaving

When dropping off/collecting children, please remember not to turn around outside school in the morning or afternoon. We have witnessed two near misses on the school CCTV system, where children were almost run over as they got out of their parents cars.

Mrs Goodsell is more than happy to supervise your children cross on the



School Council

The School Council would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who dressed up on the 9th March to raise funds for their 'Friendship bench' project. A whopping £181.00 was raised which is very close to their target amount of £200 They have a few more ideas to achieve this target – watch this space!



A Moment of Peace



These are the pictures we have sent to represent AHS's 'Moment of Peace'.—a project being led by the Lions Club. We had some lovely entries. Please pop in to school and have a look at them

Pupil Premium Plea!

Last year the school received an extra £25,000 in pupil premium funding. This money pays for additional adult support and enables us buy extra equipment and uniform that supports your child's learning We also use the funding to subsidise clubs, trips and visits for those children who's parents are on benefits. Once claimed, the premium continues for six years, even through to Secondary School where you can gain help paying for books and uniform. Unfortunately the number of parents who claim free school meals has greatly diminished since the government's free school meals initiative for Key Stage 1 children.

If your child prefers sandwiches and chooses not to take the school meal, or if they are entitled to universal free infant meals, it is still worth signing up for the additional benefits. If you are unsure whether you are eligible or not please call into the office for more information.

Thank you!

On behalf of the children, I would just like to say a huge thank you to all the staff working at AHS, the Governors and many parents who happily give up their personal time to ensure that the experiences and education offered here is second to none. Without this selfless attitude, our school would not be the happy, safe and quality learning environment that it is. Thank you.

Mrs Millward