

# Monthly Newsletter

Asfordby Hill Primary School

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## WELCOME BACK!

We hope you have all had a lovely summer break; the weather was certainly a 'mixed bag' this year! It has been so good to welcome back our Year 1-6 children and to meet our new Chestnut Class (EYFS); what a smart and enthusiastic bunch they are all ready proving to be.

It has been busy on site with the creation of a shiny new kitchen area- The Pantry, two new learning rooms in the garden- The Pod and all the classrooms have been freshly painted. Some of the outside of the school has also been painted. Unfinished parts, both internal and external, will be completed either at half term or in the next few weeks. Please take care if areas of the playground are cordoned off.



Thank you to those who filled in the survey at the end of last term. Your comments continue to be overwhelmingly positive, which tells me we are doing a lot of things right. I have spoken to a few of you regarding your personal concerns and taken into account the more generic comments.

As a result of the survey, we have made a few changes to the format of our newsletters. We will be sending out our monthly newsletter at the beginning of each month on both Parentpay, Seesaw, with a reminder on our Facebook page too.

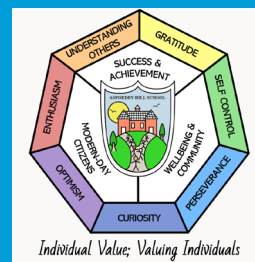
Over the next week, your child's class teacher will be sending out additional information about the term ahead in their Class Curriculum Letters.

We are looking forward to another fantastic year with lots of laughter, learning and fun!

Mrs Millward

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

1. Key Dates
2. Summer updates
3. PE and Afterschool Club timetables
4. Curriculum News
5. Class Assemblies
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# Key dates for your diary: Autumn Term

- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September** – SEND Clinic for parents (morning only) contact the office to book an appointment.
- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September** -EYFS and Year 2 Curriculum Information Evening 5:30pm
- **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 4 Timetable opening morning in school 9am-10am
- **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September** -KS2 Movie Night (FOAH)
- **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**- Harvest festival food donations for Storehouse
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October Parents Evening**
- **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October Parents Evening**
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October**- School disco (FOAH)
- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October HALF TERM**
- **27<sup>th</sup> October**- Quiz Night (FOAH) TBC
- **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October (AM)** -SEND Clinic for parents
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November**- KS1 Movie Night (FOAH)
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** - Children in Need Day (SPOTacular Day)
- **Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup> (AM)**- SEND Clinic for parents
- **9<sup>th</sup> December**- Christmas Fair (FOAH)
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** -Chestnut's Nativity
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**: Last day of the term
- **School closed to children (Inset day)**- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January '24

## Sports Dates:

25/9/23: Y5/6 Boys football tournament

6/10/23: Year 6 gymnastics festival

7/10/23: Longfield cross country

9/10/23: Year 5/6 girls football tournament

5/10 and 12/10: Evening fishing taster sessions

## New EYFS children 2024 open day visits:

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023


27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Please share !**

## Other Dates:

- W/B Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Year 6 SATS week
- W/B 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Swimming Pool on site
- 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Year 6 residential trip
- W/B 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Sports Week

## Our Classes

Chestnuts (EYFS) Miss Harby	Willow (Year 1) Mrs Blunt	Holly (Year 2) Mr Amps	Rowan (Year 3) Miss Lovegrove
Beech (Year 4) Mrs Smalley	Sycamore (Year 5) Mr Forde	Oak (Year 6) Miss Parrott (Mon-Wed) Mrs Bailey (Wed-Fri)	

# Summer Updates

The summer break has been a hive of activity in school with various trades people and staff continuously updating our school environment to reflect the needs of our children.

The majority of the school has been painted; it certainly looks brighter!



The previously known Red Room has undergone a makeover too! The Pantry has been designed to allow all children to develop their food technology skills in a calm and nurturing environment, as well as providing a home-like environment for both morning and after school club. Mr Amps, our design technology lead, has tirelessly driven this project to its completion with the support of members of the local community, parents, staff and our FOAH. Thank you all for your generosity. We cannot wait for the children to use this fantastic resource both in the curriculum and beyond.

## The Pantry

Hidden within the side garden, we now have 'The Pod'. A multifunctional space that children and staff can use for many different purposes: ELSA sessions, small group interventions, shared reading, meetings, lunch time clubs, Lego therapy and much more. These two extra rooms will give the school the additional space that is much needed to support the school's needs.

Lastly, a warm welcome to our new member of staff, Mrs Hacking, who will be working with the children in Beech and Willow Classes. We are sure that all the children and the rest of the whole AHS family will make her feel very welcome.



## The Pod

# PE Timetable

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



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Rowan			Chestnuts
Rowan	Sycamore			
Beech	Willow	Sycamore		Beech
Holly	Oak	Oak	Willow	Holly

# School Clubs Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Time	Y3/4 activities	Y5/6 activities			Garden Club
After School	Boys Football KS2	Girls Football		KS1 multisport	



## Curriculum News

During the first week of term, the whole school has been looking at the work of different illustrators of children's books. The children have put into practice the artistic skills that each illustrator uses to enhance storytelling. Later in the term, the children's finished pieces will be proudly displayed around the school.

Can you recognise any of the illustrators that the children have been focusing on?



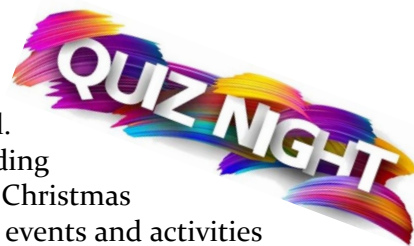
## Class Assemblies

Over this coming year, each class will have the opportunity to host their own assembly. These assemblies will be a showcase of their learning alongside the opportunity to enhance their speaking and listening skills. These skills are very important. Not only does it help to build self-esteem but the ability to present with confidence will help pupils throughout their education and adult life. Dates and times will be confirmed in next month's newsletter.



# Friends of Asfordby Hill (FOAH)

Thank you to the FOAH who work tirelessly to raise money that helps to enrich the children's education. They are such an important part of our school. Over the last year, they were able to support with educational resources including high quality books and kitchen equipment, school trip subsidies and a special Christmas experience for all the children. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the events and activities which helped to raise these funds. They are always looking for new members and volunteers. If you are interested in supporting them, then please send a message to: [friendsofasfordbyhill@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofasfordbyhill@gmail.com)



## Summer Prize Raffle

## Local Connections

### Melton Mowbray Library

#### Stay and Play Saturdays

Every Saturday, 10am to 3pm.

Come along and enjoy playing with a wide range of games, puzzles and Lego in the library.

Free for adults and children and no need to book.

#### Saturday Crafts

Starting Saturday 18 February 2023, a new monthly craft session at Melton Mowbray Library, each session takes on a different theme.

**Time:** 10.30am - 12.30pm

**Ages:** 3 - 12 years

**Price:** £1 per child

**Booking advised**

5 August – At the Beach Crafts

2 September – Back to School Crafts

30 September – Autumn Crafts

28 October – Halloween Crafts

25 November – Acorns, Owls and Squirrel Crafts

23 December – Winter Crafts



### MMTE Summer Band

### Stand Concerts 2023

June 18 @ 2:45 pm - September 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2:45pm

Melton Mowbray Lions Community Hub is located within the Bell Centre, We are open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays 10am - 4pm and is completely run by our Members and Volunteers. We have information on what's on in Melton Mowbray, knowledge of the surrounding area and most of all a chair and a chat to break up the shopping! 😊😊

We can also offer more information on our upcoming event "It's A Knockout" 😊😊

hope to see you soon!



## COMMUNITY HUB



### 'POP IN AND SAY HELLO'

Find Us Through Google Maps  
Search For Melton Mowbray Lions  
Community Hub.

**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**  
**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**"IT'S A KNOCKOUT"**  
**IS**  
**BACK IN TOWN**  
**10am TO 5pm**

ALONG WITH THE FUN FAIR  
AND MANY OTHER STALLS  
FOR A GREAT FAMILY DAY OUT

YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS EVENT WILL HELP  
**MELTON MOWBRAY LIONS CLUB (CIO)**  
PROVIDE GRANT AID FACILITIES FOR  
NO LESS THAN 6 GOOD CAUSES WITHIN  
**MELTON MOWBRAY**

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Email: [fundraising@melton-mowbray.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@melton-mowbray.org.uk)

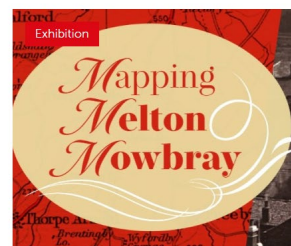
## Melton Mowbray Carnegie Museum



### Second Turning Textiles: Painting the Town Red

**Tue, 27 Jun 2023 - Sat, 30 Sep 2023**

An exhibition by highly skilled creatives working with textiles, inspired by 'Painting the town red'.



### Mapping Melton Mowbray

**Fri, 28 Apr 2023 - Sat, 16 Dec 2023**

Melton Mowbray's long and celebrated history is brought to life in a new exhibition, with the magnificent Latham map as its centre piece.