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ST. ALDHELM'S NEWS

October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had such a good first term in school and we are delighted to see that our reception children have settled into the school routine so well. Since our first newsletter, we have enjoyed a Maths Problem Solving Day, our first in-school Music Festival, a theatre performance, Harvest Service led by Year 1 and 4 in church, Y3 Quarry Visit and Outdoor Learning Day, on top of all the other wonderful learning opportunities the children experience each and every day. There will be more details to follow in our November Newsletter next term. Children have engaged and demonstrated good learning behaviours and are proud of their learning. I have seen a record number of children visiting my office and receiving a gold headteacher sticker, not to mention the fabulous amount of points and brilliant examples on ClassDojo stories.

It has been great to hear such positive comments from our first parents' evening this week. Thank you to all parents who have shared how well their child has settled into school or their new class and how engaged their child is with their learning. There is a real positivity about school and a buzz of activity – a great first term. We look forward to meeting with parents for this afternoon's consultations.

Please see the Dates opposite with new additions for Term 2. **Don't forget school is closed to pupils tomorrow as it is an INSET day for staff.** We hope you all enjoy a wonderful half term and can catch up with family, friends and having fun! Children will be tired and in need of some rest and downtime too, particularly our younger children. We look forward to seeing you back and refreshed on **Monday 4th November.**

Kind regards
Mrs P Cohen
Headteacher

25.10.19 INSET DAY TOMORROW

04.11.19 Term 2 starts

Poppies will be available this week

Clubs - Session 5 this week

05.11.19 Tallulah Swirls Drama Group in school for Year Group Drama Performances (Y2-6)
Collett Park Cross Country Race

– Race starts 3:45pm

06.11.19 Maths Problem Solving Day
Mumblecrust Theatre FREE show
'The Tale of The Cockatrice' at St Paul's School 3:45pm. To reserve a free ticket please visit:

<https://makethesunshine.eventbrite.co.uk/>

08.11.19 Y5 Swimming starts this week (**Every week this term, except 20.12.19**)

11.11.19 National Anti-Bullying Week – 'Change Starts With Us'

Clubs - Session 6 this week

13.11.19 Open Day for prospective families

18.11.19 **Clubs - Session 7 this week**

22.11.19 Whole School Mufti Day to raise money for new library furniture. All donations welcome ☺

25.11.19 **Clubs - Session 8 this week (Last session for these groups)**

29.11.19 Celebration Worship 2:30pm

03.12.19 Christingle Service in Church 4pm for families who wish to join us

09.12.19 **Sign up for Spring Term Clubs this week**

11.12.19 Y1&2 Christmas Performance 2:30pm

12.12.19 Y1&2 Christmas Performance 5:30pm

13.12.19 Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Fair

16.12.19 Christmas Craft Day

17.12.19 Christmas Service 9:30am – St Aldhelm's Church, led by YR & Y5; Christmas Lunch

19.12.19 Celebration Worship

20.12.19 Class Christmas Parties

End of Term 2 - Christmas Holiday

GLOBAL WORSHIP WEEK OCTOBER 2019

This week has seen our First Global Worship Week take place. This is an opportunity each term to focus on the work we do to educate children to look outside our school, church, community and country, to find out about the lives of others in our wider world. Also, it is a chance to consider how fortunate we are and reinforce the message that we can have an enormously positive impact on other people around the world with our actions.

On Monday, our Class Worship focus was on things that we were all grateful for. On Tuesday, we considered the Christmas presents we were hoping for and what we could give to others in a variety of different ways. Today, we were joined by Sue Farrance, and her team, who introduced Operation Christmas Child. She shared how many children in the countries that the boxes are destined do not normally receive a Christmas or Birthday present at all and one child even had to share a toothbrush with nine other children! Also, she using glasses and water, Sue showed that God's Love can be shared in our boxes.

The Amazing Journey of a Simple Shoebox Gift Begins With You

A simple shoebox gift packed with love and fuelled by prayer can have a huge impact! Watch how Operation Christmas Child brings Good News and great joy to children around the world.



St Aldhelm's Primary School is working with Chris Greaves from St Aldhelm's Church to create as many shoe boxes as possible to send to children around the world.

It would be superb if everyone could contribute something to the shoe boxes – it may be a single item, an entire shoe box, or a monetary donation to help towards transportation. Every Little Helps!



Leaflets will be sent home today with each eldest child with more information. Chris has sourced many empty shoe boxes so if you would like one, please ask at the office.

We are very excited to be involved with this exciting project. Why not turn it into a half term project for your family? Consider and discuss in your family what you are grateful for, how you can help others and what can go in your shoe box.

Please drop off your Shoebox at the office to store near the Worship Area.

If you have any questions please ask Mrs Phillips or at the office.

STEP 1



Find a Shoebox

Get an empty medium sized shoebox, and wrap the box and lid separately in colourful wrapping paper or order preprinted shoeboxes [online](#). Attach the appropriate [boy/girl label](#), marking if your gift is for a boy or a girl. Select an age category 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 and attach the label to the top of your shoebox.

STEP 2



Fill with gifts

Fill your shoebox with a selection of fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. If possible, include one or two special items you know a child will love such as a doll, cuddly toy or deflated football with pump. See our [Gift Suggestions](#) below for more ideas.

Due to more stringent import regulations, toothpaste and sweets can no longer be included in shoeboxes.

STEP 3



Make your project donation

A suggested donation of £5 is essential to cover project costs, including shipping, to enable a local church or group overseas to lead a safe, well-organised children's event where your shoebox will be given to a child in need. More detail on what your donation covers [here](#).

Give online at [Follow Your Box](#) and you can print out a barcode and place it inside your shoebox on top of the contents. This will enable us to tell you which country your shoebox gets sent to.

Or you can enclose cash or cheque (to Samaritan's Purse) and place it in an envelope inside your shoebox on top of the contents. If you are packing multiple shoeboxes you can write a cheque for one combined donation.

STEP 4



Personalise & Pray

Personalise your shoebox by including a hand written note and a photograph of yourself, your group or your family. You may also like to pray for the child that will receive your gift.

STEP 5



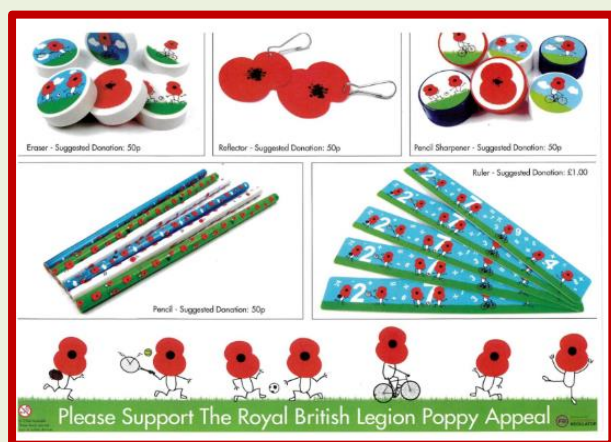
Drop Off Your Shoebox

Place a rubber band around each closed shoebox and take it to a local drop-off location between 11th and 18th November. Your nearest drop off location will be listed on the website from late September ([find my nearest drop off location](#)), or call 01993 770620.

Midday Supervisors at St Aldhelm's

We are really pleased to share that we have appointed three new lunchtime supervisors and look forward to welcoming Miss Dingle, Mrs Connock and Miss Ricketts to our school after half term. We thank all of our staff who have stepped up to cover lunchtime supervision in the interim ensuring appropriate staffing at all times.

After half term we will be supporting The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for 2019 as we did last year. Poppies and other items will be available for the donations suggested below:



In addition metal poppy pins will be available at a suggested donation of £2.00. Y6 children will visit classrooms at the start of the afternoons **between Monday 4th and Friday 8th November**, for children to make a donation and choose their item. We hope to be able to send a generous contribution to the charity after Remembrance Day.



St. Aldhelm's Church News

Next Messy Church



Sunday 3rd November 2019, 4 – 6 pm at St. Aldhelm's Church

This is an event for parents, carers and children of all ages.

Do come along and join us!

All children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

A contribution for the pot would be much appreciated but is in no way obligatory.

If you would like to come or would like more details, please contact Janice Minchin by Friday 1st November on 01749 880627

Upcoming Event Date: **Christmas Bazaar**

Saturday 16th November, 10am – 1pm, Doultong Village Hall

Father Christmas in his grotto, Variety of Stalls including Cakes, Bric a Brac, Gifts, Plants and Toys

Hamper raffle and Refreshments

Proceeds in aid of Doultong Church Funds