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# ST. ALDHELM'S NEWS

## February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all enjoyed the February half term week and found time to catch up with family, friends and rest, as well as spending more time with your own children.

This month we enjoyed the Spring Music concert, which featured our violinists and their teacher Helen Brock, Safer Internet Week, KS1 Film Night, Y5 Enrichment Day at Whitstone, Learning Showcase and Fairtrade Week, amongst all our other learning. **See page 2** for Safer Internet Week, **page 3&4** for Learning Showcase and **page 5** for Fairtrade Week. Please also see **page 6** for our Golden Mile launch and **page 7** for Community News.

During the half term break we have had a big change and upgrade of our IT resources. A new server, teacher class laptops, office PC and laptops and 33 chrome-books have improved our IT provision for children and staff alike. This upgrade along with our new Promethean Panels in 5 out of 7 classes is ensuring our children get the best possible resources to support and facilitate their learning. Once training has been given for the chrome-books, children will be able to begin using them in class, which will be exciting.

We're really proud that a group of our Y4, 5 & 6 children are taking part in the Community Learning Partnership Theatre opportunity next week. Children are receiving lunchtime sessions to learn scripts and dance sessions with Emma Hill, who runs a local dance school. The performance of Rosie's Adventure is set in Shepton and takes place at St Paul's School on Friday 6th March. More details of its success to follow in the March Newsletter.

Kind regards  
*Mrs P Cohen*  
Headteacher

### TERM DATES:

<b>24.02.20</b>	<b>Term 4 No Clubs this week</b> Global Value Week – Fairtrade
28.02.20	Y4 Swimming starts (Fridays in Term 4; last session 27 <sup>th</sup> March. <b>No session 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> )
02.03.20	<b>Clubs – Session 5 this week</b>
04.03.20	NSPCC Assemblies for all children
05.03.20	World Book Day – <b>reminder on page 5</b>
06.03.20	Celebration Worship 2:45pm 'Rosie's Adventure' CLP Performance
09.03.20	<b>Clubs - Session 6 this week</b>
10.03.20	Y2 Heritage Trust Toys and Games Workshop
11.03.20	Y5 Kilve Residential (11-13 <sup>th</sup> March 2020)
16.03.20	<b>Clubs - Session 7 this week</b>
18.03.20	Y5&6 NSPCC Workshops Y3&4 Spring Performance <b>2pm</b>
19.03.20	Y3&4 Spring Performance <b>5:30pm</b>
20.03.20	NSPCC 'Danceathon' Event
23.03.20	<b>Clubs - Session 8 this week (last session)</b> Y6 Safeguarding Workshop
30.03.20	Parent Consultations 3:30-6:30pm <b>Sign up for Summer Term Clubs this week</b>
<b>31.03.20</b>	<b>Easter Service 9:30am – St Aldhelm's Church, led by Y2 &amp; 3 (Please note changed date)</b> Maths Problem Solving Day
02.04.20	Spring Games Event for Y4 group at Millfield Parent Consultations 3:30-6pm
03.04.20	Celebration Worship 2:45pm PTA Easter Bingo <b>End of Term 4 – Easter Holiday</b>
<b>20.04.20</b>	<b>Term 5 starts</b> Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies Week
28.04.20	Outdoor Learning Day
30.04.20	Celebration Worship 2:45pm
06.05.20	Y3&4 Film Night
<b>08.05.20</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY – School closed (Note: Friday)</b>
21.05.20	Y5&6 Film Night
22.05.20	Celebration Worship 2:45pm <b>End of Term 5</b>
<b>01.06.20</b>	<b>Term 6 starts</b> Y6 Buddens Residential (17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> June 2020)
17.06.20	Y6 Pilgrim Day – Wells Cathedral
22.06.20	<b>INSET DAY</b>
07.07.20	Traditional Sports Races Day
08.07.20	Summer Music Concert 9:15am
10.07.20	Celebration Worship 2:45pm
14.07.20	Leavers' Service - St Aldhelm's Church
17.07.20	Leavers' Celebration Assembly <b>End of Term 6 INSET DAY 20.07.20</b>





# Learning Showcase

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents, carers, grandparents and family members to our Learning Showcase on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. This showcase focused on the learning that has taken place throughout each class's enquiry project for the term.

Children were proud to show their work in books and on display as well as sharing the activities in the classrooms with visiting adults. Thank you for all the great feedback you shared with staff 😊

"Children are working so hard every day here"

"School was never this fun when I was at school"

"I can't believe how much progress my child has made with his writing"

"It's great to see children looking for their own answers and having chance to learn in more depth"

"I love the fact that my child enjoys maths and wants to share it with me"

"I've really enjoyed seeing more of what they get up to as my child doesn't share much when he gets home from school"



Y1 Who was Mary Anning and why do we remember her?



Y3 How did achievements of Ancient Egypt impact on people and the world?





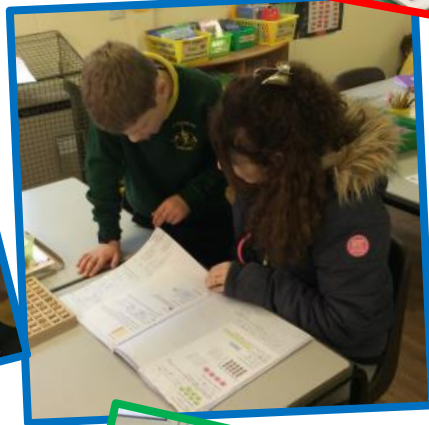
# Learning Showcase



Y5 How did the Ancient Greeks influence life today?



Y4 How did the Romans change Britain?



Y2  
Paddington:  
Where? What?  
Who?



Y6 Why did the Maya civilisation predict the world would end in 2012?



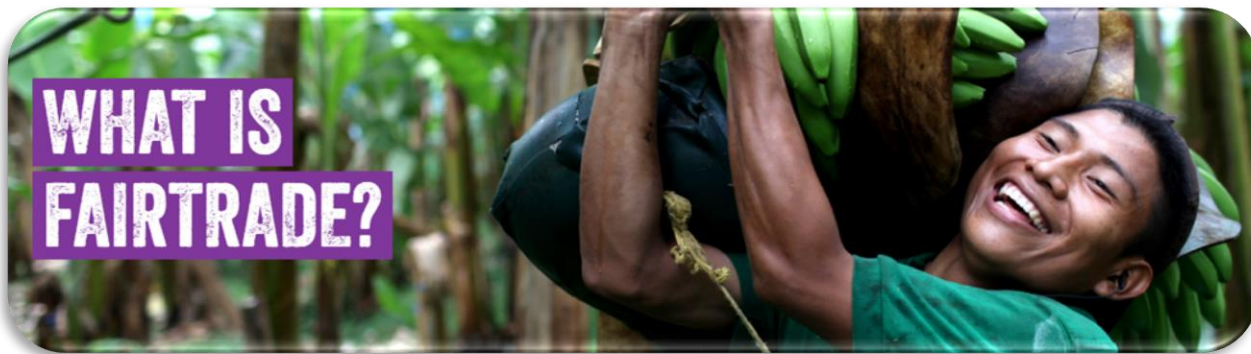
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What is the smallest possible area of the original rectangle?

What is the largest possible area if the length of the rectangle is less than 10 squares?

Parents then had an opportunity to look through their child's topic work as well as teaming up with their child to solve a range of problems. We were impressed with the wide range of approaches each team used. Thank you for everyone who was able to come - why not have a go at this problem?





# WHAT IS FAIRTRADE?

Children have been finding out about our Global Value, Fairtrade, this week. From our whole school worship at the start of the week on banana farming in Columbia, children have explored and investigated what Fairtrade is and the communities across the world it supports. For more information, ask your child and visit: <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>



Don't forget that it's  
**World Book Day**  
 On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020



Have you chosen your Favourite Traditional Tale character? Have you decided what your outfit will be and which two props you might make or bring along? Which scene might be a good one to share with your class to show off your character? If you're not sure of your answers, have a think and get prepared over the weekend ☺

Thank you for your support with helping your child to decide who they will be and finding or creating a costume. It will be a fun day!



Our outdoor track is proving very popular and creating the opportunities we intended to promote active bodies and well-being.

We are delighted to announce that our school will be participating in a new exercise initiative called The Golden Mile. The Golden Mile is a safe, simple and measurable health initiative aiming to inspire and encourage the school community through physical activity with the focus on fun, rewarding personal achievement, raising money and school competition.

Every pupil can choose to run, jog, or simply walk and chat to their friends whilst travelling around the Golden Mile track either during school hours, as part of a break time activity or as an after school club.

We've challenged the pupils to complete a total of 50 golden miles by the end of the year. Certificates for 10 Miles (Bronze), 25 Miles (Silver) and 50 Miles (Gold) are awarded to children as they progress.

*"The Golden Mile represents an excellent opportunity for primary school children of all abilities to get fit and be active. The project is simple, effective and accessible to all schools, children and parents. It really is an innovative and interesting project that will be embraced by both children and schools."*

**The Golden Mile Ambassador, Olympic Gold Medallist Duncan Goodhew MBE**

Individuals can monitor their distances online at school, and are able to print graphs and compare progress with previous weeks, months or even years!

This is a fantastically simple scheme, which has many endorsements by university studies, teachers, parents and pupils themselves! ([www.golden-mile.org](http://www.golden-mile.org))

Our Golden Mile Team has shared the initiative with the whole school on Thursday this week, with a view to launching the Golden Mile next week.

#### **Our Golden Mile Team**

**Stan, Freya B, Freya E, Katherine, Finley E and Jack (and Miss Horgan!)**





# St. Aldhelm's Community News

## St. Aldhelm's PTA

The KS1 Film Night was a great success with children thoroughly enjoying 'Secret Life of Pets 2', whilst enjoying hot dogs, popcorn and hot chocolate. Thank you to Mrs Phillips, Mrs Newman, Miss Juden and the team of PTA parents who supported and ran this event. The event raised **£127** which will go towards new library books for children to enjoy in school

The Easter Bingo will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, from **5-7pm (time to be confirmed)** in the school hall.

A PTA meeting will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30pm at school to plan the event details. Please come along if you would like to be involved and help on the night. On **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** we will hold a mufti day and ask in return for donations of Easter chocolate for prizes.

Our school community thank Teraza Connock and Clair Varley, who have stepped down as Chair and Treasurer of the PTA. They have worked very hard and led the PTA in raising a great deal of money in the 3 years they have stood on the committee. Details will follow shortly on an EGM to elect PTA members to these roles.

**TESCO**  
Every little helps

I'm sure you will all agree that our school and village hall is much in need of a redecoration.

We have been successful in our application to Tesco, who support funding for community projects. From the 1<sup>st</sup> April, any tokens you get at the checkout will be able to be posted into the box for our project. Make sure you collect your tokens to give us the best possible chance of a good contribution towards the new floor. Don't be afraid to tell check out staff if you aren't given any. We're counting on our community families to help this project receive funding.

## St. Aldhelm's Church News

### Messy Church

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020, 4 – 6 pm at St. Aldhelm's Church**

This is an event for parents, carers and children of all ages. 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 Joy Lees by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February on 01749 880260

### Next Messy Church

**Sunday 5th April 2020, 4 – 6 pm at St. Aldhelm's Church**

Details as above. Please contact Joy Lees by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April on 01749 880260

### Mothering Sunday Service

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 11am**

### Easter Day Service

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – 11am Easter Service**

**Followed by egg hunt**



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