



NEWSLETTER – September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to you all, especially those families who are joining us for the first time. We hope both you and your child will be very happy here at Axbridge, and that their time here is as successful and rewarding as possible. May I also pass on our thanks for the many cards and gifts received at the end of term; it is very kind and much appreciated.

Premises

As you are aware we have undertaken a significant building project over the summer and are delighted with the extension to Pine and Willow classes. The space is phenomenal and it is wonderful to see our youngest children enjoying and utilising the environment already. A big thank you to Inspired Worx for completing the project on time! We have also had some new windows fitted and some cosmetic changes to the dining hall for the children to enjoy. We take great pride in the vibrancy of our school and are delighted with the progress over the summer.

Staffing

The Axbridge team have returned with their usual energy and enthusiasm ready for the term ahead. Miss Marsh will be undertaking her teaching qualification this year and we wish her all the very best for the year ahead.

On a Tuesday morning, I will be undertaking work for the Wessex Learning Trust and continue to be out of school on a Wednesday. Mr Shillabeer, as Deputy Headteacher, is in charge in my absence, supported by Miss Nash as Assistant Headteacher.

Information booklets outlining staffing arrangements and roles and responsibilities, amongst other useful information, will be shared at our Welcome to my Class session on Monday 30th September.

Curriculum

This Autumn Term the whole school will be enjoying the Topic 'What's above us?', taking us from the first airplane flight through to the landing on the moon. We have Jo Richardson, Space Ambassador and Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, delivering some excellent space workshops for all classes. Further to this, KS1 and KS2 will make a visit to 'We the Curious' in Bristol, plus we will be holding a Harvest Workshop, Creative Curriculum Days and much more.

Aspirations Week

We are once again beginning the year with our Aspirations Week. This is an opportunity to talk about our dreams and aspirations for the future. We have a variety of visitors, including the Fire Service, Water Aid and an ex-pupil scheduled to come in. All the children will have an opportunity to make a kite, as well as be part of a whole school Wishing Tree art project. On Friday 13th September, we are asking the children to come to school dressed as their aspiration for the future, 'what would they like to be when they grow up?'

PTA

If you are interested in meeting new people and joining our PTA please come along to our annual general meeting (AGM) on Tuesday 17th September at 6.30pm at the school. It would be wonderful to see you there. In such challenging financial times in Education the PTA continue to be critical in enabling us to provide those extra special events and experiences for your children.

Our website, school APP and newsletters will continue to provide you with up to date events and notifications.

Staff will be issuing their own newsletters next week, which will give you more details about what your child will be doing in their class.

I look forward to a happy and successful year ahead and thank you in advance for your support in helping us provide the best we can for your child.

Yours faithfully

Lorna Richardson
Headteacher

Celebration Assembly – Mondays @ 9:10

**All parents/carers are invited to join in whole school assembly
Starting Monday 23rd September**

Our Christian value this half term is
Thankfulness

Dates for the Diary

Dates for September

Friday 6th

Rev. Tim in to lead Collective Worship

Monday 9th to Friday 13th

Aspirations Week

Friday 13th

Dressing up as 'our aspiration' day

Tuesday 17th

6:30pm – Meet the PTA Evening – Everyone is welcome!

Monday 23rd

9:10am – Celebration Assembly – parents & carers are invited to attend

and

9 to 11:30pm – KS2 to visit St James' Church in Winscombe – *Knitted Bible Exhibition*

Tuesday 24th

Harvest Celebration Day

Friday 27th

9am - Church Service everyone is welcome



Monday 30th

9:30 to 3:30pm – Open Day

and

3:30 to 4:15pm – 'Welcome to My Class' all parents/carers invited to visit their child's classroom

Dates for October

Tuesday 1st

9am – KS1 to visit *We the Curious* in Bristol

Friday 4th

Rev. Tim in to lead Collective Worship

Monday 7th - National Space Week begins!

9am – KS2 to visit *We the Curious* in Bristol

and

4pm - Reception Curriculum Information Workshop

Tuesday 15th

9:15 to 10:30 – Reception Curriculum Information Workshop

Friday 18th

9am - Church Service everyone is welcome



Monday 21st

Flu vaccinations whole school

Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd

4 to 7pm – Parents Evening

School closes for HALF TERM on Wednesday 23rd

October at 3:20pm

Thursday and Friday 24th and 25th October are

JNSET DAYS

We return to school on Monday 4th November

Dates for November

Friday 18th

9am - Church Service everyone is welcome



Dates for December

Monday 9th

10:30am – EYFS Nativity (dress rehearsal)

Tuesday 10th

10:30am and 2pm – EYFS Nativity

Monday 16th

6pm – Christmas Carol Service

Friday 13th – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 20th

9am - Church Service everyone welcome



School closes for Christmas Holidays on Friday

20th December at 3:20pm

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Our school calendar can be found on our website