

# Aston All Saints Church of England Primary School

## Summer Term Newsletter



*Lighting candles at a Messy Church Service*

Dear Parents,

Times are very different at the moment and although this is nothing like my usual summer term newsletter, I thought I would provide parents with some updates and information which I am sure you will find useful. I have interspersed my news with photographs from the last few months which I thought you would all enjoy!



*Year One visited Sherwood Pines in the autumn term*

## Home learning

Thank you to all our parents for supporting their children with their learning at home; we fully understand what a challenge this is and really appreciate all your hard work in keeping the children's skills going. We have had some very positive feedback from parents about the Oak National Academy and from the BBC Bitesize too. These sites in particular set out lessons and work for each day which is good given the mountain of resources and websites there are out there!

All the staff are really enjoying all the work, photographs and videos you are all posting on Dojo too. It is wonderful to see all the brilliant things you are doing at home – some really exciting things happening and despite this being a very worrying time globally – the children will have many special memories to treasure in years to come. I have loved the videos and photographs that have been collated by all the children in a class – *thank you* - they have really made me smile!

Teachers are following work being covered on the Oak National Academy and on BBC Bitesize but are also posting other work too and commenting on and giving feedback on work submitted to Class Dojo. If you have any questions about any of the work, you can send a message through Dojo to your child's class teacher.



*Gardening morning October 2019*

## Assessments in 2020

I am sure that parents will have picked up in the news that all assessments this year have been cancelled. This includes –

- Foundation Stage Two – Early Learning Goals

- Year One Phonics Screening
- Year Two SATs
- Year Four Times Tables Test
- Year Six SATs

There will be no national reporting of data for schools this year.

Teachers are preparing a Record of Achievement for all our children but these will obviously be different to those we usually send home each summer. We will send more information about these in due course.



World Book Day March 2020

### **Schools reopening**

As I write this newsletter, although there is much speculation about when and how schools will reopen, there is nothing official from the Department of Education at the moment. I would like to reassure parents that when schools are allowed to begin reopening, we will follow the national guidance and do everything we can to ensure the safety of all our children and staff whilst they are in school. Once information is issued to schools and we begin to plan for reopening, we will get in touch with parents through Dojo and the School Website – [www.astoncofe.co.uk](http://www.astoncofe.co.uk) . Please could I also ask that parents make sure that we have an up to date email address – this may be another means of contacting parents. If you think we either haven't got an up to date email or an email address at all – please could parents send this to the school email address – [enquiries@aasp.dsat.education](mailto:enquiries@aasp.dsat.education) so that we can update our records. *Thank you*

## **Transition**

We are aware that the summer term is a time when we begin thinking about transition for different groups of children in school. For Y6, the comprehensive schools have asked for parents' email addresses so they will be in contact with parents directly. It remains to be seen whether actual visits will take place before the summer holidays but I am sure both comprehensive schools will do everything they can to make a smooth transition to Y7 for our Y6 children.

For the transition of our F2 and Y2 children, it is highly unlikely that we would be able to hold a parent meeting in the way that we have in the past but we will make sure that parents have all the information they need. We will plan how to prepare the children for their new classes when we know more about how and when schools will open.

For the children starting school for the first time in September, we are busy preparing the welcome packs ready for parents. Again though, it is highly unlikely that we will be able to hold a parent meeting in school; we will send information to our new parents in June and then plan how we can organise a successful transition for our new children.

## **Contacting parents**

During the period of the school closure, teachers and myself have continued to contact parents on the telephone – we want to keep touching base with everyone and it is lovely to chat to you and hear what the children have been getting up to. We will continue to phone parents during the closure. If any parents would like someone to chat to – it doesn't have to be about school work or anything in particular – I am in school every day and am more than happy to chat on the phone! A huge thank you too to all the parents I have spoken to on the phone or who have messaged school with lovely messages checking to see that we are all OK too – *THANK YOU!*



*Year Four visited the Chocolate Factory last autumn*

**And finally ....**

These are very difficult and unprecedented times – to all our school families – stay safe and look after one another. One of our Christian Values is *HOPE*–

*“We all need hope. It teaches us that adversity doesn’t last forever”.*

Until we see you all again – keep smiling and stay positive!

*Mrs Mellor*



*...and some lovely happy faces to end my newsletter!*