



Ardeley St Lawrence C of E Primary School

# Newsletter

5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who supported us on Census day by ordering a school lunch. We really appreciate your help in securing this key funding.

Unfortunately on the same day as the Census our online Parent Consultation system developed a severe glitch - offering the ability to double book appointments! This affected LKS2 but has now been rectified and Mrs Walsh will be confirming your appointments soon. Thank you for your patience - I appreciate this was frustrating - and thank you to Mrs Walsh for persevering and eventually fixing it.

Attendance last week was 97%, even allowing for the start of the coughs and colds season!

Well done to the following children who have been awarded Merit Certificates this week:

RED: Woody, Ethan, Emily, Jasmine, Sophia, Cameron, Lillie-May,  
Mei, Santi, Taya, Saphi, Oscar B, Felicity, Holly, Molly, Theo, Lacey H,  
Harley, Stan, Beatrice, Jose

ORANGE: Alex, Rohan, Zach, Mia, Harry, Archie

The children are coming in so sensibly in the mornings to school - now that they are all settled in their new year groups we ask that you say goodbye at the gate and let them walk to class themselves - even Early Years!

The Friends of Ardeley School (FAS) support the school in many ways and help us to offer extra opportunities for the children. They always need extra volunteers and all parents are automatically 'members'. They soon have their first meeting of the year to plan events and organise the committee - please do contact them via their Facebook page if you would like to get involved.

Sending a weekly newsletter is, I believe, a really valuable way to celebrate our successes and to ensure you all know what is happening. However producing this is not very 'eco-friendly' in terms of paper and ink. From next week we are going to trial moving to an online newsletter only. This will be posted on the website and the 'Ardeley app' (as it is already). If you have not signed up for the 'Ardeley app' please pop into the office and Mrs Walsh will help you to set it up.

Finally, our Open Morning is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November when the school will be open for any parents who may be thinking of sending their child to us in September 2019. You are welcome to look around for sibling admissions. However please also spread the word if you know someone looking for a school place; you are our best advert. The Open morning will run between 9.30 and 11.30 and our admissions arrangements are available on our school website.

With kind regards,  
Mrs Connolly



## Autumn Diary Dates



Tuesday 16 October	PM	School Photos (preschool siblings welcome after school)
Tuesday 23 October		Parent Consultations
Wednesday 24 October		Parent Consultations
Friday 26 October		INSET day
Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November		Half Term
Tuesday 13 November	9.30 - 11.30am	Open Morning
Friday 16 November		Children in Need
Friday 7 December	- after School	Christmas Craft Fair
Tuesday 11 December	2.00pm	Nativity Matinee
Wednesday 12 December	1.30pm 6.30pm	Children collected early Nativity Evening Performance
*After school club will not run this evening*		
Friday 21 December	2.00pm	End of Term

Please help the school and residents by arriving no earlier than 8.40am (gates open at 8.45am), parking considerately and not blocking resident's drives. If you arrive earlier than 8.40am could I suggest parking down the lane, by the pond or on the gravel hard standing between the school and the farm, and then joining the free flow drop off system when it starts. Thank you.