



# Aiskew, Leeming Bar Church of England Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

December 4th  
2020

*Rooted in love and growing together to become lifelong learners!*

### **Learning Update**

Time is flying past, I'm not sure where this term has gone. What I do know is that our pupils are still working incredibly hard in their lessons! Acorn Class have wowed Mrs Watson and Mrs Degnan with their phonics. Y2 pupils have achieved extremely well in their phonics screening check which they have just undertaken. Y1s are much further through the phonics programme than we would have expected for this time of year - this is despite missing out on school during lockdown. EYFS pupils have made a really solid start to learning all their sounds and again, are slightly ahead of where we like children to be at this time of year! As you can imagine, we are feeling super proud! Oak Class enjoyed demonstrating their geographical understanding of mountains by producing some wonderful 'double page spreads'. They were given total freedom about the information, the layout and the design - as long as it fitted onto a double page in their book. They have worked really hard at these and are just putting the finishing touches to them, then they will go on the school blog. Some children in Acorn Class got the chance to speak with Mrs Watson (Geography leader) and Mrs Richardson, our Chair of Governors, over Teams, then a group of children from Oak Class shared their knowledge too. Children spoke about what they have been learning this term in Geography. They have obviously been learning a lot as they had many things to talk about! Well done children as it is not always that easy speaking over Teams!

### **Raising Money for FOALS**

Thank you to everyone who helped raise money for FOALS with our pyjama/onesie day. We will let you know how much has been raised when it has been counted. Keep bringing in the baubles - they look stunning! If anyone wants to purchase any more, there are some still available.

### **Co-op Food Share**

We are really pleased to announce that we are working with the Co-op again to provide free food to our children and families. We hope to be able to offer the children a piece of fruit or a pastry item each morning. We also receive other food which we can't use as snacks e.g. potatoes, vegetables etc. and sometimes, we have too many pastry items. If you would like to receive a share of this food, school will place it in a bag which can be picked up from the office on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening. Please let Mrs Bentley know if you would like a bag reserving for you. Before lockdown, this was very popular and we were able to let people choose the items. Unfortunately, with Covid restrictions, we will just have to fairly share the food between the people who request it.

### **Co-op Collection for Care Homes**

There is a collection post box at the Co-op where things for the care homes can be left. Our pupils have been asked if they can write a card, draw a picture or write a letter and pop it in the post box so that it can be given to one of the care homes. It would be great if the children could give of their time and do this.

### **Au Revoir**

Today was Miss Walker's last day with us for a little while. We have enjoyed getting to know her and she has really enjoyed her time spent in Acorn Class. We look forward to welcoming her back in May. Thank you Miss Walker for all your hard work so far.

### **New Text/Email service for Parent/Carers**

Next Friday, our contract runs out with our current parent/carers communications provider. On Monday afternoon, Mrs Bentley will send out a test text and email to you so we can check everything is going to work properly from Friday onwards.

### **New Learning in Oak Class**

Next week, Oak Class will start learning French and Music. In French, they will be learning basic greetings, finding out about famous Parisian landmarks and learning how to spell using the French alphabet. In Music, we will be learning about rock music. We will study the following songs: Livin' on a Prayer, We Will Rock You, Smoke On The Water, Rockin' All Over The World, Johnny B. Goode and I Saw Her Standing There. Children will learn to use the associated vocabulary with this style of music, as well as being able to play glockenspiels in time with the music and add their own improvisations. A huge thank you to FOALS who purchased enough glockenspiels so that each child can have their own instrument. We will be learning to sign the songs rather than sing them. Individual instruments and signing means that we can be Covid secure but still follow our music scheme of learning.

**Don't forget children can wear a Christmas jumper, if they want to, on Thursday for our Christmas lunch.**

## Autumn term/Spring Term

A restricted diary is currently in place due to Covid-19

### December

Thursday 10th	12 noon	Christmas lunch – Christmas jumpers may be worn
Friday 11th	AM	Bauble competition entries back in by today
Thursday 17th	PM	Class Christmas parties
Friday 18th	3.30pm	School closes for Christmas

### January

Monday 4th	All day	Teacher Training Day – staff only in school
Tuesday 5th	8.45/8.55am	Children return to school

If you would like a hard copy of this newsletter sent home please contact Mrs Bentley in the school office.

### This week's Learning Heros

are Dean & Kyla

PE Players of  
the Week  
are...

Isobel, Kaci and Edward



### Bronze Maths Certificates

Congratulations to  
Jacob, Sofia, Savannah, Charlie,  
Althea and Joseph



### DOJO Awards

this week go to  
100 Dojos –  
Kieron

### Pupil of the Week Certificates

Our Pupils of the Week are:  
Oliver and Lucy

### The Spelling Shed

CHAMPION this week is  
Savannah



### Values Certificate

*Thankfulness*  
Congratulations:-  
Kaci

### STAR SPELLERS

this week goes to  
Maison, Althea x 2, Isobel,  
Edward, Jasmyn and Kaci  
Well done

### Writers of the Week

Congratulations  
Thomas, Charlie, Isobel  
and Amelia  
for your writing this week

### Handwriters of the Week

Congratulations to  
Isabelle, Katie, Dean,  
Joe and Leo

### Mathematicians

of the week are  
Leyton and Edward

**SKIP2BFIT** **Top Bananas**  
This week are  
Althea, James,  
Jasmyn and Kieron

### FAST PHONICS

this certificate goes to  
**Sara**