



Dear Parents/carers,

This week in assembly, we introduced the new Austin Farm Values to all of the children, they are on our new website and encapsulate everything we believe in at Austin Farm Academy. We are...

“Proud, resilient & respectful”.

Ask your children to let you know how we show those values here in school.

The first school council meeting happened this week with Mrs Hill and was a resounding success, their initial job was to look at our new values and come up with ideas for our school rules based in these. Next, they will take their ideas back to classes so that all children have a voice in shaping how they would like everyone to behave in school.

Years 5&6 had their NSPCC workshops this week, which was follow-up work to their assemblies last week, they learnt how to stay safe and what to do if they witness or experience unsafe situations. In addition to this, all parents please see the latest online safety poster attached to this newsletter about the “Be Real” social media app.

Nathan Kemp, one of the WeST Directors of Education, came in on Wednesday to look at the provision we have in place for our SEND pupils and how we are supporting them to make the best progress possible. He was pleased to see the support in classes and look at the specific targets we have set. If your child is on the SEND register and has an Individual Learning Plan, they will have a new plan with targets updated half termly; we would really like you to be involved in this process, please keep in touch with your child’s class teacher to engage in this important aspect of their education.

Our SLT team looked at maths books across the school to see how your children are showing their learning in the Power Maths lessons, we were impressed with how much work everyone had produced and loved how several children are challenging themselves with their learning, even when it seemed tricky at first.

This week all classes offered parent’s evenings, thank you to all of you who took advantage of this valuable opportunity to discuss your child’s progress and look at their fantastic work. I hope you are as proud of their efforts as we are.

This evening @ 6pm, a booking form will be sent out to parents via T2P, this booking form will allow parents to book 2 tickets to come and watch their child’s Christmas production.

By now, all of you should have received a log in to TT Rock Stars which is an online game we use to practise times tables at home, please encourage your child to access this as it is a fun way of building fluency, if you get the chance, see if they can challenge you to a contest, some children are faster than the adults!

As we all know from the news, the situation in Ukraine continues to be a terrible experience, particularly for the children, despite this they are still keen to learn. Mrs Hill is in contact with a charity who takes supplies over to help and we are donating some of our unused books from the library as well as some old maths textbooks. If you have any reading books that you no longer need, please send them in to school on Monday to add to our collection. The charity will collect on Monday after school, so if they can be in bags for life or boxes to make transporting easier that would be much appreciated.

It has come to our attention that some children are wearing Smartwatches to school, we do not allow devices that can record audio or video, take photos, or send text messages in school. Plus, we do not encourage expensive items to be brought in, as it is your child’s responsibility to look after these and we don’t want accidental damage to occur. Please do not send them in to school, if your child is found to be wearing one, we will ask them to put the watch safely in the school office to collect at the end of the day.

I hope you all have a great weekend and enjoy the football, for those of you who are following the World Cup, or something even more enjoyable for those of you who don’t!

R Baptiste

A big well done to our learners of the week:

Foundation: This week we have been sorting 2d shapes and printing with 3d shapes. We have also been looking at the Nativity story and comparing photos of us as babies with drawings of baby Jesus in the manger.

Year 1: In English this week, we have been writing instructions to wash an imaginary pet, based upon the book ‘How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth’. We have used our text map to make sure we include the features of instructions, such as a title, a ‘you need’ list, numbered steps and bossy verbs. Some chosen ideas have included a magical unicorn, a bouncy frog, a cute puppy and a thirsty sausage dog! Our final versions are going to create a new display outside of our classroom which we would love for parents to come in and see!

Year 2: This week in Geography, we have been comparing the difference between schools in Beijing and our school. They were very surprised by some of the differences. We are just beginning a new unit on shape. Have a look around the house and see how many shapes you can recognise 😊

- Foundation: Tobias Shepherd
- Year 1: L.Mann
- Year 2: C.Ludgate
- Year 3: B.Hutson
- Year 4: E. Everard
- Year 5: J.Westcott
- Year 6: R.Walsh

Our Attendance winners are:

Year 3!!

Year 3/4: We have been practising singing Christmas songs this week as well as learning a Christmas melody on our glockenspiels. They really do sing like angels and have learned our Christmas melody very quickly. Now we will polish our performance so that we shine like stars!

Year 5: In English we have started our new book, “How to live like a Stone Age Hunter, in Maths we have completed our unit looking at multiples (multiplication and division) and in Science we have looked at reversible and irreversible changes.

Year 6: This week in PE, we have been developing a dance focusing on recognising and being on time with the 4 beats in a bar. We have bounced balls for the chorus of the song, ‘We Will Rock You.’ The result is really effective, and it has required lots of perseverance and concentration to all keep in time. In English, we have finished our unit on Wallace and Gromit’s Cracking Contraptions and written an explanation text about our chosen invention.

Dates to remember:

- 02/12/2022 – Mufti day – donations for Christmas fayre, details to follow.
- 05/12/2022 – Christingle service – no parents, please send your child in with an orange.
- 08/12/2022 – Christmas dinner and Jumper Day – Microsoft form will be sent out for orders.
- 09/12/2022 – Mufti day – donations for Christmas fayre, details to follow.
- 09/12/2022 – PTA Christmas fayre 3.15pm-5:15pm, more details to follow.
- 12/12/2022 – Foundation and KS1 Christmas play 2:30pm. 2 tickets per household, one viewing only. booking form to follow.
- 13/12/2022 – KS2 Christmas play 2.00pm & 5.00pm. 2 tickets per household, one viewing only. booking form to follow.
- 14/12/2022 - Foundation and KS1 Christmas play 2:30pm. 2 tickets per household, one viewing only. booking form to follow.
- 15/12/2022 – Class Christmas parties, details to follow.

Notice board:

- Does your child ride their bike or scooter to school? If so, please make sure they are wearing their helmets.
- Please make sure have booked your child’s Christmas dinner by 1/12/2022.