



Dear parents/carers,

Another week has flown by, and I can hardly believe that we only have one more week left until half term!

On Monday afternoon, Revd. Keith from St. Edwards led our harvest assembly, he was accompanied by Revd. Ann and Andrew from Plymouth Foodbank. They were all blown away by our foodbank collection, saying we were one of the most generous schools they have been to.



Andrew emailed to say: "It is a pleasure and an absolute honour to visit Austin Farm Academy. The welcome is so special and there is always a wonderful, standout feeling of calm, happiness, kindness and care."

EYFS parents enjoyed a stay and play afternoon on Tuesday and learnt a bit more about how we teach phonics using the Read, Write, Inc programme.

Some of our year 6 children attended sports leadership training on Thursday afternoon where they learned how to play lots of active games. After half term, they will be using these skills to lead lunchtime clubs, to help improve lunchtime play and make it as active as possible! They had a great, yet exhausting time and



report that they all slept well that night!

As I mentioned last week, the bugs are still spreading around school, please remember that if you need to keep your child at home for 48 hours after the last incident of vomiting or diarrhoea; sending them back early puts other children and adults at increased risk of catching something they don't want.

Next Friday, be prepared for the spooky PTA Halloween Day, please see below for details about the spooktacular things that will be happening next week to raise money for the school.

I hope you all have a good weekend,

Best wishes,

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What 's been happening in our school this week.....

Foundation: Children have been enjoying "The Little Red Hen"

Year 1: In our English lessons, we have been practising writing letters to Mother Goose from Twinkle Twinkle We needed to come up with a problem for Twinkle Twinkle which was that she was afraid of heights!

Year 2: Have been amazing at making coleslaw! They learnt safe ways for cutting with a knife, how to peel and grate carrot and how to maintain high levels of hygiene when preparing food. We have also been working hard on number bonds to ten and 100. Keep practising at home!

Year 3: In Maths we have been learning about column addition and subtraction. We have been using Base 10 equipment to practice how we organise and complete each calculation and we have very quickly remembered the rules to be successful using column methods. We must always start from the ones column and say top number subtract bottom number in subtraction. With addition we know that we must start with the ones, but we can add the digits in any order.

Year 4: In science, we concluded our tooth decay experiment. We were astonished to discover that Red Bull (energy drink) caused the most decay of the eggshell, but a close second was orange juice. The Red Bull had 11g of sugar per 100ml and the orange juice had 9.7g. These drinks had the highest sugar content of all the drinks we tested, and we have learned that we should avoid drinks which have a high sugar content. We also know that we must look after our teeth and brush them twice a day.

Dates to remember.....

- From Monday 17/10/2022 children can buy squares outside the main reception every day for 50p. to win an amazing Halloween hamper & guess the name of the spooky toy to win the toy, 50p to enter.
- From Monday 17/10/2022 this is the last week of afterschool sporting clubs. (Cheerleading last day 01/11/2022)
- Friday 21/10/22 Halloween dress up day, pay £1 to come in fancy dress (prizes will be given for the best dressed in each class). Please remember: no terrifying masks, gore/blood or scythes, knives etc. Halloween biscuits for sale (£1)
- Friday 21/10/2022, Last day of term 3:15pm finish.
- Monday 31/10/2022 is a Non pupil day, children to return to School Tuesday 01/11/2022.
- Monday 31/10/2022 Year 6 is the last day for applications regarding secondary school places.
- From 01/11/2011 school packed lunches will no longer be available. Hot dinners only.

Notice board:

- New afterschool sports clubs will be announced and a Microsoft booking form will sent out during half term week, clubs to start Tuesday 01/11/2022. Please make sure all debts are cleared before making a new booking.
- PE kits, please wear a blue top with black/grey shorts or leggings. This does not have to be the official PE top; a royal blue T-Shirt is fine.
- School driveway, please remember to not drive down the school driveway, if parents persist, they could potentially lose their child's place in childcare and sporting clubs.
- Breakfast club and afterschool club timings and prices will be changing after half term. Please make sure to read the new information that will come out next week.

A big well done to our learners of the week:

Foundation: K.Turner

Year 1: Z.Adey

Year 2: S.Cassidy

Year 3: J.Lyndon

Year 4: T.Lopes

Year 5: M.Scott

Year 6: M.Rudd

The Attendance award goes to

Year 3

Fantastic effort everyone, good job!!!

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Year 5: We have been sorting electrical conductors and insulators in science, exploring mental methods for adding and subtracting in Maths. And in English we have been reading the Tear Thief and learning the text map.

Year 6: In Maths this week, we have been learning long division. This was a really difficult concept but through perseverance and resilience in our learning, the children have really impressed me. A huge well done.