



Austin Farm Academy Weekly Newsletter



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to our first 'proper' newsletter of the school year.

Although it has been a shorter week following the bank holiday for the Queen's funeral on Monday, we have been busy fitting lots in!

The children wore their jeans on Tuesday for jeans 4 genes week, thank you for your donations to raise money for this worthy cause which provides support for children with genetic conditions and their families. There is still time for you to donate via parent pay, if you can, and we will let you know how much we raised in due course.

On Wednesday, the staff started work on updating our vision and values for Austin Farm, we thought about the values that are most important for us and our children. In the coming weeks we will launch a new website and share these values with you, we hope you agree with what we have decided, please contact me if you would like to know more and be part of the process of shaping our vision for the future.

Today the children came in looking very smart ready for their individual and family photos, they all gave their best 'winning smiles' and I am sure you will love the photos they bring home today. Please return by Friday the 30th or purchase online via the information on the photo form.

Next week, Foundation, Year 3 and Year 6 will be having Bikeability sessions throughout the week, please ensure your children come to school dressed appropriately for this activity. Currently the weather is looking good, but as we all know this can change from morning to afternoon, let alone over a week!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

R Baptiste

What's been happening in the classrooms this week....

Foundation - have started learning phonics this week! We have learnt m, a, s, t so far. The children are learning to listen carefully and repeat what they hear by responding to my turn, your turn actions.

We have also started reading We're Going on a Bear Hunt and are learning each part of the story. We had a long think about the problem they had and decided that when the family met the bear they were scared, but the bear just wanted to be friends with them! We have used our "mini-me's" to explore our Bear hunt 3d story map.

Year 1 - have been learning how to write questions so we decided to put our skills to the test by writing questions to Mrs Baptiste to help us learn a little more about her! We learnt that Mrs Baptiste's favourite food is chicken pie, when she was a teacher, she mostly taught foundation, year 1, 2 and 3, she is in her 40s and she lives near the lighthouse on the Hoe! We came up with the questions on our own and I think Mrs Baptiste wasn't too surprised about how younger children don't have any boundaries!!

Year 2 - had an exciting visit this week from two police officers. They learnt all about the special components of the uniform and why they need it.

Year 3 - In Science, they have been investigating different types of rock and their properties.

Year 4 - have been learning about the different types of teeth we have and their functions. They have also investigated animal's teeth and why they are different to ours.

Year 5 - have been learning about Roman numerals, Anglo-Saxon's timelines and have played Tennis in PE.

Year 6 - have written non-chronological reports on an animal of their choice. They have been focusing on keeping their information succinct and in a formal manner. In Maths, they have been revising formal methods and applying those skills in multi-step word problems. Mrs Bojang was very impressed with the children's arithmetic skills and their desire to learn and improve in this area. We particularly enjoyed looking at and designing our own Mayan masks - we are looking forward to developing these ideas further in the next few weeks.

Dates to remember.....

- Bikeability w/b 26/9/22. Foundation, year 3 and year 6, can children please come to school wearing their PE kit every day.
- Healthy Smile consent form were due back 20/09/2022, please make sure these are returned to the main office ASAP.

Notice board:

- Are you interested in becoming a HUB advisory for Austin Farm Academy? if so, please contact Mrs Baptiste on headteacher@austinfarmacademy.com by Monday 26th September
- PIAS are running some information sessions on choosing a secondary school for September 2023 for parents/carers of children in years 5 or 6 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Please use this link to book your session [Information Sessions - Choosing a Secondary School September 2023 \(office.com\)](#).
- Headlice, please can we ask as that you check your child(ren)'s hair. For helpful tips and information please follow this link [Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

A big well done to our learners of the week:

Foundation:

Year 1: G.Morgan

Year 2: O.Taylor

Year 3: O.Nicols

Year 4: O.Collins

Year 5: I.Tippet

Year 6: K.Webb

A very well done to the amazing costumes on Roald Dahl day, the winners of the sweet cones are:

Foundation: C.Pickering & B.Trembath

Year 1: J.Nuttal & A.Warner

Year 2: I.Ninnim & L.Skitmore

Year 3: R.Platten & M.Scott

Year 4: E.Everard & X.Ninnim

Year 5: I.Parrish

Year 6: M.Mazur & M.Rudd

The Attendance award goes to

YEAR 2

Fantastic effort everyone, good job!!!