

Ermine Street Church Academy Newsletter

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The Choir took part in our first A1 Music Festival last night. See page 7



Dear Parents,

Thank you for making Sports Morning such a great event. The atmosphere was perfect, the children loved it and there is never a better sight than a field covered in picnic blankets.

This coming week is **Arts Week** at Ermine Street. Much of the children's learning will be developed from one painting, the same one for all classes. There will of course be some art sessions going on but Literacy or History or Science etc might also take place based on the content of the picture. We'll keep the picture secret for now until it's introduced to the children on Monday. The teachers have

put a great deal of effort into this special week as we strongly believe in the importance of the broad curriculum. As part of our preparation for this week and for the achievement of future greatness in art, we have developed a skills progression document which can be found on the Curriculum page on our website.

Finally, with the help of Year 1 and Year 2 and the Godmanchester Food Bank, we have set up our own **Food Bank collection point**. This is located inside the main entrance and will be there permanently from now on. Accompanying this newsletter is a poster which lists the foods that the Food Bank are needing at the moment. The children want to do something for the community so please support this essential initiative. Thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Adrian Shepherd, Headteacher

Thunderbolt

Attendance this week = 99.2% (last time = 86.5%)

Only a few more weeks and our very first year of school will be completed – Thunderbolt have grown up so much in that time.

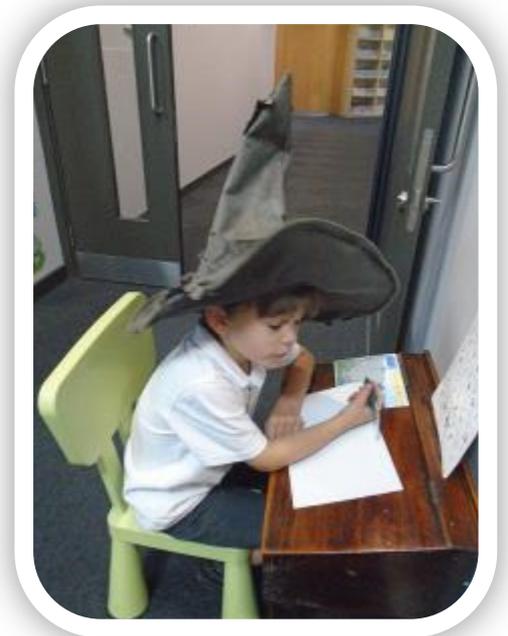
As well as Sports Day, we have been exploring and investigating how we can use clay. This week we have begun making starfish, pressing patterns and textures into the clay; when they are dry we will paint them. We have also been helping each other to retell the story of Mr Gumpy's Outing – we have made a boat outside, and all ended up with a splash just as it happens in the story! This morning, we had some eager helpers from Hercules come to share some time with us. Some of their comments show what a great team we are:

They are very helpful. They work together as a team.

They are taking turns. They have fun.

They pay attention to detail.

They are full of energy and ready for Year 1.



Dakota

Attendance this week = 88.4% (last time = 94.7%)

It is getting closer to the Summer holidays but the children in Dakota class are still showing great tenacity and energy towards all of their learning. Over the last couple of weeks, we have been revisiting the different continents and oceans and also what countries make up the United Kingdom. See if your children can find Alconbury Weald/Huntingdon on a map or when watching the weather (roughly!).

This week in maths we have focused on fractions. Year 1 have been consolidating halves and quarters as being a shape or amount that can be split into 2 or 4 equal parts. See if they can show which shapes cannot be split into equal parts. Year 2 have been ordering fractions and have noticed how the bigger the denominator, the smaller the amount!

The lion and the mouse have had all sorts of different problems in English this week. The mouse has been playing tricks on the lion and we even had an owl and a lion fighting over who was going to have the mouse for dinner! Luckily, the mouse survives in all the stories and they all become best of friends.

The children really enjoyed sports morning this week and loved spending time with family and friends for a picnic after. Thank you to everyone who attended and cheered us on. They did a fantastic job in all of the different activities!



From Revd. Rob

Where do you turn when life hits stormy waters?

'My Lighthouse' is a song which I always get the impression that the children love singing in collective worship. At our next church INTERACTIVE service (July 14th 5pm) we are going to be exploring, through several hands on activities, the bible story where Jesus calms the storm. It is a story that raises the question of 'where do we turn when life hits stormy waters?'

One of the hands-on activities will be to make a storm shaker bottle. The idea being that when you are nervous, upset or worried you shake up the bottle. Then while you watch the oil, water and glitter settle and separate you give everything to God. Jesus calms our storms.

Help – I need plastic bottles! If you have any small clear plastic bottles (500ml/50cl) with lids, please could you drop them off into the red plastic box by the bike/scooter racks. Thank you.



Messages from the School Office

Summer sessions

Please find attached the letter regarding Table Tennis workshops being held at school during the summer holiday.

Also attached is a poster advertising this year's Bible Club at the Independent Baptist Church.

After school clubs

After the success of the A1 Music Festival, **choir** has now finished for the term 10th July last **netball** session. If you have not yet paid, the cost was £15 w/c 15th July, this is the last week for **Board Games and Key Sports** w/c 23/7 last **football** session

Charges 19/20

EYFS and Key stage 1 lunch remain free.

There will be a small increase in KS2 lunches to £2.80 in September.

Uniform costs will rise very slightly in September, please ask the office if details required.

Nuts

Please can we remind you not send *any* nut related products into school, this includes Nutella. We have children in school with nut allergies.

Tornado

Attendance this week = 95.6% (last time = 88.2%)

Tornado class have had another fun filled couple of weeks, thinking about Koko and the great bear and learning about different countries and continents around the world. Sports day was a lot of fun and we really enjoyed taking part in all of the different activities. The favourites within our class were water racing and javelin, we loved doing something a bit different. In PE this week we have been practising using the larger apparatus and jumping again. We have been thinking about how to move the equipment safely and what we need to do to ensure it is ready to use. In English we have been thinking about using WOW words to describe settings and characters and are looking forward to writing our own story next week! In maths we have been thinking about place value. In Year 1 we have been exploring how numbers change when we move the digits around. In Year 2 we have been thinking about different ways to make the same number.

As the weather is getting hotter please could we ask that all children have a hat and water bottle in school. Thank you.



Liberator

Attendance this week = 93.0% (last time = 90.7%)

The last couple of weeks have continued to be very busy, including sports day. The children did really well during sports day and I was very impressed with the perseverance of the children in completing the events they didn't feel they were naturally good at. We have also spent some time looking at the digestive system. We have created a model of it (which the children found disgusting!). We have then been writing diary entries imagining that we are a piece of food travelling through the body. There have been some rather hilarious versions of this. The children have also been working hard to create some weaving which they have made on cardboard looms. We are now finishing them off by attaching them to sticks and creating handles so they can be hung. The children have had to exercise lots of patience and tenacity during this work. Today we enjoyed the warm weather and spent some time building a 'Green time travelling machine' outside which we are going to be writing some adventure stories about during the last couple of weeks of term. I look forward to reading their excellent stories!



A1 Music Festival

We were very excited this year to be invited to take part in the A1 Music Festival! Yesterday, we took a small group of children from choir to the Cresset Theatre in Peterborough to sing with other schools from the area. Over the last month, the children have worked extremely hard learning lots of words, rhythms and melodies that we then got to perform in a concert. The children represented the school fantastically and we are very proud of the beautiful singing and great enthusiasm they showed on such a warm sunny day!

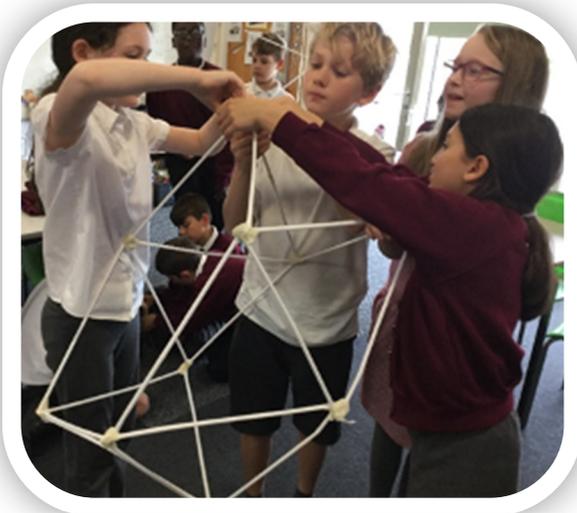


Hercules

Attendance this week = 97.8% (last time = 99.6%)

Over the last few weeks we have been exploring what a village on the moon may look like with the help of VR technology and our own moon building modelling using art straws. The task required lots of team work, as well as tenacity and perseverance when things needed to be changed. We thought we were making them for our class Meerkats to sit inside, but to everyone's delight and surprise, we discovered that our structures were large enough for us to fit inside too – just!

This week Hercules had a visit from MAGPAS and learned about the role of MAGPAS and some life-saving skills including learning how to check a casualty and think about the ABCD ... checking if they are **a**wake, **b**reathing, need **C**PR or a **d**efibrillator. They then practised how to give chest compressions and how to use a defibrillator. Everyone did really well and there was a real sense of achievement afterwards, as well as lots of discussion.



Dates For Your Diary

Wb 8th July	Arts Week.
11th July 2.30pm	Reading session for Tornado class.
12th July	Annual reports sent home.
15th and 16th July	Transition sessions, time in our September classes.
16th July 1.30-3pm	Family Workshop—sibling rivalry.
17th July 8.50am	Parent Prayer Group.
18th July 8.50am	Coffee Morning.
18th July 2.30pm	Reading session for Liberator class.
19th July 9am	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly. Parents welcome.
19th July evening	Year 6 Leavers' barbeque and late night.
23rd July	Hercules class trip.
24th July	Last day of the school year.
24th July 2pm	Final Assembly. Parents welcome.
25 th & 26 th July	Hangar Holiday Club.
29 th – 2 nd August	Hangar Holiday Club.
2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th September	Hangar Holiday Club.
5th September	First day of the Autumn term.
21st—25th October	Half-term break
24 th & 25 th October	Hangar Holiday Club.
19th December	Last day of the Autumn term.

Collective Worship

This week in Collective Worship we continued with our Explore, Discover, Learn theme, focusing on 'Learn: Acceptance'. We have reflected on what it means to be ourselves and accept and love other people for who they are. Next week we will be considering 'Compassion'.