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Ermine Street Church Academy

Newsletter

Dear Parents,

As another busy week concludes it's quite amazing to think that there are just 12 school days left this year.

Monday is our sports morning. It begins at 10am and the school gates will be open from 9.45am. We will be using the field on the side of the school where you enter at the beginning and end of the day. Please make sure that your child has sun-cream, a hat and water. The children will have their water

bottles with them at all times. At the mid-point they will be given ice pops thanks to the Friends of ESCA. Drinks and ice-creams will be available for parents and friends. When the sports events finish the children will head inside to get changed while you set up your picnics. The children will then join you. This will probably be between 12 and 12.30pm.

Our **class structure for next year is now almost finalised. A letter detailing arrangements will accompany your child's report next Tuesday.** I am sorry that we haven't been able to share this news sooner; our very nature means that children are joining us over the coming weeks and so we must be very careful to take these numbers into account. An important piece of news to share with you now is that **Mrs McCabe will be moving on to pastures new at the end of term.** She currently teaches Thunderbolt every Thursday plus other occasional days across the whole school. In September Mrs McCabe will be taking on a slightly different role in a school in St Ives. We still have a few weeks to benefit from her expertise and warmth but I would like to take this opportunity to express my huge thanks to a really lovely person.

And finally, Urban & Civic are holding an **outdoor film night** on 11th August. For further details please go to www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/paddington-2-on-the-green-at-alconbury-weald-tickets-47173320672.

Best wishes,

Mr Adrian Shepherd
Headteacher



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Please ensure that your child has their PE kit, sun-cream, a water bottle and a hat on Monday. They should come to school in their uniform.

Hercules

Today Hercules class had a special visit from Mega Trucking to learn about road safety. They found out just what a driver can see from the cab of a truck and learned how to keep themselves safe if they ride their bikes along roads and near to trucks. It was a really valuable time. What links cheerios, raisins and marshmallows? Hercules discovered the answer whilst learning about the different cells that are found in our blood and the role they play in our bodies. Mixing the concoction to create our own blood, with red blood cells (died cheerios), platelets (raisins) and white blood cells (marshmallows) created lots of interest and the discussion that followed extended our learning far beyond what was planned!

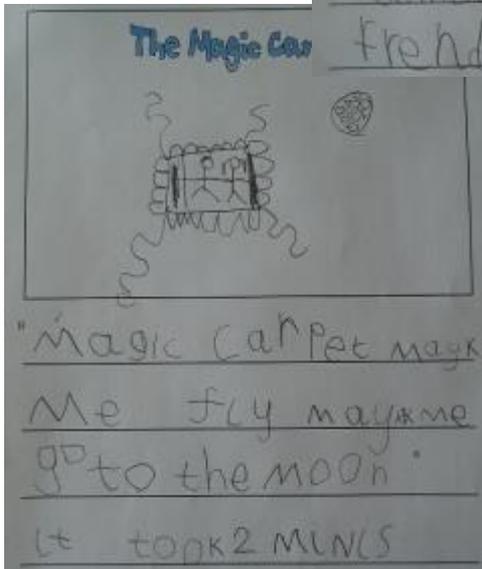


Phantom

Phantom class have had a fabulous couple of weeks! Thank you to everyone that came to our class assembly; we really enjoyed writing the script and practising our Haka moves. In English, we have started to look at non-fiction books on animals to help us write a report in the next two weeks. If you have any books that may have rainforest animals in, please bring them in to share with us.

Tornado

We have enjoyed a busy few weeks in Tornado class. We have finished our maths revision guides to remind us how to solve the four operations over the summer and made our own Hunstanton information booklets. The writing inside them is fantastic and really persuades the reader; we have worked incredibly hard on them and we are all really proud. We can't wait to see how they compare to the ones we pick up on Thursday! We have also worked really hard in art over the last few weeks. This half term we have been working with clay. Yesterday we created our own seaside themed tile. Our aim is to paint them and then use them to create a seaside mosaic to hang on the wall.



Thunderbolt

This week Thunderbolt went for a walk...and found the carpet, that usually belongs in the Library, outside! They had many ideas about how it had ended up there, and many thought it must be a magic carpet that travelled through a skylight to get out of the building. We tried some of our own magic words and closed our eyes, but the carpet didn't take off. We are writing a book about the adventures it might have, and we will put it next to the carpet so that it can read it and travel to different places – so far this week it has travelled to Cyprus, Plymouth, Mount Everest and over the seas.

Summer Fayre

Last Friday's Summer Fayre was a fabulous occasion. A huge thank you to everyone who came and to the Friends of ESCA for organising everything. They will soon be able to announce how much they have raised. Today the event has reached the online version of the Hunts Post www.huntspost.co.uk/news/alconbury-weald-summer-fete-1-5594852



In other news....

Whilst waiting for their turn to sit in the cab of the truck today, some members of Hercules spotted this heart-shaped cloud. Perfect.

Dates For Your Diary (new dates or information in bold)

10am, 9th July	Sports morning and picnic. Parents are invited to join us for our annual sports event and then bring a rug and a basket for a picnic lunch. We hope lunch will start between 12 and 12.30pm.
10th July	End of year reports sent home.
12th July	Careers day for KS2 children.
12th July	Tornado class trip to Hunstanton
13th July	Hercules class ICT Challenge Day
17th July	Transition morning for all classes.
9am, 20th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly. The Year 6 children will share their reflections and sketches of life at Ermine Street!
6pm, 20th July	Year 6 family barbeque, followed by film night and camping on the school field for the children.
23rd July	Culture In Our Community Day
9am, 24th July	End of Year Collective Worship. Come and join us to say goodbye to Year 6 and celebrate our second year.
24th July	Final day of the Summer term.
4th September	Teacher Training Day. Hangar Club open.
5th September	First day of the 2018/19 academic year. This is a Wednesday.
20th September	First coffee morning of the new school year.

We had intended to take Hercules class to London as part of their topic learning. This trip was due to take place by train but we have been advised not to go ahead because of the current issues following time table changes. Instead, Hercules will have a rather special, fun day out and about. Details to follow early next week.

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