



Axbridge C of E Academy

Together We Inspire, Thrive & Excel

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Dear Families,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Church last Friday, what a perfect way to end the week! I can't believe we are already headed towards half-term, it has gone so quickly! I am delighted to share that our House Point winners for this half term are Crook Peak. This means they will be enjoying a special disco on Thursday afternoon. They can bring in party clothes for this to get changed into.

We are aware that there has been a recent increase in the number of children who have been off school because of a vomiting bug. As a precaution, we will be using hand-sanitizer more regularly through the school day, as well as an enhanced clean at the end of the day. I refer to our sickness policy that children with sickness should stay at home and can return to school 48 hours after the last time they were sick (i.e. last sickness was on Saturday night, back at school on Tuesday). Our attendance still remains very high at 95.7% and above the national average of 94%, but we are keen to ensure we reduce any further spread. Please rest assured, we do monitor these situations very closely and will not hesitate to introduce further measures should this situation worsen. We are aware of many other schools in the same situation, both within and outside of our local trust who have been affected by this bug.

Can I remind families that the staff car park is not to be used for dropping or picking up children, unless access to the disabled space is required. This is for safeguarding reasons and to ensure we can keep everyone safe when entering or leaving the school. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

With warmest wishes
Mr Dominic Shillabeer

School Photography

On Wednesday, we are excited to welcome local photographer Samantha Gilraine to the school, in order to take photos for our new school website. She will be working with all children and staff across the school day and we can't wait to see the images and then to share them with you! There is no need to do anything for this, but we would appreciate the children looking smart in their uniform, just as they always do!



October

Tuesday 22nd @ 9:15am - Year 3 to visit Batts Coombe Quarry
Thursday 24th

Thursday 24th October - school closes for Half-Term at 3:20pm

Friday 25th is an INSET Day

Monday 4th November we return to school

November

Monday 4th - Remembrance service led by Rev. Forster

Tuesday 5th 9.30 to 11.15 am - Parent's Evening Additional sessions for Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 only.

Wednesday 6th @ 4 to 7pm - Parents Evening

Thursday 7th @ 4 to 7pm - Parents Evening

Monday 11th @ 9.15 to 10am - Foundation Stage Diwali workshop

Wednesday 13th @ 3.30 to 5pm - PTA Film Night

Thursday 14th @ 9.15am - Year 1 to visit Hunting Lodge in Axbridge

Friday 15th - Children in Need

Friday 15th @ 6pm - PTA Bingo Night
Friday 22nd @ 9am - Church Service - everyone is welcome to attend.

Friday 22nd - Vision Screening for Reception

Keep up to date with all school news by checking in on ClassDojo, The School Jotter App and our Twitter feed -

@AxbridgeSchool



Our Christian Values are:

**Faith
Hope
Love**

Our Christian Vision for all of our children is;

"I have come so that you may have life, a life in all its fullness"

John 10:10

Our Learning Skills are:

**Thinking
Social
Self-management
Communication
Research**

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week, we are so proud of you!

	Pine	Hazel	Chestnut	Redwood	Oak
Star of the Week	Leonie	Arthur W-B	Ellie	Evelyn	Reuben
Christian Values	Clover	Arthur R	Tom	Remy	Tallulah
Learning Skills	Kitty	Arabella	Isla	India	Maceo

Headteacher's Awards

Star of the Week	Oliver Wills	Christian Values	Maya R	Learning Skills	Henry M
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House Points

	Black Rock	Crook Peak	King's Wood	Strawberry Line
This week	268	301	168	261
Running total	1068	1109	840	854

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF US ALL

Safeguarding Lead: Mr Dominic Shillabeer

Deputy Safeguarding Leads: Miss Kellie Nash and Mrs Kate Febrey



Class Spotlight *Busy Bees*

This half Term our topic has been " Getting to Know Me "

Last week we made real birthday cupcakes and also playdough cupcakes. We talked about how old we are and how old we will be on our next birthday.

We also had a taster session from Boogie Beats. The children loved retelling the story of the Three Little Pigs and singing all the familiar Boogie Beats songs. After half term Boogie Beats will be coming to Busy Bees every Tuesday morning for 6 weeks, we are very excited!!

In forest school we have planted some daffodil bulbs, they have gone to sleep for the winter and hopefully they will grow in the spring.

