

Acresfield News

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Message from the Headteacher

We are heading, full steam ahead, towards the end of the term and the end of 2018. It has gone extremely quickly, as a result of a full, productive and action packed November. Have a read of some of our highlights from last month.

It was a busy month for school trips with lots of classes enjoying learning outside of the classroom. Our **Jaguars** started it off with their immersive Tudor experience at Tatton Park. The children were dressed in some super outfits, befitting the era and were then able to find out about life in the Tudor times as they learnt how to harvest grain to make bread, saw how clothes were made from weaving wool and experienced warfare and the different weapons that were used.



The **Meerkats** visited Jodrell Bank, as part of their work on the planets and solar system. The children took part in a planets workshop, where they explored the planets through their senses. They also immersed themselves in an inflatable planetarium and saw the third biggest telescope in the world!

Our **Tiger Cubs** were also on the road last month, when they visited Delamere Forest. The children have been learning about The Gruffalo and have their own Gruffalo den in class. At Delamere, they were able to explore different habitats, which included some pond dipping, going on a mini beast hunt and enjoying an autumn walk.



It has been a busy month for the **Tiger Cubs**, as the day before their trip, they had their parents and grandparents in school to share a lunch with them.

It was great to see so many generations sat together enjoying a meal and having the opportunity for a catch up in the middle of the day. Thank you to everyone who attended and for lots of clean plates!



Our **Orangutans** also visited Tatton Park last month as part of their Viking and Anglo Saxons topic. The children were dressed up in their ancient garb and were then immersed in Anglo Saxon and Viking life. This included developing their understanding of battle formations and how to defend themselves from attack. It also included making bracelets by weaving. Later in the month, the **Orangutans** took part in the performance of 'Walk My Journey' at Chester Cathedral. The children have been preparing for it since the start of the term. They had a lantern workshop in November, to make the lanterns for part of the parade. The children joined other local schools at the cathedral to take part in the performance. It was a wonderful spectacle with a very important message regarding the plight of refugees.



In our **sports news**, November started with the second cross country race. The children again performed well, with the following children finishing in the top ten in their respective races. Edith Carr 2nd, Ava Laing 6th, Ria Jacob 7th, Charlotte Hackett 8th, Megan Lenihan 10th and Sidney Carr 10th. Well done to all our runners!

Our Under 11s football team have also continued their super start to the season. They played two more league matches, beating Chester Blue Coat 5-0 and Overleigh 2-0. As such, they remain unbeaten in the league, having conceded no goals! The team also reached the semi-finals at the Goals tournament recently, losing to the eventual winners, Malpas. We also entered a hockey team in a recent tournament and despite their relevant inexperience, the team performed well and came third overall.

Congratulations to our **choir**, who performed so well at the Storyhouse recently, as part of the Children in Need fundraising evening. The children enjoyed the experience, performing with a number of other local schools. Well done choir! It was also good to see some of our families enjoying the rickshaw arrival at Chester Zoo, the evening before. Thank you to the Zoo for those passes.

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Diary Dates



December

4th—Catch up and Cake! Tiger Cub parents 2.45pm
5th—Swimming Gala—Otters and Komodo Dragons
6th—Penguins multi-skills festival
7th—Christmas Fair 6-8pm
11th—3.15pm Cabinet meeting
13th—Tiger Cubs, Meerkats and Penguins Christmas performance 2.15pm and 5.30pm
14th—2pm Aladdin performance in school
17th—Children's Christmas Dinner
18th—KS2 Christmas performance at The Church of the Holy Ascension in Upton 2pm and 6.30pm
20th—Children's party lunch
20th—9.00am End of term celebration assembly—everyone welcome
20th—End of term.

January

7th—INSET day—school closed
8th—Children return
24th—9am Parent class representatives' meeting

February

9th —Cross Country Winter Series Race 3
15th—End of half term

Children return Monday February 25th

March

2nd—Final cross country race
12th—Class photos
12th—Choir AmaSing Concert
18th—Younique Me Week
26th—Danny Jones tournament
26th and 28th—Parents' evenings
29th—9am End of term celebration assembly

Children return April 15th.

And Finally

Thank you all for your support again during 2018. It has been another extremely successful year for the school. That is thanks to the continued hard work and commitment from all the staff and children. It is also thanks to the support and commitment from our governors, families and Friends. We hope you have a relaxing Christmas holiday and a super start to 2019.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes
M.Dixon
[Headteacher]

Attendance Matters

Attendance figures at the end of November continue to build on the positive start made to the school year. The current rate is 97.4%. Thank you to everyone for your support with this. We recently had two classes with a 100% record throughout the week, which was great. Keep up the hard work everyone!

Friends

The Friends held two events in November, the disco and the ladies evening. Thank you to everyone who supported these events. In total £470 was raised at the disco and £317 at the Ladies evening. A great start to the year!

Lots of work is happening behind the scenes to prepare for the Christmas Fair, which is taking place on Friday December 7th at 6.00pm. We look forward to seeing lots of you there, for one of the biggest fundraisers of the year. All offers of help to set up, run a stall or help clear away, will be much appreciated by the Friends.

After School

Please can I ask that if you stay behind after school, allowing your child to play in the school grounds, that they are supervised closely. Our grounds are fun for the children, but there was another accident after school recently. In school, during playtimes, children are supervised to ensure they can safely enjoy the play options. Please can you ensure this is the case after school too. Don't forget, children must not go into the Forest school area unsupervised either, as this is a learning area, used on a weekly basis. Thank you for your help with this.

Share the Learning

Thank you to everyone who attended our Share the Learning event last week. The children enjoy sharing their work with parents and grandparents, so it was good to see so many of you. Tiger Cub parents have the chance to come in on Tuesday this week at 2.30pm for their Catch up and Cake session.

There are still further opportunities for parents to come in to school in the last few weeks of the year, with the Christmas shows and end of term celebration assembly. We look forward to seeing you!

Have a wonderful Christmas Everyone

