

# Acresfield News

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## Message from the Headteacher

I hope you had an enjoyable half term break. The school year is progressing so quickly. I can't believe we are just over half way through the year. This half term is the shortest of the school year, but there is a lot to pack in. Please look closely at the diary dates, to keep up to date. At the end of the half term, we have our spring parents' evening and a letter will be sent home about this shortly. First we have some highlights to share with you from a very busy February.

At the start of the half term, our PCSO [Police, Community, Support Officer], came in to school to talk to the children about ways they can keep safe online. This was for our KS2 children and it was accompanied by a support pack for parents, which we emailed home. I hope you found the information useful.



There were a number of trips and visitors during the month too. As part of the children's religious education curriculum, our **Komodo Dragons** visited Al Rahma Mosque in Liverpool, where the children learnt about what diversity and a multi-faith society means. They were given a tour of the mosque by the Imam. Our **Orangutans** also went to Liverpool to visit Princes Road Synagogue, where they gained more of an understanding of the importance of the synagogue in the Jewish religion. The children had a tour of the synagogue and learnt about the significant parts of the Jewish worship in the synagogue. Both Miss Campton, Miss Furness and the children came back extremely enthusiastic about the visits. The children clearly felt enlightened about the Jewish and Islamic religions and key aspects of their faiths.



The **Orangutans** also visited Upton High School, to watch their performance of *Into the Woods*. They were impressed with the show and in particular some super performances by our ex-pupils.

The **Orangutans** have also been visited by a chocolatier, in order to develop their understanding of the importance of chocolate to the Mayans, who used it as currency. The children learnt about the history of chocolate, how it was harvested and the process of making it. They also had a go at making some for themselves and enjoying their efforts later!

The **Orangutans** and **Tiger Cubs** have also started their forest school sessions. They had a lovely spring day to enjoy some outdoor learning. The Tiger Cubs are linking their sessions to animal and plant life. The children made a wormery before going worm hunting. The wormery is now in the classroom for the children to observe. The Orangutans are linking their learning to the Mayans and during their first session the children made some Mayan necklaces from natural resources.



## Sports News

We have also had some sporting events in February with the third race in the winter cross country series. This took place just before the half term holiday and Miss Kiernan was very impressed with the commitment of the children. There were some excellent performances, including the following top ten finishes. Edith Carr 3rd, Charlotte Hackett 8th and Charlie Buck 10th. One race to go! A team was also entered in a Year 3 and 4 small sided football competition. The children performed well only losing one of their group matches. Unfortunately they were not able to progress beyond the group stage, but Miss Furness was very impressed with the whole team. There are lots more sporting events planned during the rest of the term, so please keep up to date by checking the calendar.

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## Diary Dates



### March

2nd—Final cross country race  
4th—Water polo competition  
5th—7th—Penguins' Burwardsley residential  
7th—Meerkats trip to Chirk Castle  
8th—Meerkats' mini-kickers tournament  
11th—Science week  
12th—Class photos  
13th—Football cup match v Farndon  
12th—Choir AmaSing Concert  
15th—Meerkats' class assembly followed by coffee  
15th—Busy Bees trip to Spaceport  
15th—Chester schools cross country competition  
15th—Friends' quiz night  
18th—Younique Me Week  
18th—All clubs finish  
18th—Water polo competition  
22nd—9am Orangutans class assembly followed by coffee  
22nd—Otters' mini kickers tournament  
26th—Danny Jones tournament -Orangutans  
26th—Jaguars' trip to the Imperial War Museum/Lowry  
26th and 28th—Parents' evenings  
29th—9am End of term celebration assembly

Children return April 15th.

### April

18th—Friends' Easter egg hunt  
19th—Bank Holiday—school closed  
22nd—Bank holiday—school closed  
23rd—Children return  
30th—9am Parent class representatives' meeting

### May

2nd—Polling station in school—school will be open  
6th—Bank Holiday—school closed  
8th—10th—Komodo Dragons AEMs residential [Arts Education in a multi-Cultural Society]  
13th—SATs week for Jaguars. Breakfast club from 8.15am  
23rd—Geography Explorers' Day  
24th—Poetry Slam!  
24th—End of half term

Children return **Monday June 3rd.**

### June

7th—Sports Day  
10th—Tiger Cub Parents 2.30pm 'Catch up and Cake' w/b 10th—Meerkats phonics check week  
12th—14th—Jaguars' residential at Conway  
21st—Tiger Cubs class assembly  
26th—Share the Learning Y1-Y6  
27th—28th—Orangutans' canoeing residential

### July

5th—Komodo Dragons Global Challenge at Upton high School  
12th—Summer Fair—straight after school  
15th—Orangutans Harry Potter Day at Upton high School  
22nd—Jaguars' Leavers' assembly 7.00pm  
24th—2pm End of term celebration assembly -everyone welcome

## Nursery Opening

Our nursery consultation period has now closed. The extension is close to being finished and as such, we are taking applications for September 2019. The provision is for three and four year olds. Your child is able to start in nursery the term following their third birthday. For September 2019, they will need to be three by or on August 31st. Please contact the office if you would like to receive an application form.

## Friends

After another successful disco, just before half term, the Friends are planning their next event which is a quiz night. This will be on March 15th at 7.15pm. Please come along and support the Friends, for what should be a fun evening. Thank you to all the parents who supported the disco to ensure it ran so smoothly.

## Attendance Matters

Our attendance figure, for the end of February is 96.8%. Thank you for your continued support with this.

At our parents' evening this month, you will receive an update on your child's current attendance figures, along with an accompanying chart, to help you interpret the figures.

## Parent Governor

As you will have seen from the parent governor election results, we still have a vacancy for another parent governor. I will be sending out information relating to this just before the Easter holiday. I hope you will consider joining the governors. It is an important role and an opportunity to work with a proactive group of supportive governors to help the school to continue to develop. If you are considering it, but would like more information, please come and speak to me, so I can answer any questions you may have and provide you with a more detailed overview of what the role involves.

## And Finally .....

It is a much shorter half term leading up to the spring break. This year, the Easter bank holiday falls outside of the spring break, so please check the diary dates to see these dates.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes  
M.Dixon  
[Headteacher]