



Weekly Newsletter



OPAL OUTDOOR PLAY PROJECT

In April, we will be launching the initial stages of our exciting new outdoor play and learning project through OPAL which is being funded by our brilliant PTA.

The project aims to make our pupils' lunchtimes and playtimes more enjoyable, social, creative and adventurous through providing a broad range of opportunities designed to engage children across all year groups.

The project is designed to be a really collaborative venture between school, parents/carers and the local community and with this in mind we have a few requests!

[Parent Playtime Survey \(click here\)](#)

To kick off the project we are canvassing opinion from all school stakeholders including children and staff and would love as many of you as possible to do the very quick parent/carer version which can be accessed here - please feel free to share on the WhatsApp groups!

Storage and Parts!

A big part of getting the project up and running is enlisting the help of the community in donating a whole range of 'loose parts' which we can use to support the children's creative play. Examples of these can be found by clicking this link - if you have any of these or similar items, please put them to one side and we'll share details on how to donate them after the break.

We are also after builders, joiners or anyone who works for companies involved in storage as we're going to need lots of it! Not only do we need plenty of storage for the resources the children will be using, we also need a range of solutions for the storage of 450 pairs of wellies! If you think you can help with this (a few examples are included below), please contact us at admin@theadleholmeprimary.org.uk.

We're looking forward to sharing loads of updates on this aspect of school life over the next few months!



IDENTITY DRESS DOWN DAY

We had a very colourful day at CHPS today with our Express Yourself dress down day in aid of our school charity, the Children's Adventure Farm Trust (CAFT). The theme was intended to encourage all our pupils to celebrate their own individuality and that of others and to mark Article 8 of the UN Convention for the Rights of the Child: *The Right to an Identity*.



CAFT operate an amazing site in Cheshire which benefits children across the North West whose lives are affected by illness, complex medical needs, SEND and social disadvantage.

We've had a great year of fundraising so far for the charity - to give any amount for today's dress down day please click here to access our JustGiving page.

To find out more about the work of CAFT including how you yourselves can benefit if you are experiencing any of the above, please visit www.caft.co.uk. The charity have a number of brilliant fundraising events coming up - please click here if you would like to get involved.



WORLD BOOK DAY

This year, World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5th March. Every year on World Book Day, we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and support of our school community. As in previous years, we are inviting children to come to school dressed as a favourite book character or in their pyjamas - as we know books are often enjoyed and shared at bedtime! If your child chooses to dress as a book character, please remember that there is no expectation to go over and above with costumes.

We are also inviting you to send one of your child's favourite books into school with them, as there will be the opportunity to share this book with their friends during the day.

We have lots of exciting opportunities planned as part of our celebrations to immerse our children in the magical world of reading. Each child will also receive a £1 book token which can be redeemed on any World Book Day titles, or at our Scholastic Book Fair.



LUNAR NEW YEAR

Lunar New Year takes place over the break and we would like to send very best wishes to all our families celebrating this.

There are loads of related events taking place over the next few days. If you and your family would like to experience any of these, [a full list can be found here](#).

APPOINTMENTS IN SCHOOL HOURS

We recognise that of course we don't always have a choice when scheduling medical appointments for children. We have however seen a rise in children being taken out of school for these during the school day. Any absences at all do cause disruption to pupils' learning so where possible we would ask for any appointments to be made outside of the school day.

PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE AN ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL - UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD NUTS, OR ANY PRODUCT CONTAINING NUTS, BE BROUGHT ON TO SCHOOL PREMISES.

DIGITAL WELLBEING

The risks posed by the online world are unfortunately very varied and very real. Keeping Children Safe in Education, the key safeguarding document for schools in the UK, splits the risks into areas known as the '4Cs' which are as follows:

Content - Content is anything posted online - it might be words or it could be images and video. Children and young people may see illegal, inappropriate or harmful content when online.

Contact - Contact is about the risk of harm young people may face when interacting with other users online. This includes things like peer-to-peer pressure or seeing inappropriate commercial advertising.

Conduct - Conduct means the way people behave online. Some online behaviour can increase the likelihood, or even cause, harm - for example, online bullying.

Commerce - Commerce is about the risk from things like online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing or financial scams.

Protecting our children against all of the above is one of the biggest joint educational and parenting challenges we face so a combined approach is needed. For more information on how to support your child's digital wellbeing at home, please take a look at the [Online Safety page of our website](#).

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

We had a minor bump in the playground last week when a child was knocked by a parent carrying their child's scooter. If we are carrying a scooter or bike off or on to the grounds, please remember how crowded the area can be at these times. Thank you.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

23rd Feb - CHPS Commons Week

23rd/24th Feb - Reception height, weight & hearing screening

27th Feb - Year 4 Assembly (2.30pm)

5th Mar - World Book Day

9th Mar - Empathy Week

16th Mar - Ash Bond author visit

26th Mar - DT Exhibition (3.20pm)

27th Mar - Last day of term

24th April - Year 3 Assembly (2.30pm)

1st May - Reception Assembly (2.30pm)

20th June - Summer Fair