



NEWSLETTER

'If you believe it, you can achieve it'

Friday 20th January 2023

Dear families,

It has been a great week of successful learning here at Cottons Farm Primary Academy. On Thursday, we welcomed our special visitors– Mr Hughes (CEO), Mrs Hainsworth (Director of Education) and Mrs Taylor (Assistant Director of Education). They enjoyed the day- visiting lessons and talking to children about their learning; it was wonderful to see and hear how proud the children are of their achievements. Some of the children took part in a Pupil Forum, where they had the chance to share their opinions on lessons and what we can do to improve them. Our visitors commended the children on their progress and what a great job the staff are doing– thank you.

Today, Miss Hardy brought in some wonderful Chinese artefacts and decorations; the children loved visiting the area we set up; talking about Chinese New Year and asking lots of questions. Miss Hardy also led a special assembly and explained some of the Chinese traditions. Two children were brave enough to talk to the school about what they do to celebrate at home. Each child received a red envelope and golden, chocolate coin to represent luck. A Happy New Year to our Chinese families for Sunday 22nd.

Following the recent news around teacher union strikes, we are currently in the process of assessing the impact of the strike on the academy and will be in touch in the near future about what that means for your child(ren). Have a great weekend. Mrs Patmore (Principal)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 26th January– Year 3 & 4 times tables workshop at 2:45pm

Friday 3rd February– NSPCC number day

Monday 6th February– Childrens' Mental Health Week

Friday 17th February INSET DAY

Half term– 20th-24th February

Monday 27th February– return to school

It is the Year 3 & 4 parent workshop– multiplication check on Thursday 26th at 2:45pm in the hall.

The children will be joining in too!

We look forward to seeing you.



The Harmony Pledge

The Character Competencies:



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| 1. Aspirational | 6. Communicator |
| 2. Confident | 7. Motivational |
| 3. Resilient | 8. Co-operative |
| 4. Tolerant | 9. Problem Solver |
| 5. Creative | 10. Honest |



ATTENDANCE

Attendance EVERY day at school counts!

Class attendance for this week

Ahlberg — 96.30%

Donaldson — 98.33%

Cowell — 93.24%

Rundell — 95.77%

Well done to Donaldson Class!



SEND and Inclusion News

Did you know that Derby City run Autism Family Support Hubs? These are free of charge and offer a supportive space for you, your child and their siblings. Further details and session dates below:

Derby City Family Support Hub

Session dates for 2023

Chellaston Community Association
Barley Croft, Chellaston
Derby DE73 6TU

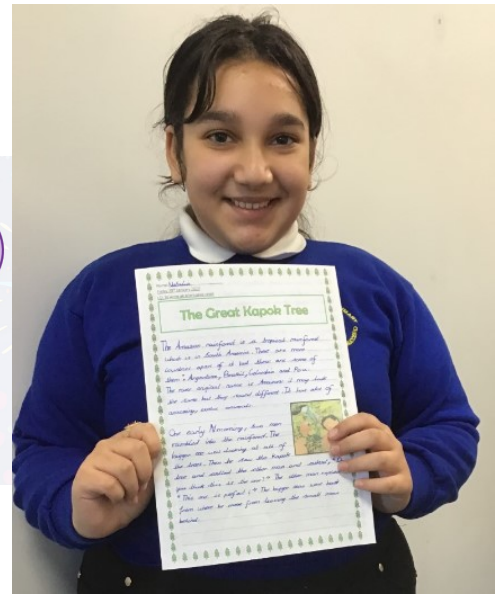
Usually the last Saturday of the month, 2.30-5pm

January 28 th	February 25 th
March 25 th	April 29 th
May 27 th	June 24 th
July 29 th	August 26 th
September 30 th	October 28 th
November 25 th	December event TBC



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Class of the Week

We have had a wonderful week in Ahlberg class this week. We are enjoying our topic for this term 'Modern Tales' and our focus author Julia Donaldson. The children have been creating Gruffalo's out of playdough, retelling the Gruffalo story using the setting the children made together and reception children have even begun to write parts of the story themselves.

It has been a delight to welcome our new Nursery children who have started this week and are beginning to settle and make friends already.

In Maths, Reception children are learning to partition numbers using the part part whole method.

I wonder if your child can show you the different parts of a whole number. The Nursery children have been learning to write count an amount, know how many there is altogether and write that number.

Miss Lambert and I are always so proud of our children for always trying their best and showing that if they believe it they can achieve it.

We look forward to seeing which books the children choose to bring in for their favourite book on Monday. We will be reading these at story time.

From Mrs Rothe

