



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are rapidly approaching the end of Term 5, which seems to have come around incredibly quickly. I hope everyone enjoyed last week's bank holiday weekend and had the opportunity to spend some quality time with family and friends.

This week, our Year 6 children have completed their KS2 SATs tests and we are extremely proud of all of them and the resilience they have shown throughout the week. They approached each day with maturity, determination and positivity and should all feel very proud of themselves.

A huge thank you must also go to all of our staff. SATs week always presents a number of logistical challenges, but everyone worked together brilliantly to ensure the week ran smoothly and, most importantly, was not a stressful experience for the children.

We now have just one more week of term remaining before we move into Term 6. It continues to be a very busy time in school, with the Year 4 Multiplication Check and Year 1 Phonics Check still to come, but there is also much to look forward to over the coming weeks.

It has been frustrating that the weather has been so disappointing this week, particularly with several outdoor events planned, but the forecast is looking much more positive for next week.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Bernard – Headteacher



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Farewell and Good Luck, Mrs Harton

Sadly, after more than five years at our school, Mrs Harton will be leaving us at the end of next week.

During her time with us, Mrs Harton has been a fantastic HLTA who has supported so many children and staff across the school. She has made a hugely positive contribution to our school community and will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils alike. The children in Hippos Class will particularly miss her care, support and encouragement.

Mrs Harton is moving on to an exciting new challenge and, whilst we are very sad to see her leave, we are pleased that she will still remain within the Aletheia Academies Trust family.

We would like to thank Mrs Harton for everything she has done for our school over the past five years and wish her every success and happiness in her new role.

We hope she will come back and visit us!



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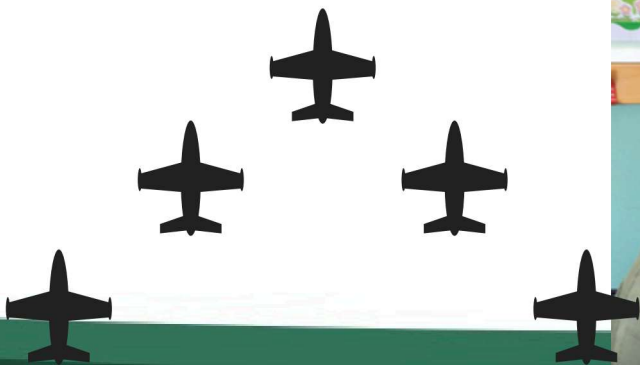
Year 5 Celebrate VE Day

Our Year 5 children celebrated VE Day as part of their World War II topic, bringing their learning to life in a truly memorable way.

The children enjoyed making scones, dressing up in wartime-inspired outfits and taking part in a fantastic street party throughout the day. Staff also embraced the occasion by dressing up and working incredibly hard to ensure the celebration was a success, helping the children gain a real sense of what VE Day celebrations may have been like in 1945.

The day sparked lots of thoughtful discussion, excitement and reflection, alongside one very important debate — how exactly do you pronounce the word “scone”?!

The children described it as “one of the best days ever” and it was wonderful to see such enthusiasm, engagement and joy as history came to life around them.



Career's Fayre

A gentle reminder that we are planning on holding another careers' fayre in June this year, provisionally on Tuesday, 23rd June from 1:30pm. This year we are looking at all careers, and in the past some parents/carers have offered their time to share their roles with our Year 5 and 6 students. We have a few interesting careers to share with the children already.

We would be extremely grateful if any of you are able to offer your time and expertise, and you are free to come in to school for a couple of hours on the 23rd June. Please let us know, and we can share more details with how the afternoon runs.



A magical adventure for Year 4

Year 4 had an amazing trip to the Warner Bros. Harry Potter Studio Tour last Friday. Despite a challenging start to the day, the children had a fantastic time exploring Hogwarts and experiencing the magic of the Harry Potter world.

Since returning, they have been speaking excitedly about everything they saw and experienced.

A huge thank you to all of the staff and parent volunteers who supported the trip and helped make it such a success.

Year 4 are now equally excited for next week's Harry Potter Day! I also had the pleasure of visiting a reading lesson last week linked to Harry Potter and it was wonderful to see such high levels of engagement and enthusiasm from the children throughout the lesson.

Thank You to Enterprise Gardens

A huge thank you to Enterprise Gardens, who kindly came into school during a thunderstorm to tidy up the garden area near EYFS.

We are incredibly grateful for their hard work and support in helping to improve this space for our children.

The garden is looking fantastic and the effort made, despite the challenging weather conditions, was very much appreciated.



Fox Class Assembly

Last week, Fox Class shared their class assembly with us and the Year 1 children did incredibly well.

It was wonderful to see how much their confidence has grown throughout the year, with all of the children speaking and performing so confidently.

We are incredibly proud of them all and would like to thank families for their continued support.

Safeguarding



Thank you to everyone for your support following my recent email regarding scooters and play equipment. Your cooperation and understanding are greatly appreciated.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind families that, as previously communicated, Apple AirTags and other tracking devices are not permitted on school trips. This is an Aletheia Academies Trust policy. If any parents have concerns or would like to discuss this further, please do speak to me directly.

In addition, we have noticed an increase in toys being brought into school. We do allow fidget toys for children who have been identified by the class teacher or pastoral team as needing them; however, these should be small and not noisy or distracting to others.

No other toys should be brought into school, as they can often lead to disagreements and distractions during the school day.



Welcome to Mrs Jones



Mrs Jones has very much enjoyed her first couple of weeks at Cliffe Woods, getting to know the children, staff and parents across the school community.

Mrs Jones has already enjoyed meeting many families and is looking forward to becoming a part of the Cliffe Woods community and supporting children and families during her time here.

Dates for the Diary

Please take a careful look at the following dates, all of which can be found on the Events Calendar on the school website, and make a note of any that may affect your child.

Date

Event

Monday 18 th May	Mental Health Awareness – Wear Something green with uniform
Wednesday 20 th May	Year R Trip to Rare Breeds Centre Year 5 Production @ 2:00pm & 6:00pm
Thursday 21 st May	Census Day – Don't forget to book your child's picnic on Arbor. Year 4 Harry Potter Day (In School)
Friday 22 nd May	Trust Fundraising Day for Cancer Research UK – 'Break the Rules' Day Rescheduled PTA Rainbow Run Last Day of Term – Normal Finish Time
Monday 1 st June	First Day of Term 6
Friday 5 th June	Year R Hearing Test
W.C. Monday 8 th June	Year 6 Residential
Friday 12 th June	World Ocean Day – Wear something blue
Monday 15 th June	PTA Father's Day Wrap – Details to follow
Tuesday 16 th June	Father's Day Breakfast – Details to Follow New Entrants meeting – 6pm
Thursday 18 th June	Duckings Class Assembly at 2.30pm
Tuesday 23 rd June	Career's Fayre
Wednesday 24 th June	Year 5 Pizza Express & Guildhall Museum (Elephant)
Thursday 25 th June	Puggle Class Assembly at 2.30pm



Have Your Say Meetings:

**Wednesday 17th
June at 2.30pm**



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