

### Owls (EYFS)

We have really enjoyed settling into our new routines in at school. They have developed co-ordination skills using the scooters, hoops, balls and bucket stilts. The sand and water trays and building bricks are giving the children opportunities to focus on mathematical skills of capacity and shape. We have been trying hard to learn some of the first phonetic sounds and we all have our own reading books now.

### Sparrows (Y1)

We have been busy learning all about lists and instructions this half term as part of our English curriculum. The children have really enjoyed making things, which has helped to support their understanding of instruction writing. In Maths, it has been great to see the children showing confidence in selecting equipment and resources to support their understanding of number.

### Chaffinches (Y2)

We are really starting to work as a team. We have been learning how to adapt a traditional tale and add a twist of our own! We read The Pigs Might Fly by Jonathan Emmett to inspire us to write an amazing story of our own. In Maths, we've learnt to use the signs for greater than and less than. We're now learning to count in twos, fives, tens and threes.

### Marvellous Mathematicians

#### EYFS / KS1

Megan from Sparrows for demonstrating her knowledge of counting in fives.

#### KS2

Abigail from Swallows for her perseverance throughout her Maths learning.



## Asfordby Captain's Close

Primary School

## Autumn Newsletter 1

### Headteacher's Message

What a fantastic start to the year we've had. We've welcomed new staff and children and have the largest school community that we've had for at least 7 years.

In terms of teaching and learning, we had such a successful year in developing oracy and raising the importance of quality vocabulary and grammar across our curriculum, developing children's awareness and ownership of learning, as well as developing the Matery approach to learning.

### Thank you!

Thank you for supporting our efforts to engage your children with being the best readers and writers they can be. Our Book Fair was a huge success, and thanks to your fabulous generosity we have been able to update our library with many current, inspiring and different titles for children right across the school.

Miss G

This year, our key priority is enabling children to be more independent and motivated to face challenges. The expectations of the new curriculum is much higher than previous years and for our children to be ready to compete with peers in the wider world and meet the demands of Secondary school, we need to ensure they are equipped with fluent skills in all areas of Reading, Writing and Maths and can apply this across our curriculum.

We are looking forward to working with you closely on this to make sure we work together so our children develop to be the best they can be.

We have started this term with a robotic bang! We have had a fantastic time and have had lots of fun learning about Robots. As a class we think robots are more successful than humans - robots don't need food, water, sleep or days off, holidays and can work over and over and really quickly without stopping or us having to pay them! What are your thoughts?

We have enjoyed learning about forces in Science too and have loved carrying out all the investigations.

Robins (Y3)

We have been learning about classical poetry. We have explored the 'Jabberwocky' by Lewis Carroll to help us innovate our own poetry.

In Maths, we have been learning about place value and addition. We can represent mathematical processes using concrete equipment and written methods. We can also show the inverse relationship that exists.

Swallows (Y4)

We have welcomed Mrs Wilkinson to join us for the Autumn term as part of her SCITT training.

We have been learning about the solar system and will be creating art based on this-check the class blog.

We have learnt to create friendship bracelets and linked this to understanding about lives in the Indian slums.

Eagles (Y5)

We are really enjoying our learning of geometric patterns and tessellation from exploring Islamic art, and investigating how we see things. Did you know that light can only travel in straight lines? We have loved examining the different parts of the eye in particular! We have also just finished reading the most powerful book we have seen in a while: The Island. Such a simple story but it will really make you opinionated and hits you hard with an unforgiveable ending.

Kingfishers (Y6)



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## Dates for diaries

Coffee and Chat events are an opportunity for us to get together with you. Usually we pick your brains around issues of ideas we are addressing in school. These are very informal get -togethers and we are always happy to see you in the school hall, from 2:30pm

Oct 12<sup>th</sup>

Nov 15<sup>th</sup>

## Baby News

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Llewellyn on the arrival of Benjamin Logan. We can't wait to meet the newest member of the Captain's Close family.

We are sad to announce that, after a bout of prolonged illness, Mr Mackenna has taken the decision not to return to Captain's Close. We know you will join us in sending Mr MacKenna our best wishes for his ongoing recovery and all the best for his future plans.

## Important Dates

Parents' evenings	4th and 5th October (additional date for Reception on the 3rd October)
Parliament cabinet	5th October
Harvest Festival	5th October, 9:45am
Coffee and chat	12th October, 2:30pm
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Coffee and chat	15th November
DSAT Carol concert	30th November
School panto trip	7th December
Christmas Dinner	8th December

## School Bank Dates

12th October

26th October

9th November

23rd November

7th December

## Library Van Dates

Autumn: 5th October, 2nd November, 7th December

Spring: 4th January, 1st February, 1st March, 5th April

Summer: 3rd May, 7th June