

Newsletter no.6  
Autumn Term  
18<sup>th</sup> October



# Amesbury CE Primary School

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart” Col 3:23

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19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Trinity  
Year A

*Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Children and Governors.*

Here we are, already at the end of Term 1. As predicted, the return to school was busy and exhausting, yet the children adapted so well to changes and found themselves quickly settled into routines. Parents too have been a huge support in our efforts to return to school amidst a national pandemic by supporting our efforts to keep everyone safe and understanding why we have not been able to do some of the things we normally would at this time of year. It is with great excitement however that myself, Mr Jeffries and the staff have already begun plotting how we can celebrate Christmas with families in a safe way this year (yes, I know it's still only October but as Confucius said, “A man who does not plan long ahead will find trouble at his door.”). As you might expect there will be lots of videos of children singing and performing so parents will be asked to double check permissions to ensure children are able to be included in this. We are also looking into some other festive treats to share with parents so watch this space! Speaking of Christmas, the PTA Christmas cards are now available to order. Without a Christmas Fayre this year, the PTA have lost their main source of funding for the winter term so please do consider buying a pack of your child's cards – the money raised from these will help to support PTA funded school projects that benefit all of our children.

As Term 1 draws to a close we do, sadly, have a ‘goodbye’ to say to Mrs James. Mrs James joined our school on a temporary contract last year to provide additional support for children in upper Key Stage 2 where she has been a valued and committed member of our school family. Mrs James leaves us to spend more time with her five sons and further develop her family business: we wish you lots of luck Mrs James and hope you come back and visit us again soon!

Another vital branch of our school family tree, the Governing Body, are seeking to increase numbers. You may have seen recent adverts for a Parent Governor, if you – or any other parents you know – are interested in this exciting opportunity then please do contact the clerk to Governors at [clerk@amesbury.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@amesbury.wilts.sch.uk).

Finally, I have some particularly exciting news to share with our school community. On Friday, Mr Jeffries and I made a visit to year 6 to make some very important announcements! After a gruelling application process our Senior Prefects have been chosen and awarded their positions. In addition to these eight special roles of responsibility, all of Year 6 have also been awarded a Year 6 tie. This special tie shows all pupils, parents, staff and visitors to our school that these children are the oldest and therefore the role models of our school values. Wearing a Year 6 tie is not only a privilege but a symbol of the additional responsibility that comes from being the eldest in the school. We know that Avebury and Stonehenge children will wear these with pride and demonstrate all the kindness, endurance and dignity we expect of our pupils – and some! We look forward to sharing some photos of how smart the children look very soon.

*Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Sophie Short*

***Well done to our Year 6 Senior Prefects!***

**Head Boy:** Benjamin D

**Deputy Head Boy:** Charlie F

**Red House Captain:** Finnigan N

**Blue House Captain:** James H

**Head Girl:** Isabel P

**Deputy Head Girl:** Tilly A

**Green House Captain:** Brooke Ma

**Yellow House Captain:** Daisy H



**October:** Black History Month

**19<sup>th</sup> October:** Y2 Gruffalo Day

**20<sup>th</sup> October:** Y2 Fairy tale Day

**20<sup>th</sup> October:** Last day of Term

**21<sup>st</sup> October:** INSET Day

**22<sup>nd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> October:** Half Term

**2<sup>nd</sup> November:** Term 2 begins

**w.c. 2<sup>nd</sup> November:** Telephone Parent consultations (parents to book online)

**10<sup>th</sup> November:** Flu Vaccines

**11<sup>th</sup> November:** Remembrance Day (20p to Sponsor a Poppy display – no poppies will be sold in school this year)

**14<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Jumper Day (donate £1)

**14<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas School Dinner

**18<sup>th</sup> December:** Last day of term (1:15pm Finish)

**Nativity/Other Events:** Due to COVID restrictions in place and parents will be informed of changes to plans in Term 2.



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# Golden Assembly Awards

Well done to all the children that have earned the following awards this week!

## GOLDEN COIN

This week the children were treated a prize from Mrs Short's special treasure chest. Well done to the following behaviour superstars:

|            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| Stonehenge | Finnigan  |
| Avebury    | Lara      |
| Woodhenge  | Oscar     |
| Figsbury   | Alfie     |
| Wardour    | Emily-Mai |
| Longleat   | Inara     |
| Barbury    | Georgina  |
| Sarum      | Lily      |
| Danebury   | Jessica   |
| Yarnbury   | Ariana    |
| Stourhead  | Sebastian |
| Ebsbury    | George    |
| Fosbury    | Rowan     |
| Winkelbury | Maisie    |

## HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

This certificate is awarded to those children who have particularly excelled in their learning this week. Well done!

|            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| Stonehenge | Ellie-May |
| Avebury    | Grace     |
| Woodhenge  | Boyd      |
| Figsbury   | Leon      |
| Wardour    | Thomas    |
| Longleat   | April     |
| Barbury    | Eva       |
| Sarum      | Harvey    |
| Danebury   | Ella-Mai  |
| Yarnbury   | Emily     |
| Stourhead  | Jack      |
| Ebsbury    | Evalyn    |
| Fosbury    | Jessica   |
| Winkelbury | Matthew   |

## VALUES AMBASSADOR

All of our pupils demonstrate our school values of Dignity, Kindness and Endurance, but the following children have been particular roles models for living our school values this week:

|            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| Stonehenge | Lexie     |
| Avebury    | Brooke    |
| Woodhenge  | Oliver    |
| Figsbury   | Zack      |
| Wardour    | Ruby      |
| Longleat   | Ellie     |
| Barbury    | Lily      |
| Sarum      | Harry     |
| Danebury   | Beckham   |
| Yarnbury   | Alexander |
| Stourhead  | Charlotte |
| Ebsbury    | Nathan    |
| Fosbury    | Harriet   |
| Winkelbury | Elliot    |

## Prayer of the week:

God our Father ,  
 Help us to look after the Country that we live in  
 Help us to make it a good place to live.  
 Help us to make the right choices in what we do.  
 We pray for people who have hard choices.  
 Help them to choose the right way  
 We pray for people who may be in trouble or in prison  
 because they find it hard to follow God and give to their Country.

Amen.

## Our School Vision & Values

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart"*

Colossians 3:23

To allow all members of the community to be the best versions of themselves possible through our Christian values of:

- ❖ Dignity
- ❖ Kindness
- ❖ Endurance

Leading to learners who *work hard* and *show compassion*



A fantastic, fun and easy way to help raise funds for the school PTA is to join the school lottery. Visit the following website for more information:

[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)