



# Altofts Junior School

## Newsletter w/e 17/1/25



Dear Parents/Carers

We are looking to offer more sessions for parents to help their child with their education and well-being. We have 2 sessions planned for January. Please do let us know via the office, if there are other sessions you would like to see delivered. We know that the partnership between home and school is essential for the children to achieve and the more we can support parents in their understanding, the better it is for the children.

### **How to support your child in reading—Wednesday 22nd January 16:45-17:00**

Come and meet Miss Hartley for some practical tips on how to support your child in reading.

### **CAMHS Future in Mind Presents... Tuesday 28th January 13:30**

*Ditching the Devices Information Session for Parents and Carers*

Come along and learn how to help your child use their devices in the most healthiest way possible. A time to chat with professionals and other parents about the affect electronics have on children's mental health and wellbeing.

### **Parking permits**

Polite reminder that only cars with permits, issued by school, can use the school car park for dropping off and picking up children. There are a number of cars using the car park without permits which is causing many issues in the car park and is a concern for the safety of our children. Limiting the number of cars using the car park and Ash Tree Gardens is done for the safety of our children. The sign at the end of Ash Tree Gardens clearly states that cars can only use the street to drop off and pick up times if they have a permit. Please display your permit in your car window as we will be carrying out checks in the car park. Thank you for your co-operation and your part in keeping our children safe.

### **Junior Duke (please see flyer attached for further information)**

Children who purchased Junior Duke can still complete it this year. A link will be sent through parent mail to purchase the new booklet for this year for any children wishing to participate. Children last year loved the time spent with their parents learning new skills and the teachers enjoyed seeing their photographs of activities and especially liked tasting the baked goods!

### **Recruitment**

Today we say goodbye to Mr Sutton and Miss Myatt. They are both moving on to pastures new but we thank them for their hard work and contribution to school and wish them well for the future.

We have recruited 3 new teaching assistants: Miss Munday, Mrs Tweedy-Carter and Miss Chipperfield who will be joining us over the coming weeks and Ms Hughes joins us on the 10th February as our new business manager. We are also in the process of securing a permanent caretaker.

### **Wrap around care**

Please see details on the next page.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.

Joanne Vickers

Headteacher



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### Reminders

- Please label all uniform
- Tuck shop snacks 50p daily
- Lollies 50p only as a Friday treat

## Wraparound Provision at Normanton Altofts Junior School

Ofsted Registered

Accepting payments via Tax-Free Childcare

Operating Hours: Every school day, 3pm - 6pm

Pricing:

£6.50 for 3pm - 4:30pm

£12.50 for 3pm - 6pm

Flexible Booking: Choose the schedule that works best for you—book daily or once a week.

Snacks Offered Daily (included in the price):

A variety of options including sandwiches, toast, beans, bagels, crackers, cheese, fresh fruit, and juice.

Themed Activities for This Term include:

Access to the Sports Club each evening for the first hour

Board Game Tournaments

Science Experiments

Arts & Crafts

Outdoor Scavenger Hunts

Talent Show

Sports Day

Movie Afternoon

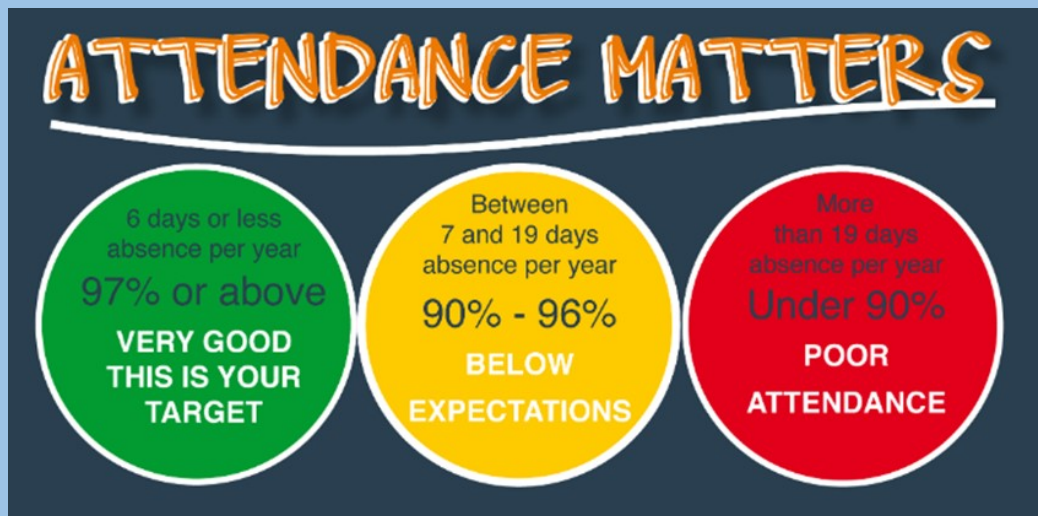
Cooking Activities

Simple Online Booking System:

<https://super-star-sport-wakefield.classforkids.io/camp/27>



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This week's highest attendance goes to Class 1 and Class 3 with an attendance of 99.56%. Amazing attendance—very well done!



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CARING FOR  
THE  
ENVIRONMENT

COOKING

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CHORES

## JUNIOR DUKE AWARD

WORLD LEADING CHILDREN'S LIFE SKILLS  
AWARD

**DEVELOP CONFIDENCE, INDEPENDENCE,  
RESILIENCE AND WELL-BEING**

At our school, we are offering the Junior Duke Award to our pupils. It is a life skills Award for children aged around 4 to 13.

For each of the primary-school year groups, there is an age-appropriate booklet which has clearly explained challenges. There is one level per year. Although some of the skills may be touched on in school, it is hoped that children will spend time completing the challenges with parents, friends and grand parents.

On completion, the school will award the children with their well-earned certificates and badges.

The nine different levels in order:

- Micro Duke,
- Silver Mini Duke,
- Gold Mini Duke,
- Bronze Junior Duke,
- Silver Junior Duke,
- Gold Junior Duke,
- Platinum Junior Duke,
- Silver Senior Duke
- Gold Senior Duke.



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## WHY CHOOSE TO DO THE JUNIOR DUKE AWARD?



In our fast-paced world, as adults, many of us find that it's simplest and quickest to do things for our children rather than giving them the time to learn, try, fail, make a mess then, finally, master the skills.

It's also tempting to help children as soon as they look as though they are about to fail because we want them to feel success rather than the frustration of not managing a skill...yet.

That is why we are choosing to offer the Junior Duke Award to our pupils this year. We would really like your help, time and guidance with it to allow children the time to get out of their comfort zones to learn to grasp skills like washing their sheets, cooking dinner, doing the shopping and building fires.

We know that sometimes it's hard to stand back and allow them to make mistakes (especially if they may be in danger!) and to give them the responsibility to do certain things independently but we also know how empowered children feel once they learn new skills.

Once a child has learned a skill such as how to make a cup of tea, it's something they should do regularly thereafter so we hope you will help by gently pushing your child to learn new skills and to keep working to improve on their skills.

Who knows, they will hopefully discover they have new passions and talents!

