



Altofts Junior School Newsletter w/e 9/5/25



Dear Parents/Carers




Children had a lovely lunch yesterday in their red, white and blue singing along to some 1940's classic songs. Children had an assembly this week on VE Day and also completed a session in class. Year 4 visited Nell Bank as part of their Geography curriculum and had a wonderful, yet tiring time.

How we inform parents of what your child is studying?

Occasionally, parents feel they are not informed about what their child is learning in class. Each half term our Heads of Year send out a newsletter with the overview of what will be taught in each subject. On our website, each subject has its own webpage which shows what will be taught over the year. It also has **Knowledge Organisers** for each topic which shows what knowledge the children will acquire. Please do have a look at the Knowledge Organiser for your child and talk to them about their lessons and acquired knowledge as this will help them retain the knowledge they learn. This is an example of Year 3's history for this term:

Altofts Junior School—History— Year 3—Summer Term—Ancient


Why was the River Nile important to the Ancient Egyptian civilisation?
In this topic pupils learn about the societal changes that took place during this period including hieroglyphs, pyramids, pharaohs and belief in the after-life.

Key Knowledge

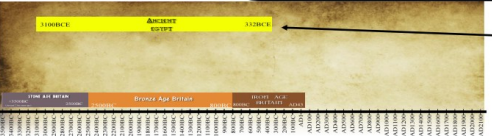
- Know when the Ancient Egyptian civilisation emerged and that this was at a similar time to prehistoric Britain
- Gather details from sources to build a clear picture of Ancient Egypt, including hieroglyphs
- Know the importance of the River Nile in Ancient Egypt for farming
- Find similarities and differences between the places of Prehistoric Britain and Ancient Egypt
- Know that Kings were called Pharaohs and they ruled over Ancient Egypt
- Know who Tutankhamen was and why his discovery told us more about Ancient Egypt
- Find out about the consequences of the discovery of Tutankhamen
- Look at more than 2 versions of the discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamen and identify the differences
- Know that Cleopatra ruled Egypt but wasn't allowed to do so without a male co-ruler
- Know that Cleopatra was a descendant of Alexander the Great from Ancient Greece
- Know that Egypt became part of the Roman Empire when Pharaoh Cleopatra was defeated
- Know that they had many different rituals which included mummification
- Know that the Ancient Egyptians worshipped many Gods including Anubis (underworld), Ra (sun) and Maahes (war)

Significant People
Tutankhamen - Egyptian pharaoh
Howard Carter - archaeologist who discovered the tomb of Tutankhamen



Vocabulary Abstract

Era - a distinct period of history
Monarch - sovereign head of state like a king or queen
Civilisation - society, culture and a way of life
Rituals - religious ceremony consisting of a series of actions
Subject Specific
Hieroglyphics - writing system
Mummification - process of preserving the body
Irrigation - supplying water to help crops grow
Pharaoh - ruler
Ra - God of the sun
Anubis - God of the afterlife
Maahes - God of war



Deputy Head teach-

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Mr Hunter has made the decision to retire in the summer this year so his position is currently advertised. This week, I will be working with some of our leaders to give them the opportunity to interview the short-listed candidates. I always find that the children are a good judge of character and it is an amazing opportunity for the children to devise and ask the questions they create. Mr Hunter has driven the improvements in our teaching, learning and progress, amongst the many other roles he holds and will be an extremely hard act to follow.

Eafety

This NSPCC [link](#) has information on how to spot online material aimed at children promoting self-harm, suicide and eating disorders. We are getting an increased number of concerns from parents regarding their child's eating/relationship with food and we know there is social media content promoting this. Pro ana and Pro mia are terms to watch out for and these are terms that our filtering system restricts so if children did try, it would send a real time alert to the safeguarding team. If you have any concerns please contact our learning mentor or child's class teacher.

SATs week

Next week our Year 6 children sit their SAT tests. They have been working incredibly hard and this is their time to show what they can do. We encourage them to come into school early for a free breakfast and I know Mrs Trembath will be sending further information. Please have a lovely, relaxed weekend with them with no mention of SATs! The best thing they can do is to get a good night's sleep before the tests and all we want from them is to try their best. They have an exciting treat lined up for the end of the week followed by a trip to Alton Towers next week.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Joanne Vickers



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Reminders

Belongings

Please label all belongings so we can get them back to their owner.

Volunteer speakers

Our RE curriculum aims to ensure that pupils know about and understand a range of religions: Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism and Humanist communities. We are looking for visitors, who follow one of these religions, to come and talk to the children about their religion and to explain aspects of their religion eg festivals and places of worship. If you would be interested in talking to the children or know someone who is interested, please contact school via the office. The talks will really help to bring RE lessons to life.

Diary dates

12th-16th May SATs week

22nd May Y6 Alton Towers

23rd May Last day of half term—finish 3pm

2nd June First day back

2nd June Class 1 and Class 3 Bagshaw Museum

3rd June Class 2 Bagshaw Museum

3rd June Evening theatre trip—Mary Poppins

3rd June Class 7 inspire 1pm

4th June Class 8 inspire 1pm

5th June Class 9 inspire 1pm

9th—11th June Year 6 Bikeability

16th—18th June Bikeability

18th June Class 9 and Barley Hall

19th June Class 8 Barley Hall

20th June Class 7 Barley Hall

26th June Summer Fair

1st July Class 4 inspire afternoon

2nd July Class 5 inspire afternoon

3rd July Class 6 inspire afternoon

2nd—4th July Year 6 London residential

9th July Transition day

9th July Summer disco for Year 3,4 and 5

10th July Year 3 and 4 sports day 9:30am, Year 5 and 6 sports day 1pm

Further dates will be added as events get planned in



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SUPER STAR SPORT

MAY HALF-TERM CAMPS

Altofts Junior School
Normanton, WF6 2NF

King's Meadow Academy
Fitzwilliam, WF9 5BP

St John the Baptist CP School
Normanton, WF6 2HZ

Tue 27th May - Fri 30th May

FULL DAY: 9am - 3pm 5 - 11 year olds	HALF DAY: 9am - 1pm 4 - 11 year olds
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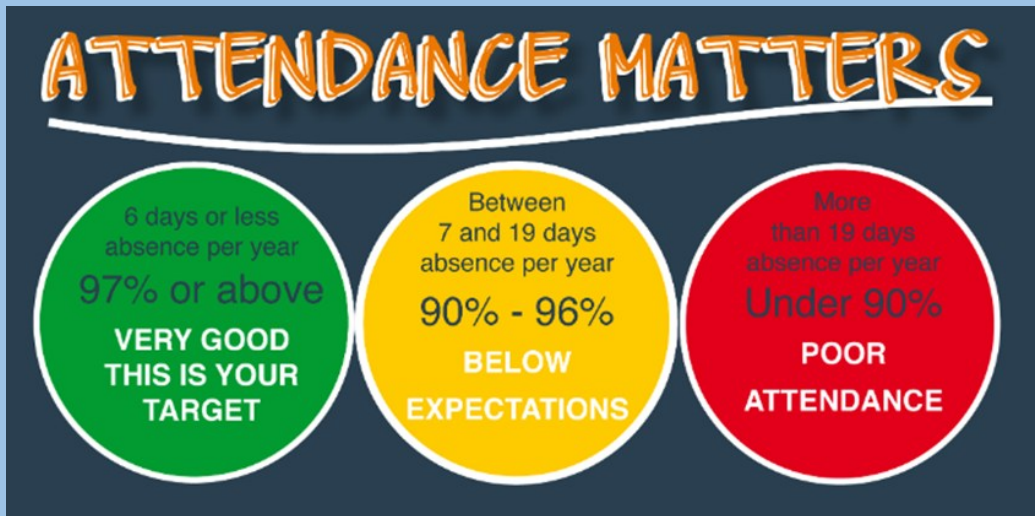
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ACTIVITIES:
 DODGEBALL & SOFT ARCHERY GAMES
 OLYMPIC SPORTS DAY
 DRESS-UP PARTY
 NINJA WARRIOR CHALLENGES
 SUPER-HERO DAY



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This week's highest attendance goes to Class 8 with an attendance of 99.14%. Amazing attendance—very well done!