

APLEY NEWS

Headteacher Message

It has been a wonderful week in school with everyone back, lots of smiles and happy chatter while we all catch up together. Reception had a great day as superheroes on Monday and I think our whole school have been superheroes this week. The children have settled back in very quickly and are brilliant at adhering to all the safety measures and different routines in place again. I am, once again, extremely proud of their efforts. Thank you for all of the positive comments and feedback we have received about school re-opening. The staff team really do appreciate these messages of support.

We are doing as much as we can to minimise the chance of the virus spreading in school and we do still need your support. Please don't be offended if the staff are querying symptoms/illness in children. We understand that there are many other bugs and reasons for illness but we have to be cautious to avoid a wider impact on others.

We also had some lovely news recently, **Miss Smith** has had a baby girl and both she and mum are doing very well. We can't wait to meet her.



We had a hard job choosing Headteachers Awards this week with everyone making such a fantastic return to school. Certificates are awarded to:

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| Rashidah | Isaac DS, | Noah E, | Inayah | Peter C |
| Ami JM | Myla | Annabell C | Caelan | Andreea |
| Harjeevan | Layla S | Charlie H | Kieran | Hayden B |
| Ruby T | Jack M | Base 3 | Base 9 | |

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Mrs Ellen Smith - Headteacher

TT Rock Stars Winners



This week's top users for each year group are:

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| Year 1: Rory P | Gabrielle U | Jackson H |
| Year 2: Madison S | Lucas P | Lilah R |
| Year 3: Megan Y | Alyssa H | Alfie I |
| Year 4: Adrian K | Jasmeet S | Ruby H |
| Year 5: Simren C | Jacob P | Dulcie R |
| Year 6: Zara H | Jordan O | Jessica W |

Super effort from you all again. Well done!

Laptop Return

For those who still have a school laptop or device, please can we have them returned to school, to the main office, by **Monday 15th March** as they are now required in school.

Many Thanks.



If you have any worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school



Dates for your Diary

Value Of The Month

March's Value of the Month is...

Aspiration
- a hope or desire to achieve a goal or outcome.

| DATE | EVENT |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Friday 19th March | Red Nose Day |
| Wednesday 31st March | Pupils Break Up For Easter |
| Thursday 1st April | PD Day |
| Monday 19th April | Pupils Return To School |

Home Testing

As children return to classroom, adults in their household (including childcare / support bubbles) with no COVID-19 symptoms can have a rapid test twice every week at home! Read more on how to access home test kits at: <http://orlo.uk/HxSn3>



RED NOSE DAY

Friday 19th March

Children are invited to wear sports kit on Red Nose Day for a £1.00 donation.

Red nose day will be an active day with lots of outdoor / PE activities so the children need to wear PE kit, have appropriate foot wear for PE and can wear their house colour T shirts/tops if they want to.

HOW YOUR SUPERPOWERS CAN UNLEASH

SERIOUS GOOD AROUND THE WORLD

- £10** could fund an entrepreneurial teacher and employ 1000s of children (2021 the UK charity year-end target is £1.5m)
- £20** could help a family pay for a primary school and secondary school for one year
- £50** could provide legal advice to 1000s of vulnerable people for 10 years
- £100** could fund 1000s of children's meals for your school, club or your favourite charity
- £200** could help fund the needs of 2000 children in need (2021 the UK charity year-end target is £1.5m)
- £500** could help 2000 children in need (2021 the UK charity year-end target is £1.5m)

RED NOSE DAY FUNNY IS POWER FRIDAY 19 MARCH

This year we are unable to sell red noses due to possible Covid-19 transmission and we ask that children do not bring them in to school for that reason. However we would love to see photos from home of you wearing them and can share your photos on the newsletter.



The census is here

Sunday 21 March

By taking part, you will help inform decisions about the things that matter to you and your community.

If you need help to fill in your census form, we've got it covered.

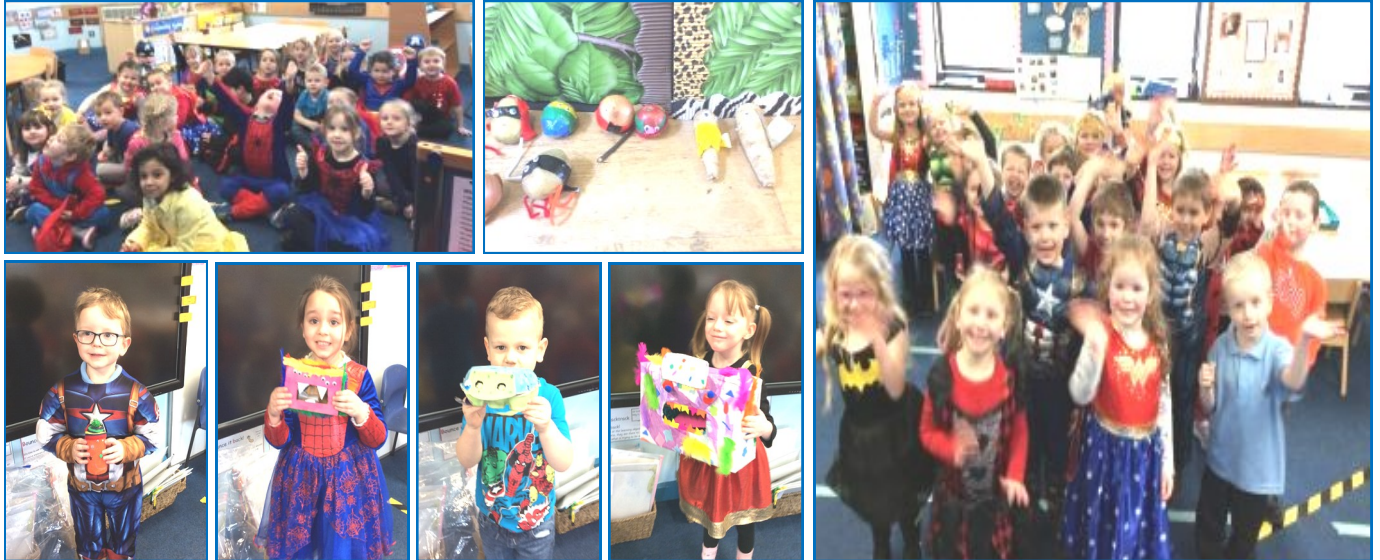
Visit www.census.gov.uk to find out more.



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So Wonderful To Be Back

It has been lovely to have our mini superheroes all back together again! The Reception children started the week sharing their 'Worry Monsters' that they made. They addressed any worries that they had about returning to school. Some made very happy monsters as they were just so excited to get back to school! In class they also made some of their own vegetable superheroes.



Later in the week we read 'Ruby's Worry' and 'The Worrysaurus.' We also read the story 'Silly Billy' and talked about what 'worry dolls' are used for. We discussed how we can tell any worries to our 'worry dolls' and that will help the worry to become smaller. The children collected sticks, chose materials and made their own 'worry' doll. In class the children talked about 'lockdown memories' and how some of them had experienced loss of loved ones or pets in lockdown and how we can cope with these feelings. We read 'Goodbye Mog' and reinforced the importance of talking to each other when we are feeling sad inside.



In **Base 4**, the children have settled really well back in to school and have really enjoyed learning the rules of Dodgeball, which they will be completing in next Friday for Red Nose Day. We also learnt how to Moonwalk as this is one of our activities on our Activity Passport.



Friday 19th March





Lunchtime Supervisors Awards



Congratulations to the following children who have received a Lunchtime Supervisor Award this week.

This week's children have been nominated by our wonderful lunchtime team for some great reasons such as being polite, being a good role model, lovely table manners, being kind, playing well with other children and many more!

**Amelia A, Oliver H, Amelie F, Isabella C, Alfie H, Matilda A, Sydney M
 Naomi, Kayleigh W, Rashidah, Robin, Oliver L, Paige T, Mohammed A, Coby T**

Well done to everyone who received an award this week!