



THE ALDGATE SCHOOL

Friday 7th October 2022

Faith, hope and love abide, these three: and the greatest of these is love.

Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18

This week we held our Harvest Service in church and were joined by our Reception class. They did really well and could be seen dancing and singing along at all the right times. Thank you for all of your kind harvest donations. We will be packing them up ready for collection by Food for Aldgate over the next couple of days.

In several of our assemblies recently we have been starting to explore the verse at the top of the page and the concept of *actions speaking louder than words*. For harvest this has meant bringing in donations for the foodbank and for Black History Month it has meant exploring whether we really do treat everyone equally. The concept of *actions speaking louder than words* will also carry through into our PSHE lessons and be made more explicit in our behaviour policy – we want children to show that they understand when they have made poor choices and actively try to change their behaviours rather than just saying sorry and carrying on.



One of our Year 6 classes went to the Brecon Beacons in Wales on their residential trip this week. Although they weren't blessed with wonderful weather they still managed to continue with all of the activities planned – horse riding, hill walking, kayaking and stream walking amongst them. Next week our other Year 6 class will have their turn to go. These residential trips are an important part of our broader curriculum here at The Aldgate School. They help children to develop a whole range of skills and experiences that they wouldn't have in the classroom. As well as the exciting activities that help children to broaden their view of the world, there is a real focus on supporting children's independence and organisational skills as well as helping them develop their risk taking and resilience. As children leave Year 6 they often talk

about the residential trips as some of their favourite experiences from their time with us.

We recognise that now, in particular it may be difficult for many of our families to afford to send their children on these residential trips and until now the school has been able to subsidise the visits for these families. As costs rise and school funding gets tighter we are looking at different ways of continuing to be able to subsidise the trips and support families with the costs. One of these ways is through Fundraising. Our school Parents and Teachers' Association (PTA) will be getting back together to come up with different ways of raising funds for the school and to begin to organize our Christmas

Fair. All parents and carers are welcome to join the PTA and take as small or big a role as you wish. If you want to find out more, there will be a meeting on Tuesday morning at 9am in the school hall for you to find out why we value our PTA so much and what they will be doing over the coming months.

PTA Meeting

Tuesday 11th October 9am
School hall

Come and get to know us and find out what we do.



A number of our pupils have their own mobile phones – either that they use when out and about or that they bring to school with them. Children are only allowed to bring a mobile phone to school if they come to school or go home by themselves. Any child bringing a phone to school must hand it into the office for safekeeping until the end of the school day.

Some of you will have heard about the incident on Bishopsgate yesterday whereby some youths attacked a man for his phone and a number of people were left injured and hospitalised. Unfortunately muggings for phones are increasingly becoming violent so please speak to your children about having their phones in their bags and not in their hands when they are on their way to and from school or out and about. We will do the same in school but please reinforce the fact that they should not be texting, playing games or making calls etc while walking down the street. I know we all increasingly wear headphones linked to our phones while we are out and about – please also speak to your children about the fact that this also makes people less safe as they won't be as aware of their surroundings or hear things going on around them.

Individual and Sibling Photos: Friday 21st October

Class Assembly Dates – each class will have 2 assemblies to share with you throughout the school year. This term's assemblies will be:

- Y6: Friday 14th October
- Y6C: Friday 21st October
- Y4: Friday 18th November
- Y3: Friday 25th November
- Y5: Friday 9th December

Assemblies take place in the main hall and will start at 2.45pm We're looking forward to having you with us to watch them!

Parent Teacher Meetings: The meetings this term will take place online. Meetings in spring and summer will take place in person. Sign up links will be sent out early next week.

- Monday 17th October: 6C
- Tuesday 18th October: 6I
- Wednesday 19th October: Years 2 and 4
- Thursday 20th October: Years 1 and 3
- Friday 21st October: Year 5
- Tuesday 1st November: Investigators class (Nursery 3-4s)
- Wednesday 2nd November: Inventors class (Reception)

