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Dear Parents/Carers,

Staff News

Mrs Collis, who has been part of our school team for many years as a Teaching Assistant, has made the decision to retire at the end of this term. We would like to thank Mrs Collis for the dedication to her role and wish her a very happy retirement.

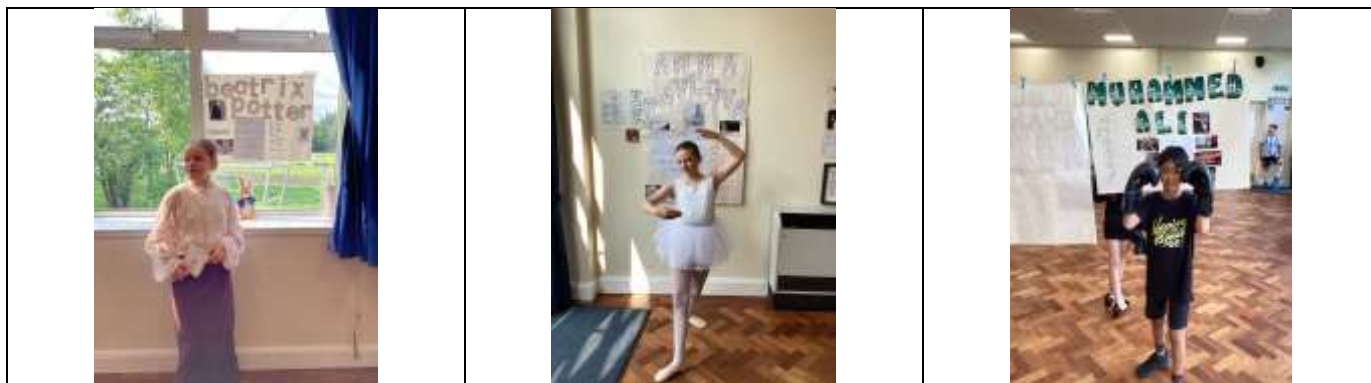
Aspire Trust Football Tournament – Thursday 22nd May

Just before the half term break a team of Year 5 and 6 children took part in the annual Trust football tournament at Macclesfield Academy. Thank you very much to the children who represented our school so brilliantly, and to Mr Lavin for accompanying the children to the tournament.

Year 5 Presentation for Parents – Wednesday 4th June

On Wednesday this week our Year 5 children held their presentation to parents in the form of a Wax Museum. Over the last few weeks, all the children in year 5 have researched a famous person and written a short biography of their life, which they have then memorised. Each child then dressed up as their famous person and froze in character in the museum. As visitors stood in front of them, they came to life and recited their biography.





School Fair – Saturday 7th June

We look forward to welcoming you to our School Fair on Saturday 7th June 12-2.30pm. Lots of tickets have already been sold, but you can still pay on the gate. We have a wet weather plan in place, but fingers crossed for a lovely sunny day! We hope to see you there!

What to expect on the day:

- Honey Pot Trail which features a trail of games/challenges to complete (with a lucky dip prize at the end),
- Holmes Chapel Hurricanes joining us for Beat the Goalie,
- React Theatre Academy doing mini workshops,
- A Bar,
- Cafe (cakes/tea/coffee),
- Tombolas,
- Facepainting + Tattoos and so much more.
- Bring your own picnic and your family and friends (the more the merrier)



Sports Day – Friday 13th June

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Sports Day on Friday 13th June. KS2 children (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) will be participating during the morning session which begins at 9.15am (gates open at 8.40am) and will finish at around midday. KS1 children will be participating in the afternoon session which begins at 1.30pm (gates open at 1.15pm). Please see the letter sent out earlier this week for more details.

Please note that if the weather is bad and we have to cancel on Friday 13th June, we have a reserve date of Monday 23rd June.

Thank a teacher:

It's almost Thank a Teacher Day again and we'd like to promote this to all staff, parents and carers.



We are so proud of all of the schools that make up the Aspire Educational Trust family and think they should be celebrated! As such, we invite you to support Thank a Teacher day to ensure as many teachers, school leaders and support staff as possible are thanked for their work in education. Please find the letter attached.

Drama Club

Just a reminder that the React Theatre Academy Drama club is still running this half term.



Uniform Shopping:

Just a reminder our uniform shop is open every Friday afternoon before pick up - between 2:45 and 3:15pm - cash and card accepted. If you can't make it you can contact us on hcps.pta@gmail.com with your requests we will then pack your orders and leave them at the office to collect.

School Attendance, including Persistent Absences and Holidays during Term Time

The government has a persistence absence threshold of 10%. The absence threshold of 10% means that if a pupil is absent for 38 sessions (19 days) of school, they are classified as persistently absent. Schools are urged to inform parents of this threshold and to advise parents that fines will be made for persistent absence, unless there is evidence of a justifiable reason for such absence, for example, significant illness. Failure to make payment will result in legal action for failure to ensure regular attendance at school under Section 444 (1) Education Act 1996.

As you are aware, I am not allowed to grant any leave of absence during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. An exceptional circumstance is usually a one-off, unique situation that is of significant emotional, educational or spiritual value which outweighs the loss of teaching time. It is my duty to strongly urge parents or carers to avoid booking holidays, appointments or visits overseas during term-time. In addition, it is important that I advise you that under the legislation there is an expectation that schools will issue a Fixed Penalty Notice to those parents who take their children on an unauthorised leave of absence (holiday) in term time.

Penalty Notices will be issued for
Term time leave: Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days or
Unauthorised absence: A Penalty Notice may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period
Per Parent/Per Child
Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child . For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.
First Offence
The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or unauthorised school attendance the fine will be charged at:
£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)
Second Offence
Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or unauthorised attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:
£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)
Third Offence
On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance, a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of Failure to send a child to school the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000.

Calendar of Events

Please see below calendar dates for this academic year. New dates have been added in bold.

June 2025

Saturday 7 th	PTFA Summer Fair 12-2.30pm
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th	Phonics screening check for Year 1
Monday 9 th	Allotment session for Year 3
Tuesday 10 th	Reception Father's Day afternoon 2pm
Thursday 12 th	React Drama Club performance for parents 4pm
Friday 13 th	Sports Day
Monday 16 th	Year 2 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelter
Monday 16 th	Year 6 Photographs
Monday 16 th	Allotment session for Year 5
Tuesday 17 th	Year 4 Come and Play with the Halle at The Bridgewater Hall
Tuesday 17 th	Open evening for new reception parents 5.30pm
Tuesday 17 th	Reception concert for parents 9.30am
Thursday 19 th	Trust Speech Festival at Tytherington High School
Thursday 19 th and Friday 20 th	HCCS Transition days for Year 6
Monday 23 rd	Reserve date for Sports Day
Monday 23 rd	Allotment session for Year 1
Tuesday 24 th or Wednesday 25 th	New reception children stay and play, and lunch experience
Friday 27 th	Front Row Music guitar/ukulele concerts for parents (2pm Y1, 2 and 3); 2.30pm Y4, 5 and 6)
Monday 30 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Monday 30 th	Allotment session for Year 2

July 2025

Tuesday 1 st	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 2 nd – Friday 4 th	Year 6 residential
Monday 7 th	Allotment session for Year 3
Tuesday 8 th	Year 3 visit to Macclesfield Forest
Wednesday 9 th	End of year reports to parents
Thursday 10 th	Mystery readers 2.45pm
Thursday 10 th	Singing club performance for parents 4pm
Monday 14 th	Allotment session for Year 5
Tuesday 15 th	Year 6 Leaver's performance for parents 2pm
Wednesday 16 th	Travelling By Tuba music concerts
Wednesday 16 th	Year 6 Leaver's performance for parents 6.30pm
Thursday 17 th	Year 6 Leaver's lunch
Friday 18 th	Term ends at 1.20pm

A few dates for the next academic year:-

September 2025

Monday 1 st and Tuesday 2 nd	Inset days for staff – school closed
Wednesday 3 rd	Autumn Term begins
Monday 8 th	Allotment session for Year 2
Tuesday 9 th	3.30pm Meet the Teacher for Year 1 4.00pm Meet the Teacher for Year 3
Wednesday 10 th	3.30pm Meet the Teacher for Year 2 4.00pm Meet the Teacher for Year 4
Thursday 11 th	3.30pm Online safety talk for Year 5 and Year 6 parents with PC Andy Cornall, followed by Meet the Teacher for Year 5 and Year 6
Monday 15 th	Allotment session for Year 3
Thursday 18 th	Individual photos
Monday 22 nd	Allotment session for Year 4
Monday 29 th	Allotment session for Year 5

October 2025

Monday 6 th	Allotment session for Year 2
Monday 13 th	Allotment session for Year 3
Monday 20 th	Allotment session for Year 5
Friday 24 th	Inset day for staff – school closed
Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st	Half term break – school closed

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty
Principal

Vicki Bradford
Head of school

