

Ashleworth CofE Primary School

Newsletter – Term 1



Dear Parents,

I am delighted to be writing to you all, at the end, of what has been an eventful half term.

I have been so impressed with how well the children have settled back in. Being able to spend time together, as a school, has been a real benefit. Our Reception children, Chase, Henry, Leo and Mateo are very welcome members of our school family. It's lovely to see the children, coming together, for worship and having fun at lunchtimes.

Here's a quick summary of what we have been up to.

Kelly-anne visited us for our first dance workshop of the term. The children always enjoy her sessions. This time, she worked on a weather theme with Class 1. Whilst with Class 2, it was dancing linked to their current World War 2 topic. She will be back, in December, to work with the children again.

Year 6 have been busy. In September, they visited the Isle of Wight with children from Churcham, Tibberton and Huntley. The weather was glorious which certainly added to their enjoyment. Some of their highlights included; getting up close with the donkeys, playing on the beach and taking part in a fossil hunt along the coastline. Miss Deackes, from Churcham, accompanied the children and she was full of praise for them.

The cake sale, in aid of Macmillan was a real success. We raised a little over £45. Thank you for your support for this worthy charity.

This half term, I've been spending a lot of time in class. I've been able to see, first hand, the wonderful learning opportunities provided for the children. I've also been impressed with how hard the children work and their determination when faced with new challenges.

Today, we celebrated Harvest at Ashleworth Church. Our last visit was December 2019. The children were thrilled when their parents arrived. For some, this was the first time that they had performed in this way. Your generous donations for The Lord's Larder are appreciated. We look forward to our next visit, in December, for Christingles.

Last week, we were visited by Ofsted. It had been over 5 years since our last inspection and we were eager to show the inspectors all that is wonderful about our school. The children were brilliant. They simply carried on as normal. Thank you to those of you who spoke to the inspectors or completed the online survey. We expect the final report in early November. A copy will be sent to all parents.

A reminder that school finishes, next Friday, for half term and we return on Monday 1st November. I wish you all an enjoyable break.

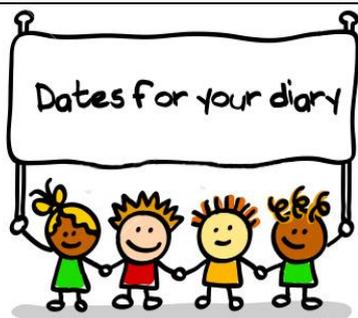
Best wishes,

Michelle Kelly

Headteacher

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- 22nd Oct - Scary Hair Day for PTFA.
- 22nd Oct - Final day of this half term
- 1st Nov - Start of Term 2
- 3rd Nov - Author Day
- 3rd & 4th Nov - Y2 Parents Meeting
- 8th Nov - Class 1 to C'ham to watch a puppet show
- 9th Nov - Open Morning 10am - 12pm
- 15th & 16th Nov - Y6 Parents Meeting
- 17th Nov - Class 1 Skills Zone
- 17th Nov - Class 2 Knex Challenge
- 18th Nov - Y4/5 Parents Meeting
- 19th Nov - Children in Need
- 6th Dec - Class 2 to Cham for WW2 Workshop
- 7th Dec - Y5/6 to Newent for Nativity Play
- 8th Nov - Open Morning 10am - 12pm
- 9th Nov - Whole school to panto
- 16th Dec - 2.30pm Christingles service at Church
- 17th Dec - End of term
- 4th Jan - Inset Day
- 5th Jan - Start of term 3

Not Feeling Well?

Please remember to contact the school on each day of absence, unless following sickness or diarrhoea or you are on a period of self isolation following a positive COVID-19 test. We should be notified of a days illness by 9am each morning so we can mark the absence in the register.

COVID-19

If your child is exhibiting any of the presently recognised COVID-19 symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

The advice from Public Health England and the NHS is that even if the symptoms are mild, you should:

- Get a PCR test to check if they have COVID-19 as soon as possible.
- Your child should stay at home and not have visitors until you get the test result

Please continue to let us know if you have ordered a PCR test and the subsequent result when available.

Thank you

Parentpay

Please can you check your parent pay accounts to ensure that all Before/After school clubs have been paid for aswell as any school dinners that have been taken. Thank you

Wacky Hair Day

Don't forget on Friday 22nd October, children can come to school with wacky hair for a donation of £1, all monies raised will go to the PTFA.



New Parent Governor

We would like to welcome Nicola Killeen as the schools new Parent Governor. Welcome aboard Nicola!

Reminders:

- The closing date for secondary applications is during Half Term on Sunday 31 October 2021. We strongly recommend that you make your application before the half-term break in case you need any assistance.
- For any reception children starting in September 2022, we have open mornings on Tuesday 9th November and Wednesday 8th December, both from 10am - 12pm.