

Ashleworth CofE Primary School

Newsletter – January 2020



Dear Parents,

It only seems like yesterday when I was wishing you all a Happy New Year, and now, here we are already at the end of the half term.

Let's look back and celebrate what's happened over these past six weeks.

We gave Miss Daniels a lovely send off as she started her maternity leave in January. Just over two weeks later, on Wednesday 5th February, baby Arabella arrived at 12.57pm. She weighed in at a healthy 6lbs 14oz. Both Miss Daniels and Arabella are doing well and we look forward to seeing them both soon.

Miss Barnes has taken the reigns in Class 1. She has settled in well to life here at Ashleworth. The children are working hard and enjoying their learning.

Despite all manners of weather, the children in Class 1 have enjoyed three Forest School sessions. The campfire and hot chocolate are very welcome at this time of year. Thanks go to Lenka and Shaun who join Mrs Williams and Mrs Huggins for these sessions.

We're really lucky here at school to be blessed with so many willing volunteers. Thanks go to the parents who come into school on a Tuesday afternoon to hear the children read. This term, we have welcomed a new volunteer into school. Mrs Kay Benton recently moved into Ashleworth. She is an experienced Teaching Assistant; coming into school two mornings a week.

Class 1 have started their whole class violin lessons. To begin with, they have been learning how to handle the instrument and the bow correctly. Their next step has been to play a series of notes TOGETHER. There is also time for them to practise keeping a rhythm. They have lessons next half term and parents will be invited in for a short performance before Easter.

It has been a busy half term for Class 1 as they have also visited the Mosque. The visit supported their RE learning about 'Who is a Muslim and how do they live?' The children were shown around the Mosque and prayer was explained to them.

You will all know that we have been focusing upon the teaching of spelling here at school. To celebrate the how well this is going; we have introduced Spelling Champions. Every half term, the staff will nominate a child from each class who has demonstrated a positive attitude to both their spelling homework and learning their spellings. They will be given a trophy (to keep and their picture will be displayed in school. Our first recipients are Lara for Class 1 and Albie for Class 2.

Congratulations also go to Flossy who is this term's Value Champion for Perseverance. Next term, our value is Justice.

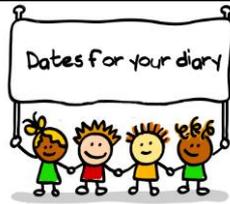
All that remains is to wish you an enjoyable half term break. Let us hope that Storm Dennis does not cause us too many problems. See you on February 24th.

Yours sincerely,
Michelle Kelly

Headteacher

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- 14th Feb - Inset Day
- 24th Feb - start of term 4
- 26th Feb - Y3/4 Swimming
- 26th Feb - No Choir
- 4th Feb - Y3/4 Swimming
- 5th March - World Book Day
- 10th March - Whole school trip to Gloucester Cathedral
- 11th March - Y3/4 Swimming
- 11th March - Y2/6 Parents Meeting
- 13th March - Non uniform day for PTFA
- 18th March - Y3/4 Swimming
- 19th March - Mothers Day Service in school @ 2.30pm
- 20th March - Y5/6 to Churcham for online talk
- 25th March - Full day forest school @ Foscombe Manor
- 25th March - Y3/4 Swimming - last session
- 2nd April - Easter Service at Church @ 2.30pm
- 3rd April - Non uniform day for PTFA

PE Kits

We still have children with no PE kits in school. All children require a PE kit consisting of a white or royal blue t-shirt, black or blue shorts. Black or blue tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE and outdoor pumps or trainers. PE kits are to be left in school and taken home to wash each half term. **Please can we also ask that any girls wearing tights bring in a pair of socks to change into.**



Open the Book

We are looking for any parents who are willing to be part of our Open the Book team. This would be for half an hour first thing on a Wednesday morning where you would be performing a short bible story alongside Vicar Steve and other members of the team. If you want any further information, please call the school.

Request for old Technology

Over the next half term we will be teaching the children about the History of Technology. If you have any old telephones, video recorders, LP, cameras etc that we can show the children, we would be very grateful to have them in school.



Requests for Absence Reminder

In line with our safeguarding procedures please ensure that any absence requests are submitted to school at least 2 weeks before the date of absence.

Hair

Please can we ask that all long hair is tied back for school, this is to prevent any unwanted headlice being passed around in school.



School Uniform

The Trutex shop in Northgate street has been taken over by Monkhouse Schoolwear. They will continue to supply our school uniform as before.

Parent Pay

Please note that the school now operates a cashless system, therefore any trips, after school clubs etc. will now be invoiced to you and payment must be made via parent pay. If you have not registered your account yet, please do so with the user ID and Passwords sent home. If you need another copy, please let the office know and we will reprint.

A reminder that any letters with information/trips etc sent home will also be on our website, please also use the website to check the calendar for all events happening in school over the next term.