

Ashleworth CofE Primary School

Newsletter – October 2020



Dear Parents,

Where oh where did October go? Half term break is now a memory, the clocks have been turned back and we are very much in the grips of autumn.

I would like to begin my October review by thanking you all for your continued support, and feedback, during these challenging times. As we moved through last half term, we realised that we had to make some changes to the health and safety measures we put in place. The changes to our collection times are working well and this is making social distancing guidelines easier to maintain.

We celebrated harvest in a slightly different way. Vicar Steve led worship and celebrations on the playground. This complemented the RE learning about harvest and its importance in the church calendar. Vicar Steve has passed on your generous donations for the FoodBank. We now have a RE section on our website; here you can view some of the work produced by the children.

Class 2 have completed their designing and building of their Viking Longships. A great deal of thought has gone into the finer details of their ships. Mrs Williams shared their work via Class Dojo with yourselves and with Class 2 at Churcham.

Class 2 were paid a visit by the STEMWorks team who delivered a coding workshop. The children built robots and used their coding skills and knowledge to programme the robots to move and follow a route. The buzz in the classroom was amazing. On Friday, Class 2 will be having a Lego computer Control workshop. More about that in my next newsletter.

This term, in worship, Vicar Steve will be looking at our school motto: *respected and nurtured for uniqueness*. He will be exploring the values that this represents and how we exemplify these in school.

The introduction of a second national lockdown has meant that we have had to cancel our planned Open Morning later this month. To give perspective parents an insight into the school, we will be filming a virtual tour. Miss Deackes, Churcham ICT lead, will be filming the tour next Monday, November 9th. Please can the children come to school wearing their school uniform. They do not need their PE kits in school on the day.

Here's to a wonderful November.

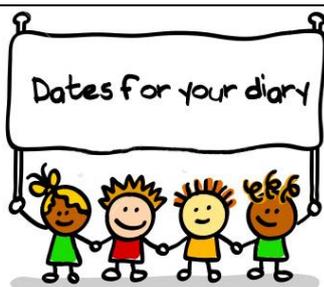
Yours sincerely,

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5th Nov - Dance Workshop
 6th Nov - STEMworks for Class 2
 13th Nov - Flu immunisations
 13th Nov - Children in need
 18th Dec - Last day of term
 4th Jan - Inset day
 5th Jan - Start of term 2

Health and Safety

Please can children push their scooters or bikes up/down the pathway into/from school. There are a number of reasons for this including: the obstruction caused by the white van; small children and pushchairs on the pathway. Also, as we are approaching winter, there is the added risk of the path becoming slippery under foot. Staff on duty will monitor the situation and will speak to children, if needed.

Children in Need - 13th November

Children can come into school wearing pyjamas for a donation, unfortunately we are not able to do any extra activities with the children due to the current restrictions.



Covid Testing..

COVID testing If your child is absent from school because they, or another family member, has been asked to take a COVID test, or have been specifically advised to isolate due to COVID, please would you inform school at your earliest possible convenience on their first day of absence - thank you.

Flu Immunisations

The nursing team will be in school on Friday 13th November to carry out flu immunisations. Children from YR through to Y7 are eligible this year. Paperwork has been sent home, please complete online if you can, if you cant, please return all paper copies to school.



Class Attendance

Class 1 - 98.9%
 Class 2 - 94.4%
 Congratulations to 17 children who all achieved 100% attendance for this term.



Food bank donations...

Each month we will be collecting items for the Lords Larder foodbank in Newent.

This month they are asking for the following items:

500g/1kg bags of rice

4 pack of toilet rolls

Tinned meat

Jars/tins of instant coffee

There will be a box in reception for any donated items. Thank you

Supporting your child's learning

This month its times tables, here are 2 websites for you to try
<https://collins.co.uk/pages/primary-mathematics-times-tables-test-simulator>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

Forest School

Due to the 2nd lockdown and the change in weather meaning more clothing will need to be bought into school, there will be no more forest school until further notice.

Congratulations to...

to Antoni and Francesco who are this terms values champion, the value for this term is Generosity.

Reminders

Now that the weather is starting to turn, please ensure children have a coat in school, we will be getting them outside as much as possible.