

# Ashleworth CofE Primary School

## Newsletter – May 2021



Dear Parents,

Whilst May have been pretty much the wettest one on record, we haven't let this dampen our spirits.

Let's begin by sharing our Values Champions. Every half term, we select a child from each class who has demonstrated our value in school. This term's value has been Friendship. Congratulations go to Vale and Arwen. Both girls have extended the hand of friendship to their classmates. On last week's trip, Vale went out of her way to help and support the younger children who were taking part in their first school trip.

Our Spelling Champions are Poppy Grundy and Matthew.

We also have a new champion award to share with you. This for maths and has been awarded to Francesco and Grace.

In our final worship for this half term, we have also said 'Goodbye' to Mrs Parker. I'd like to thank her for all her hard work during her time with us at Ashleworth. We all wish her every success and happiness for the future.

Here's a whistle stop tour of some of the other things that have been happening.

The whole school have taken part in a Science Day. Both classes have been treated to sessions via Zoom. Over 40 schools took part in the online event with a total of 2,000+ children. Class 1 undertook a plastic treasure hunt. They followed this up by making rocket mice which they launched from milk bottles. Class 2 have been bottle flipping. Their challenge was to see if, by increasing the volume of water, they could find the ideal amount to make the bottle land upright. Great fun was had by all.

Many thanks for your bottle donations. They helped to make the day a success.

Class 2 have been developing their musical talents. They have had 5 of their guitar lessons and are getting to grips with the notes and learning to read music. Antoni received an Ashleworth Ace, from the teacher Mr FP, for his focus and concentration during the lessons. On Monday, Mr M visited for a brass workshop. Great fun was had by all. Many of you will have seen the photos on Dojo.

The Class 1 highlight, has to be their visit to the Cotswold Wildlife Park. The children got to meet a whole host of animals as well as being able to ask the keepers questions about taking care of the animals. The meerkats and penguins were amongst the favourites. Miss Barnes and Mrs Huggins were really impressed with how engaged the children were and the thoughtful questions they were asking. Well done everyone.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break.

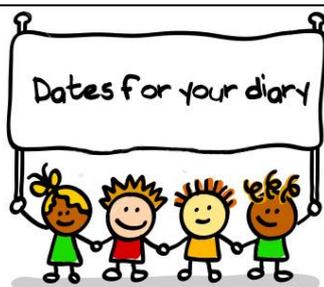
Yours sincerely,

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31<sup>st</sup> May - Half Term  
7<sup>th</sup> June - Inset Day  
8<sup>th</sup> June - Start of term 6  
8<sup>th</sup> June - Class 1 Forest School  
10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June - Y5&6 Cycle Training  
22<sup>nd</sup> June Class 1 Forest School  
24<sup>th</sup> June - Class 2 WWII experience Day  
1<sup>st</sup> July - Race for Life  
5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> - Viney Hill  
6<sup>th</sup> July - Class 1 Forest School  
12<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day

**There will be no changes to any of the Covid safety measure we currently have in place.**

### Absence Reporting

A reminder about the procedure for reporting your child absent. **ALL** absences must be reported to the office. A message can be left on the answerphone or you can call before 9.30 to speak to Mrs Noyes.

If you wish to let your child's teacher know, via Class Dojo, please only do so after letting the office know. If the office does not receive a message, you will be sent a text message asking why your child is not in school. If we receive no reply, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Keeping up to date, accurate registers is a legal requirement and your support with this is appreciated.



### Site Safety Notice

Please can we politely ask that parents keep their children from playing in the chill out area before school. We understand that at the present time it is not ideal for your children not to be able to run around and burn off some of that energy, however, we also want to keep the children safe. We appreciate your understanding with this matter.

### Class 1 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

It might have been a bit wet and windy but that didn't stop Class 1 having a great time at Cotswold Wildlife Park. There are more photos on our website.



### Plastic Survey

We had a great afternoon with class 2 sorting out all the plastic bought in from home at the village hall.



### Clothing

As the weather is so uncertain at the moment, please send your child to school with a waterproof coat everyday, if the warmer weather does make an appearance, please can children wear hats and have sunscreen. Please also ensure that jumpers, cardigans and coats are named.

### Reminders:

- Please remember that masks must still be worn during drop off and pick up until further notice.
- Over the next term there will be lots of activities happening in and outside of school for both classes, please ensure you check your emails to keep up to date