

Ashleworth CofE Primary School

Newsletter - November 2018



Dear Parents,

My goodness! We are well and truly in the throes of autumn. As I write this, the wind is howling and the rain is lashing. Thankfully, all the wonderful things that have been going on at school have lifted my spirits.

It's certainly been an eventful month.

We welcomed George and Freddie into the Ashleworth family. Both of the boys settled quickly and have made many new friends. George joining Year 6 means our numbers have doubled in that particular year group.

What fun we had for Children in Need. I'm sure you will join me in thanking School Council for their excellent efforts on the day. All enjoyed the doughnut challenge. It was a fiercely fought contest with some interesting and amusing ways of eating a doughnut without using hands. A big 'Thank you' to everyone who supported the cake sale. There certainly was plenty of choice.

We also marked the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1. The children spent the day reflecting upon events and honouring those who fought. The knowledge of the children was vast. I'd like to thank Albie for telling me about purple poppies. The day ended with our own service of Remembrance led by Rev Steve. The contributions from the children were exceptional.

The children in Class 1 had a wonderful Forest School day at Mrs Williams' woods. The weather might have been cold but the soup was warm and all had fun. Photos from the day can be found on the website. Mrs Williams was bursting with pride at how well the children did. My thanks go to everyone who helped to make the day so successful.

Our Open Morning on November 1st was well attended. It was lovely to show new families around the school. We will be throwing open our doors again next Tuesday.

The children are now taking part in a weekly singing session. Debbie, who is Rev Steve's wife, leads these. When possible Mrs Nulty also joins us. The children really enjoy these sessions and their repertoire is growing.

At this time of the term, our thoughts have already turned to Christmas. The children in Class 1 are busy rehearsing for their nativity piece in our Christingles service. Class 2 will also be performing their own special piece. A reminder that the service will take place on Thursday 13th December at Ashleworth Church and will be led by Rev Steve and Debbie.

It's hard to believe that we only have three weeks of this first term left. There certainly is plenty to look forward to but that can wait until the next newsletter.

Have a wonderful weekend.

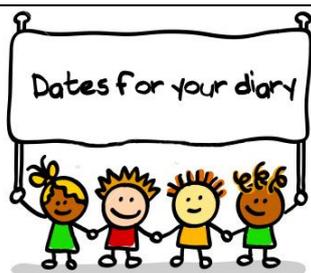
Best wishes,

Michelle Kelly

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- 29th Nov - KS2 trip to Roma Villas
- 30th Nov - 2.30pm Parents book look
- 4th Dec - Open Morning 10 - 12
- 8th Dec - Ashleworth Tree service
- 13th Dec - 5pm Christingles Service
- 14th Dec - Christmas jumper day
- 17th Dec - Panto
- 19th Dec - Christmas lunch
- 21st Dec - Inset Day
- 7th Jan - Start of term 3

Our charity for 2019..

From January 2019, our chosen charity will be the Toilet Twinning. 2.3 billion people in the world don't have a toilet. Because of this, millions of children miss a huge amount of schooling through sickness - and fail their exams. The charity helps those in desperate poverty to have access to latrine, clean water and gives them the information they need to be healthy. As a school we hope to be able to do something extraordinary for children living in desperate poverty.

For more information, visit their website

www.toilettwinning.org



Redcliffe Homes competition..

Well done to Daisy (Y5/6), Lily (Y3/4) and Lara (Y1/2) who all won the moving in card competition run by Redcliffe homes. Photos have been uploaded to our website.



Sickness ..

If your child is off sick, please report their absence to the school office by 9am each day. Please also ensure that your child remains at home for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness/diarrhoea to prevent other children becoming infected. For more information on infection control, please visit:

http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf

Family Development Minister..

Debbie Godsell is the new family development minister for our area. The Family Development Minister and the family team are there to develop outreach programmes through sport, music and crafts. More information can be found on her Facebook page: West of severn families

Hair..

Please remember to tie all long hair back, this helps prevent the spread of headlice round the school.

School dinners..

School menu choices are sent out on a 3 weekly basis; please can you ensure that children have what has been ticked off on their forms for that day. If your child wants to change from a hot dinner to packed lunch, or a packed to a hot, please notify the office before 9.30am. Anything after 9.30am we have already put the numbers through the system and you may still be charged.

Advent food collection..

Throughout the month of December the school will be collecting food for the Lords Larder food bank. The Lord's Larder Food Bank aims to target families where there is a genuine need for food and toiletries. The food bank services the Forest of Dean, Newent, Leadon Vale and West of Severn areas, for more information visit their website on <http://thelordslarder.org.uk/>