

Ashleworth CofE Primary School

Newsletter - March 2016



It is amazing to think that we are already at the end of the spring term. Whilst this has been the shortest half term of the year, it has been no less busy here at school.

Our Mother's Day service was well attended. It was lovely to hear the things that the children were saying in thanks to their Mothers. I don't think there was a dry eye in the house. Thank you to everybody who came along.

Both Class 1 and 2 have had a wonderful time with their theme learning. Class 1's visits to Forest School have really helped them with their learning about minibeast and life cycles. I have been delighted with their story writing based on the books of Eric Carle.

Earlier this month, Class 2 paid a visit to the Mosque in Gloucester. They spent time before the visit, considering the questions they would be asking in order to develop their knowledge and understanding of worship and faith. Both Mrs McConnochie and Mrs Finch were impressed with the way the children conducted themselves during the visit.

You will all be aware that Class 2 visited Cheddar Gorge, with Churcham, as part of their history theme based around The Stone Age. The day included a visit to the museum. Here the children were given a talk about daily life in Stone Age Britain. They were told about the tools used and the types of animals that roamed freely during the period. The afternoon consisted of a visit to a cave. They particularly enjoyed the chance to explore parts of the cave for themselves. Of course, no trip would be complete without a visit to the shop.

This week the children had an amazing morning at Mrs Finch's farm putting all of their learning from the term into practise. They built shelters and made tools/weapons all based around the Stone Age. It was wonderful to see the team work; not to mention the sheer enjoyment of ALL the children.

I can't end without saying a big "well done and Thank You" to Pupil Council for the café they organised and ran in aid of Sports Relief last week. They created a wonderfully relaxed atmosphere and were professional in their taking of orders and serving of refreshments. They raised £149.40 - amazing!!!

On March 1st, we were visited by Ofsted. We were subject to a Section 8 inspection of 1 day; inspectors do have the authority to return for a second day if they feel this is required. I'm delighted to say that we remain a GOOD school. I'm still awaiting the final letter from Ofsted. As soon as it arrives I will share it with you. I'm sure you will join me in thanking all of the staff for their hard work and commitment. Not only on the day of the inspection, but every single day. They are a wonderful team!!!

School finishes on Thursday at 3.20 and we return on Tuesday 12th April.

I wish you a restful Easter.

Best wishes,

Michelle Kelly

Headteacher

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dates for the diary..

- 25th March - Start of Easter holidays
- 11th April - Inset Day
- 12th April - Start of term 5
- 13th April - Forest School
- 14th April - Meeting with Y2 parents
- 27th April - Forest School
- 2nd May - Bank Holiday
- 11th May - Forest School
- 25th May - Forest School
- 26th May - Class 2 trip - further info to follow

* The above dates can be subject to change

100% attendance..

Well done to the following children who have achieved 100% attendance so far for the 15/16 school year:

Callum Baker
Ethan Baker
Charlie Beer
Isabel Beer
Henry Beer
Matthew Harper-Albornoz
Eva Matthews



meeting for Y2 parents..

Mrs Kelly will be holding a meeting for all Year 2 parents on 14th April 2016 at 9am. We will send a reminder after the Easter holidays.

easter egg competition with over farm..

We had a great response to the design and egg competition in conjunction with over farm. To make the voting fair, Churcham voted for the best of Ashleworth's Easter egg designs and vice versa. The winner was Lucy Bubb, well done Lucy.

medication ..

Can all pupils who require prescription medication to be administered within school hours please bring their medicines in in a labelled bag/pouch.



fire alarm testing..

We will be carrying out fire alarm testing every Monday during lunchtime. The children will be aware of when the alarms will be tested to ensure minimal upset.

messy play dates

We have arranged some messy play dates for the summer terms.

Tuesday 26th April - 10.30 - 12pm

Wednesday 25th May - 10.30 - 12pm

Tuesday 21st June - 10.30 - 12pm

Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun.



website..

Don't forget to have a look at our website, there are lots of new photos to view that show the schools recent trip to Cheddar Gorge, pictures from Forest School and some photos from the sports relief café.

www.ashleworthprimary.org

reminders..

- Please remember to take all PE kits home for the holidays. Class 2 will need them back in school for PE on the 15th April and Class 1 for the 18th April.
- We have lots of items in the lost property box, please can you check if anything may belong to you.
- We will be collecting Sainsburys vouchers through to the 8th July so please remember to bring any you have into school, there is a box in reception.