

# Ashleworth CofE Primary School

## Newsletter - November 2015



### Whats been happening?

Dear Parents,

What a lot has happened since my last newsletter. I really don't know where to start. The clocks have gone back and Christmas will soon be upon us. It's hard to believe that the end of the first term is rapidly approaching.

So, here is just a taste of what we've been up to!

The Year 6 children (and me) had a wonderful time at the Isle of Wight. We enjoyed great weather and all the children threw themselves into all the activities with great enthusiasm. Waltzing Waters and of course, Blackgang Chine were amongst the children's favourites. By the end of the week, many new friendships had been formed. I was delighted with the presentations that the children put together; a super sharing of their experience. These will be available on the website.

We returned to Church for our Harvest Service. Again, all the children enjoyed singing and performing at the service. A big 'thank you' to everybody who donated food items and to Mr Wall for taking the donations to Gloucester Food Bank.

Last half term drew to a close with a languages morning at Churcham. The children in Class 2 had a morning of learning and celebrating all things French. To get us in the mood, we all came to school wearing red, white and blue. We will be having a language day again in February, but this time we will be focusing upon German. The children in Class 1 will also be joining in.

And so to this half term. The children are really enjoying their themes - today Class 1 have been learning all about The Great Fire of London, whilst in Class 2 they have been investigating the permeability of different soils and making their own fossils.

We have a couple of whole school events to look forward to. Next week, KONFLUX theatre in education will be leading a play in a day for both Class 1 and Class 2. The event will take place at Churcham and parents are invited to see the children perform at 2.30. We also have a maths day planned on Monday December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our newly formed Pupil Council organised activities to help raise funds for Children in Need. Thanks also go to the PTFA who organised a cake sale. Aimee has informed me that the total raised has increased and is now £205! Pupil Council are already thinking about more fundraising and fun activities.

And finally, to the rest of this term. We have our Christingles Service on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. This is a lovely service and a very special event for us all here at school. We also have Christmas lunch to look forward to and a number of other activities are being planned.

What a fabulous term it's been and it's not over yet!!!!

Best wishes,

Michelle Kelly

Headteacher

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### dates for the diary..

- 24<sup>th</sup> Nov - Whole school to Churcham for Anti Bullying day at Churcham
- 1<sup>st</sup> Dec - Open Morning 10am-12pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec - Maths day at Churcham - Whole School
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec - Class 2 to sing at Village Hall
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christingle Service
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Last day of term
- 5<sup>th</sup> Jan - Start of term 3

### Forest School..

The children in Class 1 have been enjoying Forest School this term, lots of getting dirty and warming up with hot chocolate provided by Mrs Finch. Forest School will finish on Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec and will start again in the New Year, we will confirm a start date. We would also like to thank Mr Roast, Flea's Grandad for helping out.



### Christingle service..

We are holding our Christingle service on 17<sup>th</sup> December at St Andrews & St Bartholomew's Church at 5pm, everyone is welcome to attend.



### Visit from ashleworth toddlers..

We had some positive feedback from the Ashleworth Toddlers visit to school before the half term. We were described as being very welcoming and accommodating. Thank you to the parent volunteers who helped with tea, coffee and cakes.

### Children in need..



Thank you to everyone involved with Children in Need on the 13<sup>th</sup> Nov, we raised an amazing £201.75 from the children donating £2 for wearing a onesie, playing silly games and the cake sale. See below some photos, all other photos can be viewed on our website.



### reminders..

- Please remember which days you have selected for your children to have a hot dinner. We are finding on days a hot dinner has been ordered, children have come into school with a packed lunch. Please bear in mind that hot dinners not eaten can have a cost implication for the school.
- Can all parents check lost property, its amazing what gets left behind ☺
- Last PE day for Class 2 to Churcham is 11<sup>th</sup> December, please take PE kits home over the holidays.

### drama club christmas play..

The children at Ashleworth School Drama Club are to perform a short play (for family and friends): "Dear Diary" at 9 am on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. If you are able, please come along to support the children, we look forward to welcoming as many friends and family as possible!

### Website..

Don't forget to check out our website [www.ashleworthprimaryschool.org](http://www.ashleworthprimaryschool.org) for all information relating to the school