

# Ashleworth CofE Primary School

## Newsletter - September 2015



### Whats been happening?

Dear Parents,

Where has the time gone? It only feels like a short while ago that I was writing with thoughts of summer and the holidays ahead. Now the holidays are behind us and term is in full swing.

Here's a whistle stop tour of what's been happening.

We were delighted to welcome our 6 new children into Reception. They had been with us for a number of sessions last term, so come September 2<sup>nd</sup> they were all raring to go. After a week and a half of shorter days they were full time. They have settled in really well and I'm delighted with the ways in which the older children have supported and welcomed them. Today, they have come fully prepared for their first Forest School adventure. I'm wondering who will find the most mud. Mrs Flusk and Mrs McConnochie will be arranging a date to meet with the parents or YR children.

Topic work is well underway in both classes. Class 2 are looking at Mighty Mountains. This has a geography focus, so will involve them developing their map skills. However, today they have been looking at landscapes and painting and printing their own. In Class 1, it's Weather, Fire and Water. Mrs McConnochie is waiting patiently for a sunny day, so the children can track the path of the sun throughout the day.

Last Friday, Year 1 - 6 spent the morning at Churcham celebrating the launch of the Rugby World Cup. Class 1 were working on developing their ball and game skills. Whilst Class 2, took part in a tag-rugby tournament. Mr Burke was very impressed with the commitment and competitive spirit of all the children. Next time you visit the website have a look at the photos.

This Friday, we will be celebrating Roald Dahl's birthday. We're all looking forward to see the children dressed up as fairy tale characters with a twist. The morning will focus upon Revolting Rhymes and a lot of fun activities have been planned.

And finally, next week the Y6 children will be joining Churcham, Huntley and Tibberton children on our annual visit to the Isle of Wight. The week will be very busy with a range of exciting activities. My personal favourite is Osborne House. I look forward to telling you all about our adventures.

I'd like to say a final 'Thank you' to PTFA for their continued support and their hard work in replacing the fence in the playground and removing the weeds. It looks fabulous.

Best wishes,

Michelle Kelly

Headteacher

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### dates for the diary..

- 28<sup>th</sup> Sept - 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct - Year 6 trip to the IOW
- 7<sup>th</sup> Oct - Open Morning
- 7<sup>th</sup> Oct - Parent Drop ins
- 8<sup>th</sup> Oct - Harvest Festival
- 21<sup>st</sup> Oct - Inset Day
- 22<sup>st</sup> Oct - Half Term
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov - Start of term 2

### this year's themes

#### Class 1

Autumn term - Weather, Water and Fire

Spring term - Minibeasts

Summer term - where we live

#### Class 2

Autumn term - Mighty Mountains

Spring term - The Iron Age

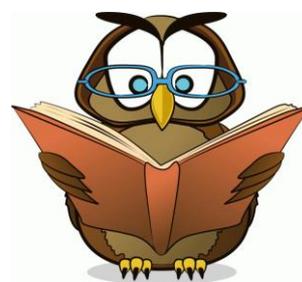
Summer term - The Americas

### harvest..

This year's harvest festival will take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at St Andrew & St Bartholomew church - everyone welcome



From Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> October there will be a box in reception collecting food items for the foodbank in Gloucester, all donations greatly received.



### admissions info primary school..

Gloucestershire County Council are in the process of preparing paperwork to send out to parents of children who are due to start school in September 2016, this will include children born between 01 Sept 2011 and 31 Aug 2012.

### lunches

The new dinners provided by Caterlink are proving to be a hit with the children and even the teachers!! Going forward, please can I ask that all menus are returned to the office as soon as possible as all dinners now have to be pre-ordered on a Friday for the following week. This will make it difficult for us to change the numbers and requests.

### wake and shake..



Start the day of with a fun and lively activity, wake and shake will be on Wednesdays and Fridays of each week starting at 8.35am

### wellies for reception..

If you have any old wellies lying around and home you no longer use, our reception children would be very grateful for them



### website..

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