

Ashleworth CofE Primary School

Newsletter - March 2017



Dear Parents,

I can't believe how quickly we have marched into March. Recently, the weather has really improved and there is a definite spring like feel in the air. Last week, the children were able to enjoy a picnic at lunchtime.

Things are ticking along nicely here. We are all keeping a watchful eye on Mrs Flusk's bump. I'm convinced she gets bigger every time I see her. She's keeping good health and I'm staggered by how much energy she has.

It also gives me great pleasure to welcome Amelia Harper to our school. She joined reception at the beginning of this week. All of the children were excited to meet her and have been very welcoming.

I did say in my last newsletter that this is very much a term of 'hard work!' That doesn't mean that there isn't time for some fun as well.

So, what have we been up to this term?

The children in Years 3, 4 & 5 are really enjoying their swimming lessons. I feel privileged to be able to watch the lessons from the sidelines. All of the children are demonstrating our core value of perseverance during their lessons and it's wonderful to see the great strides they are making.

The Year 5 children attended the dress rehearsal of Bugsy Malone at Newent School. It was an excellent performance and how wonderful to see Aimee and Izzy in the show.

We've had a couple of expert teachers visit Ashleworth as well. Mrs Ellis came in and worked with the children in Class 1 and Year 3 focusing upon fractions. The children really enjoyed the sessions. Class 2 were treated to a music masterclass when Mrs Hart visited the school. Not only did she work with the children, but she also spent time with Mrs Smithers discussing how we can develop music across the school.

World Book Day was a resounding success. What an amazing array of Where's Wally characters we had. Photos can be seen around school and on our website. Our next fundraiser is Red Nose Day. The theme is wearing red and crazy hair. The hair was suggested by the children! Whilst this is a fun day, it is important that the children know the very serious message behind the event.

The children in Year 4, 5 & 6 attended a horse anatomy and evolution workshop at Hartpury College on Monday. They met the horses, looked at how horse health is maintained and visited the lab to look at a selection of horse bones. Mrs Lyne accompanied the children; they were excellent ambassadors for the school.

Class 2 also visited Hartpury Church to take part in Experience Eucharist.

So, what lies ahead for us during the rest of this term?

Class 2 have their visit to the Big Bang Science and Technology Exhibition at the NEC. This promises to be a very exciting day with the children taking part in a range of activities that will inspire and delight.

A reminder that next week we have scheduled 2 informal parents meetings. These will take place on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd between 3.30 and 4.45. Teachers will be in their classrooms and you are invited to come along, look at your child's books and chat to the teachers. There is no need to book an appointment as these meetings are informal.

Best wishes,

Michelle Kelly
Headteacher

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Dates for the diary..

- 16th Mar - KS2 to NEC for Big Bang Science Fayre
- 21st Mar - Informal parents meetings
- 23rd Mar - Informal parents meetings
- 24th Mar - Red Nose Day
- 30th Mar - Parent Drop Ins from 2.15pm
- 7th Apr - KS2 to Churcham for Languages Day
- 7th Apr - Last day of term
- 24th Apr - Start of term 5

Reception.

On the 2nd May, Louise Kibble, the school nurse, will be visiting school to carry out the required vision and hearing checks for all reception children. Further information to follow.

Congratulations to..

Charlotte Branham-Tempest who will be performing in the choir for Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat at the Everyman theatre in June.



Missing Clothing

Some items of children's clothing have disappeared when getting changed for PE, please can you check what you have at home, they might have made it there accidentally.

Emails

Please remember to keep checking your emails for letters home. Any letters that require a signature will be sent home in your children's bags.

Website..

Please remember to check out our website on www.ashleworthprimaryschool.org if you need reminding about any dates, letters or policies.

If you require any paper copies of anything published on our school's website, please contact the office.

Wildlife Quiz..

Each year the schools from around the County are given an opportunity to compete in the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's Annual Primary Schools Wildlife Quiz.

Last year there was a record number of 115 schools taking part reaching almost 700 children!

On Monday March 20th, the Ashleworth will be competing in their first round match against Twyning and Bredon. The team will consist of; Charlotte, Maisy, Charlie and James. I know you will join us in wishing them the very best of luck!

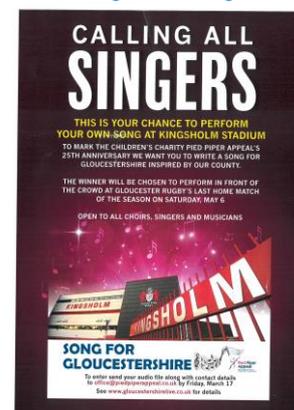


If you wish to learn more about the Gloucestershire wildlife trust, visit their website on www.gloucestershirowildlifetrust.co.uk

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Calling all singers..



lunchtime drinks..

Please can you ensure that drinks coming from home for lunchtime are either water, sugar free or low sugar squash, thank you.