

# Ashleworth CofE Primary School

## Newsletter - January 2017



Dear Parents,

Well, where has January disappear to? It feels like only a moment ago we were returning after the Christmas holidays and here we are now, in February, with half term on the horizon. They say time flies as you get older, but even the children are amazed at how quickly the weeks come and go.

In my last newsletter, I welcomed Mrs Lyne to Ashleworth. She has settled in really well and is really enjoying working with everybody in Class 2.

The children are always pleased to see Mrs Tippins when we swim on Wednesdays. It's lovely to see the wonderful relationships the children forge and maintain with adults at school.

So, what have we been up to this term?

As I'm sure you will understand, this half term is very much about 'hard work' in school. It's the time of year when getting out and about can be difficult. The children have really applied themselves well to their learning and the staff are pleased with the great strides the children are making. I have the great privilege of being able to drop into classes and seeing learning happening first hand.

Class 1, are really enjoying their work on Famous People; be it Florence Nightingale or Neil Armstrong. They have been telling me about seeing the first man walk on the moon. This half term, I've been teaching some of the RE. It's a new unit focusing upon The Creation. I've been impressed by the thoughts and questions raised by the children.

In Class 2, the children are learning all about Ashleworth and the surrounding area. As this is very much a geography based topic, they will be focusing upon developing their map reading skills. I've also ventured into a couple of music lessons. The children have composed short pieces to reflect the sights and sounds of different places around the world. They have linked the pieces together for a round the world extravaganza!

So, to some highlights to look forward to.

On February 21<sup>st</sup>, the children in Year 5 will be off to Newent to see the dress rehearsal of Bugsy Malone. We're all looking forward to seeing some of our former pupils take to the stage.

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. This year, our theme for dressing up is Where's Wally. Yes, it stripes and bobble hats, please. It's 25 years since the books were first published.

We will also be celebrating Red Nose Day later in March.

We will also be holding 2 after school sessions for parents to meet with teachers. These will take place the week beginning March 20<sup>th</sup>. I will write with more details after the holiday.

Best wishes,

Michelle Kelly

Headteacher

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### Dates for the diary..

- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb - Half term
- 20<sup>th</sup> Feb - Inset day
- 21<sup>st</sup> Feb - Start of term 4
- 28<sup>th</sup> Feb - Parent drop-ins from 2.15pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> March - Swimming starts again
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March - World Book Day

### Spare clothing..

If anyone has spare school clothing that has been sent home with your child; please wash & return to school as soon as soon possible as we are currently running very low on stocks. If anyone has spare uniform that is now too small for your child, we would really appreciate any donations (particularly clothes in the 5-7 age range) to help boost our stocks again.

### Parking..

Please remember that the zig-zag lines at the top of the drive should not be used for parking. As you are all aware, parking on them poses a danger to the children. The parish council have also asked that we avoid parking too close to the corner. Concerns have been expressed, particularly regarding the visibility of vehicles and horses exiting the road alongside The Green.

### Active Kids vouchers..

Its that time of year again when we start collecting the active kids vouchers. Last year we managed to raise nearly 3000 points which enabled us to order some new equipment for the children to use a play times. From January 25<sup>th</sup> you can start collecting the vouchers, please bring any you may have into school, there will be a box at the ready.

Thank you

### Guitars..

We still have space with our new Guitar tutor, if you are interested in lessons, please contact the School Office and the relevant paperwork will be sent out to you.

### Emails..

Please remember to check your emails for any communication from school. Any letters that require a signature will be sent home in the children's book bags.

### Affendance..

Well done to the following pupils who have achieved 100% attendance for the 16/17 school year so far..

Arwen Anthony  
Charlie Beer  
Henry Beer  
Rose Chamberlayne  
Noah Grenville-Cleave  
Ellen Hope  
Leo Joyce  
Jack Lane  
Martha Lane  
Eva Matthews  
Eleanor Perry  
Lily Spencer  
Louis Spencer



### This terms value is perseverance..

**PERSEVERANCE:  
IF AT FIRST YOU  
DON'T SUCCEED,  
TRY, TRY AGAIN**

### Free school meals..

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals, please check it out using the following link: [www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals](http://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals) or speak to the office.

### Sutton soccer school

Keep the kids active during February half term with action packed courses run by Sutton Soccer Sports out of Churcham Primary School. If you would like more information or to book please visit their website on [www.suttonsoccerschools.co.uk](http://www.suttonsoccerschools.co.uk)

