

Ashleworth CofE Primary School

Newsletter - July 2017



Dear Parents,

So, here we are in July and this is our final newsletter of this school year. It's a time of year full of mixed emotions; excitement for the forthcoming summer holidays: pride when we think about all that has been achieved this year and sadness as we prepare to say 'Good - Bye' to some children.

Let's begin, somewhat unusually for this time of year, by saying Hello to Olivia who has joined us in Year 2 this month. We've also had our Rising 5s group into school. They have really enjoyed their sessions and are looking forward to joining us in September.

Here are just some of our July Highlights.

On July 3rd, the children from Ashleworth and Churcham visited Viney Hill, they took part in a whole host of activities including: pond dipping, team building, crate stake challenge and tunnelling. The aim of the day was to give the children new experiences and to develop collaborative working and communication. The day was brilliant. The children all 'threw themselves' into the activities. I was so proud to see some children overcome their fears.

This was just the start of our Health and Well - Being week. The children also enjoyed: learning the skills of archery, designing and making a tile for The Chill Out Area, learning about the effects of sugar on the body, a mindfulness and skipping workshop. The week finished with a picnic on The Green, prepared by the children and an outdoor art session. It really was a fantastic week.

But we didn't stop there. Last week, Class 2 spent the morning at Churcham where they met Andy Lewis. He is the 2016 Paralympian Triathlon Gold Medallist. The morning was nothing short of inspirational. Andy explained how a traffic accident in his teens changed his life. Class 2 rounded the week off with their visit to Birmingham Museum.

Last Friday, Class 1 visited Mrs Williams' woods for a Forest School day. They had an amazing time. Mrs Williams was delighted with how the children engaged in all the activities she had planned for them and how brilliantly they worked together.

Our wonderful month continued with our Sports day on Monday. The weather was brilliant, The Woodies provided an excellent venue and the children were brilliant. Well done to Green House who won. A big 'thank - you' to everyone who supported us and to Mr Brooks for organising the afternoon.

And finally, time to say some 'Good - Byes!' Charlotte is moving onto St Peter's High School in Gloucester. She has been a wonderful year 6. Always giving her best and going out of her way to support and help others. Along with Charlotte we are saying 'Farewell' to Louis and Cerys. I'm sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best of luck.

Good - Bye and thanks to Mrs Smithers who is leaving us to take up a new position and also to Mrs Gobourn for this half term. She will be returning to Churcham in September.

I would also like to pass on my thanks to all the staff at school. They all give so much and go above and beyond on a daily basis. I hope they all enjoy their summer holidays.

And finally, many thanks to each and every one of you. Your support is truly appreciated. I wish you and the children an enjoyable summer.

See you in September,

Michelle Kelly

Headteacher

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Dates for the diary..

- 20th July - Parent Consultations
- 24th July - Leavers Service - 9.15am
- 25th July - Last day of term - Celebration afternoon
- 4th Sept - INSET Day
- 5th Sept - Start of Term 1

World book day

We need you! The big school prize draw from National Book Tokens is back for its fourth year.

For more information and how to enter use the following link with a chance to win **£5,000/€5,000** of **National Book Tokens** for the school:

<http://www.worldbookday.com/competitions/win-5000-for-your-school-library/>

Tile Project

As part of our Health and Well-Being week, Claire Billingsley has visited the school. She has worked with the children to design and make a tile each for an outside display, she will fire and mount the finished designs. The tiles will be sited in the Chill Out Area and we would be grateful if there was anyone who would be able to help us hang it to the wall. If you are, please speak to Mrs Kelly.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. You can sign up at your local library, then read six library books of your choice to complete the Challenge. There are exclusive rewards to collect along the way, and it's FREE to take part!

last day of term - celebration afternoon

On Tuesday 25th July, PTFA are organising a picnic lunch on the Green for the children. PTFA will be providing a range of sandwiches, sausages, sausage rolls, fruit (no kiwi) and veg sticks. Cartons of juice or bottles of water will also be available. Cakes and sweet treats will follow!

Its hoped to be on the Green from 12.10-3.20 and they have some lovely activities planned. Do come along with a picnic and picnic rug if you would like to join in.

Children are able to come to School in summer/party dresses or their cool clobber on that day.

Bottle Tombola

As part of this year's Ashleworth Show on 2nd Sept 2017, the PTFA will again be running the bottle tombola. Any bottles gratefully received - wine, beer, squash, fizzy drink, sauces, marinades, bubble bath - the list goes on! Please bring any donations to school by Mon 24th July or they can be left at the shop throughout the holidays!!

Many thanks

PTFA committee



Artwork..

Thank you to everyone who submitted a sealed bid for the Class 1 artwork, im pleased to announce that Mary Taylor offered the highest bid, the canvas has now gone to a good home ☺

Lunches

Due to St Peters kitchen being closed on the 24th July 2017, there will be no hot dinners available; all children will need a packed lunch.

Reminders

- Please ensure that all items of clothing, bags, books etc are taken home at the end of term
- There are some items in the lost property box, please have a look to see if anything belongs to you, if items are still left at the end of term, we will be using them as old clothing for the children.