

# Ashleworth CofE Primary School

## Newsletter - December 2017



Dear Parents,

I had decided to delay the December newsletter slightly, in order that I could share with you all the highlights of our visit to the Snowdome. Well, you will all be for too well aware of the events of the past few days and the necessity of us having to postpone our trip. I'm typing my piece and the view before me is white over. We should never underestimate the power of Mother Nature. I am pleased to say that the Snowdome trip has been rearranged for Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Details will be with you after the holidays. Many thanks to the PTFA for funding this trip for the children.

Now to turn our thoughts to all the wonderful things that have been going on in school recently.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November was Children in Need and the first fund raising event held by Pupil Council this year. It was lovely to see the children (and staff) turn up to school in their pyjamas and an amazing variety of crazy hair styles. Year 6 started the day by selling cakes at the Village Hall to Ashleworth Toddlers. They raised just over £20. The annual do-nut eating challenge was a huge success and Pupil Council also arranged a number of food related challenges for the children to enjoy. The day was topped off with a successful cake sale. I'm delighted to say that £121 was raised. Many thanks to you all for your support.

On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Class 2 took part in an Advent based Prayer Station day at Churcham. The day was led by Jonathan Kerr who led a half-day session at Ashleworth earlier in the year. During the day, the children undertook a range of activities to help deepen their understanding of Advent and the Nativity. There was also time for them to reflect personally on their own hopes and fears. Was amazed to learn that the Wise Men, didn't visit Jesus until 2 years after he was born.

Class 2 have also visited Gloucester Folk Museum as part of their World War 2 topic.

Class 1 and Year 3 have had their final Forest School session for the term. There was much excitement as they were going to be lighting a fire and toasting marshmallows. The photos taken by Mrs Williams and Mrs Huggins show just how much the children are enjoying these sessions. I'd also like to thank Rachel Baker, Shaun Pitt and John Roast (Flea's Grandad) for giving extra support to the sessions.

So, as the term draws to a close, we will be 'farewell' to Mrs Ellison. She has had a huge impact on the children during her time at Ashleworth. We are all going to miss her terribly. I know you will want to join me in thanking her for all that she has done for us and to wish her every success and happiness for the future as she takes up her new post in Evesham.

And finally, I would like to thank; staff, parents and of course the children for everything this year. This is a wonderful school to be part of.

To each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Kelly

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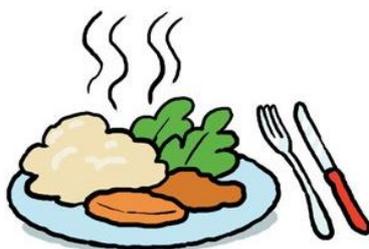


### diary dates..

8<sup>th</sup> Dec - YR, 1, 2 & 3 - Forest School  
 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - School Christmas Trip  
 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS2 to lunch at Village Hall  
 14<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christingles  
 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Jumper Day  
 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - Last day of term  
 2<sup>nd</sup> January - Inset Day  
 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Start of term 3  
 10<sup>th</sup> January - Y3, 4 & 5 start swimming

### hot dinners..

There will be **NO** hot dinners on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January due to the kitchen at St Peters School being on an inset day, please make sure all children come to school with a packed lunch. Hot dinners will be back to normal on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>.



### attendance..

Well done to the following children who have achieved 100% attendance so far this school year.

Charlie	Martha
Henry	Grace
Maisy	Harry
Rose	Grace
Matthew	Mia
Ellen	Lara
Leo	Lily
George	Flea
Jack	Diya



### School Run..

TheSchoolRun website gives you all the tools you need to understand what and how your child is learning at primary school. Download English worksheets, maths worksheets and science worksheets to support your child's schoolwork at home, find out all about KS1 SATs and KS2 SATs (and download free SATs past papers), get to grips with new educational techniques and get free homework help and information.

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### tying hair back..

We have had a few reports of head lice in school over the last week, please can you check your children and treat if necessary. Can we also ask that girls come to school with their hair tied back to prevent any further 'casualties' of the dreaded head lice.

### Changes to dinners/lunches..

- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Packed lunch for all
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 to have Christmas lunch with the luncheon club
  - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - whole school Christmas lunch

### reminders..

- Please can I ask that you check your children's book bags for letters/correspondence sent home from school
- For all children singing at the Church on Saturday, please can they wear their school jumpers.
- Don't forget to check the website for any diary dates or information