

# Ashleworth CofE Primary School

## Newsletter - January 2018



Dear Parents,

It feels like only a moment ago that we were thinking about Christmas and now here we are already at the end of January.

Mrs Ellison has asked me to pass on her thanks for your kind words and gifts. Whilst she is enjoying and settling into life in her new school; she does miss the children and will ask about them often.

Mrs Gobourn is enjoying teaching Class 2. I am delighted with how smoothly this has gone. She already knew many of the children, which has really helped. The children are happy and are enjoying being taught by her.

At the start of term, we also said 'hello' to Albie and Jess in Class 1 and Lia in Class 2. All have settled well into school and it's lovely to see them playing with their friends.

January is very much a working month here at school. Class 1 are learning all about animals and will be thinking about their habitats. In English, they're focusing upon Beatrix Potter and the story of Peter Rabbit. They've learnt all about his mischievous antics and are in the process of writing their own versions of his story.

Class 2's topic of Robots has certainly grabbed their attention. They are reading the 'The Iron Giant' and using this as a model for writing extended stories. Their science focus of circuits and electricity will be put to good use as they are designing and building their own robots. It's lovely to see all the children motivated and enjoying their learning.

This week, the children in Years 5 and 6 visited Newent to watch the dress rehearsal of Fame. I remember the original series well.

Looking ahead, there are a couple of things I would like to bring to your attention.

We have made significant changes to the way we teach maths. We've introduced the 'Do it, Twist it, Solve it' approach alongside a daily arithmetic lesson and a weekly focused problem solving lesson as well. We'd like to invite you into school on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 9.30 - 10.30 to see for yourselves.

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March, we will be holding our Mothering Sunday service at church. Please join us in offering our celebrations and thanks at 2.30pm.

A reminder that this is a short half term and we finish at 3.20pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February returning to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Kelly

Headteacher

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### diary dates..

- 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - Half Term
- 19<sup>th</sup> Feb - start of term 4
- 20<sup>th</sup> Feb - Forest School
- 21<sup>st</sup> Feb - Hearing & Vision checks for YR
- 6<sup>th</sup> March - Forest School
- 7<sup>th</sup> March - Maths drop-ins 9.30 - 10.30am
- 8<sup>th</sup> March - Mother Sunday Service
- 14<sup>th</sup> March - Y2 & Y6 Parent Meetings
- 20<sup>th</sup> March - Forest School
- 29<sup>th</sup> March - Inset Day
- 30<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Holidays
- 16<sup>th</sup> April - Start of Term 5

### inset dates for 18/19..

please see below school inset dates for 18/19

- 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018
- 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018
- 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018
- 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

### reading diaries..

Message from Miss Warner: Please can all class one parents fill in your children's reading diaries.  
Thank you

### class attendance..

Class 1 attendance from 1st Sept - 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - 96.2%  
Class 2 attendance from 1st Sept - 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - 97.4

### This term our value is..



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### yellow lines..

Please can we remind parents that when dropping off and picking up, not to park on the yellow zig zag lines outside school, we have been receiving complaints from our neighbours again. Thank you

### thank you..

We would like to say a massive thank you to Emily Griffiths and family (Lia and Jess's mum), who have very kindly bought some fantastic books and donated to KS2.



### mothering Sunday service..

This year we are having a Mothering Sunday Service at the church on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 2.30pm. Everybody is welcome to join us.

### guitars..

If any children are interested in guitar lessons in school, we have a few spaces now available, please pop in to the office for further information.

### School debt..

A reminder that if payments are not received for items such as school dinners, trips etc. then the school budget has to pay for them. We hope that by reminding everyone of the above, we can ensure that funds allocated for children's learning is available for every child and not used to cover debt.

### reading..

a website to help with reading at home  
<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/reading-at-home>



