

# Ashleworth CofE Primary School

## Newsletter - July 2016



Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that we are already in July and that this will be our final newsletter of the year. This is very much a time of reflecting on what has happened and tentatively looking ahead to September and the start of a new school year.

So, let's begin by thinking about what has happened, and in particular, this half term.

I have to begin with our visit to PGL. This was another wonderful weekend of fun and frivolity. The children took part in a variety of activities including; raft building, mountain biking, giant swing and zip wiring. It was wonderful to see the throw themselves into everything. For some, it meant conquering fears and simply letting go. As in previous years, we were joined by Minsterworth and Churcham; friendships were formed and memories made. For some of the children in Year 3, this was their first time away from home. It was marvellous to see how well they coped with all aspects of the weekend. The dates for next year are already in the diary.

It's also been a busy half term from a sporting point of view.

In June, we came together with other GloWMATCH schools for our annual Olympics. The weather was kind to us. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day; their sports skills were tested as was their abilities to play as part of a team.

We followed this up with a morning to celebrate the forthcoming launch of the Rio Olympics. Held at Churcham, the children learnt a little about Rio and all it has to offer. They took part in a range of activities including; dance, archery and fencing. Class 2 are carrying out a mini topic, this week, looking at what lies ahead.

It is at this time of year that we have to say some good-byes. For the first time since 2012, we will be saying farewell to our Year 6 pupils. Charlie, Izzy, George and Aimee have been together since Reception. They have formed a strong bond. In my three years as Headteacher, it has been wonderful to see them flourish. They have grown in maturity and confidence. They are now ready to take the next step and to move onto Newent. I'm sure you will join me in wishing them every success and happiness.

We also bid farewell to; Hugo, Amelie, Molly and Harry. They leave us to join new schools in September. Our best wishes go with them as well.

And finally, we will be saying good-bye to Mrs McConnochie and Mrs Finch. Both have given so much to Ashleworth in so many ways. We have all benefitted from their dedication and commitment. It will not be the same here without either of them. They take with them our thanks and our wishes for every success and happiness in the future.

All that remains is for me to wish you an enjoyable summer break and to thank you all for support this year.

Best wishes,

Michelle Kelly

Headteacher

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### dates for the diary..

- 20<sup>th</sup> July - Class 2 performing Midsummers night dream at Churcham
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Y6 leavers service
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July - BBQ Lunch at the Woodpeckers
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Last day of term
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> September - Inset days
- 5<sup>th</sup> September - First day of term 1

### guitar lessons..

We currently have spaces from September for any children wishing to learn the guitar; these lessons will be on a Wednesday afternoon. If you are interested, please speak to the office.

### lunchtime clubs..

We will be continuing with our lunchtime clubs from September, these will be Drama on a Tuesday and Dance on a Thursday. If your children are interested in attending these, please speak with the office.

### after school club..

After school sports club on a Monday will continue from September with a variety of sports over the school terms. Letters to follow.

### you are all invited to watch class 2's performance of..



**Date:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
**Time:** Matinée showing at 2.30pm  
Evening showing at 6pm  
**Venue:** Churcham School Playing Field

Please bring a chair or a blanket to sit on and if you wish, something to eat/drink - fingers crossed for a sunny day.

### summer reading challenge..



Libraries everywhere are celebrating 100 years of the world's favourite storyteller - Roald Dahl.

**The Big Friendly Read - Summer Reading Challenge 2016** is your chance to join in the celebrations!

Sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge from Sat 16<sup>th</sup> July and get a free collector folder to keep your special Big Friendly Read cards in. To receive a certificate and medal for completing the challenge, children need to visit a library 3 times, collect all 3 sets of stickers and record 6 of their favourite books. It's fun, it's friendly and, best of all, it's totally FREE. There will be lots to do in the library, quizzes, events, competitions etc. **Come and make some new friends at your local library this summer with The Big Friendly Read. It wouldn't be the same without you!**

Check out our web site for more details:

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries>

And [www.bigfriendlyread.org.uk](http://www.bigfriendlyread.org.uk) for fun things to do.

### value for term one is..

#### Thankfulness

- T**hinking of good things
- H**appy memories
- A**ll creation praising God
- N**ot taking anything for granted
- K**eeping focused on the positive
- F**eeling blessed
- U**nderstanding the sacrifices people make for us
- L**iving joyfully
- N**ot complaining
- E**xpressing gratitude to God
- S**aying **thank you** to those who help us
- S**howing gratefulness by our

### a big thank you..

to all the parents that have listened to the children read over the school year.

- Please remember to take all your children's belongings home with you at the end of term, please also check lost property for any missing items.
- Menus for September have been sent home, please can you complete and return to school asap.