

Ashleworth CofE Primary School

Newsletter - March 2018



Dear Parents,

What a few weeks it's been. March has certainly been an eventful month. We survived the Beast from the East and even made it through the return of the Beast. Albeit a lot less menacing than we were led to believe. We are now holding our breath and waiting to see, if in fact, it is going to be a white Easter.

Our plans for World Book Day were curtailed due to the weather. Needless to say, the children enjoyed a morning of sharing stories and dressing up as their favourite character from a book. I'm sure the children also enjoyed their unscheduled snow days and all the fun that entailed.

Class 2 entered a competition organised by TSB entitled Let's Build A Rocket. The children had to put together an entry explaining why science and technology learning is important in school. The prize was the workshop delivered by Lucy Hawking (daughter of Stephen Hawking). We didn't win, but we will still be having the workshop in Mat. TSB have also donated some money to school to support our science and technology teaching.

We also took part in the Gloucestershire Nature Quiz. This is an annual event and a chance for children to put their knowledge of all things nature to the test. Our first round match was against Hartpury. James, Maisy, Charlie and George gave their best. Unfortunately, they were pipped at the post in the final round.

I hope those parents who spent the morning of March 7th, in class, observing our new approach to teaching maths useful. We are all delighted with the impact the changes are having on the children and their mathematical skills.

On a sporting front, and in addition to their usual PE lessons, the children have had a dance workshop and today they had their first taste of Tae Kwon-Do. I'm sure the children will have told you all about the session and even shared some of the moves they've been taught. I look forward to hearing all about it when I see the children on Wednesday.

I'd also like to thank all the friends and family who joined us to celebrate Mother's Day at Ashleworth Church earlier in the month.

I can't finish our March summary without mentioning last week's violin recital. This was the finale to Class 2's ten week tuition. A great way to celebrate and share this wonderful learning experience.

April will feel like a short month for us here at school, as 2 weeks will be taken up with the Easter holidays. Some of the children have been sharing their plans with me. I'm hopeful that we will begin to see signs of spring and that, may even. Mean the sun will shine.

Next half term will be busy. The children in Year 6 will be sitting their SATs the week beginning May 14th. Mrs Gobourn and Mrs Williams have been working with the children to ensure they are well prepared and know what to expect from the tests.

So, the end of a short but busy term. It's wonderful to look back and reflect upon all that has been achieved. All that remains is for me to wish you a Happy Easter.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Kelly

Headteacher

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diary dates..

- 29th March - Inset Day
- 30th March - Easter Holidays
- 16th April - Start of Term 5
- 18th April - Girls football club starts
- 7th May - Bank Holiday
- 14th May - SATs week
- 28th May - Half Term week
- 4th June - Inset Day
- 5th June - Start of term 6

Girls lunchtime football club..

Nicky Debonis from Hartpury College will be starting a girls lunchtime football club on 18th April. Nicky feels there are not enough girls within Gloucestershire involved in football and by offering a less-competitive environment where they are able to enjoy football related sessions she hopes to increase the amount of girls participating. All girls are welcome to join in, you will need PE kits and fingers crossed the weather improves and the club can run on the green.



Attendance..

Class 1 - 96.3%

Class 2 - 97.5%

Well done to the 8 children who have achieved 100% this school year:



Snow..

Many thanks for your support and co-operation in picking your children up from school on the 1st March. As I'm sure you can appreciate there are many factors that need to be taken into consideration when deciding whether it is safe to keep the school open. We hope your children enjoyed the opportunity to play in the snow despite the freezing conditions!



Monies owed to school..

Please can I remind all parents that all invoices sent home must be paid within 14 days. Please also check your parent pay account on a regular basis, any dinners that haven't been paid for, the school becomes responsible for that debt. Together, let's ensure that funds allocated for children's learning is available for every child and not used to cover debt. Thank you

hot dinners/packed lunches..

Please can you the office know if you wish to change your children's menu choices. If you have ordered a hot dinner but bring in a packed lunch please be aware that you will be charged as a hot dinner will be provided, the same goes if you wish to change from packed to a hot dinner, if we are unaware of the changes no hot dinner will be ordered.

Adventure playground

Please can we remind parents that any children using the adventure playground after school hours must be supervised by an adult. Thank you