

Ashleworth CofE Primary School

Newsletter - July 2018



Dear Parents,

They say time flies and it certainly has this year. Here we are in July and this will be my final newsletter of the year.

To say this has been a "hot" half term would be an understatement. We have seen the temperature soar and wall-to-wall sunshine. The hot spell has not come without its problems and I would like to pass on my thanks to the families who have very kindly lent us fans for Class 2.

The children in Year 6 attended their leavers' service at Gloucester Cathedral. This is an annual event organised by the Diocese and brings together children from Church of England schools for a service of celebration.

All of the children have taken part in a couple of exciting workshops. First, there was the chance to learn some-fencing skills. The children were put through their paces and shown a number of movements and techniques. They were all really excited and keen to give this new sport a go. We will look into the possibility of an after school club next year.

Last week, the noise level rose considerably when the children took part in an African Drumming session. They were expertly guided through the session and followed the instructions of the leader with focus and precision. Even Mrs Huggins and me were able to have a go. The children were taught and performed an African song - there was even a chance for them to dance!

Class 1 have certainly had a busy half term. We had a wonderful day at the Dean Heritage Centre where we followed The Gruffalo Trail. I am sure you'll all be relieved to know that we did manage to find him nestling safely in the woods.

Included in the day was a visit to the Victorian Schoolroom, where the children took part in a lesson focusing upon the three Rs.

The following week, we all visited the Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham for a performance of The Gruffalo's Child. The children thoroughly enjoyed the show and were thrilled to see the Gruffalo in the flesh, so to speak.

Both trips were joint with Churcham and it was lovely to see all the children mixing and getting along so well. Photos of all our activities this term can be found on our website.

Yesterday, we held our annual Sports day at the Woodies. We were blessed with a slightly cooler day in terms of the weather. The children took part in number of races, although I think the Tug of War was the most fiercely contested. All the children gave their absolute best and the support for each other was amazing. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mr Brooks for organising the afternoon. I would also like to say "Thank you" to all of the parents who donned their running shoes and took part in various events.

And so to our end of term activities. We are busy packing our cases in readiness for our visit to Viney Hill. The children in Class 2 will be spending three days at the centre taking part in a whole range of activities. Excitement is really mounting. Class 1 are also looking forward to visiting Mrs Williams's woods for a Forest School day on Thursday. Next Tuesday at 9.30am we will be saying farewell to our leavers. We hope you can join us in school.

A reminder that school finishes on Wednesday 25th July at 3.20pm.

I am sure you will join me in thanking the staff for all their hard work this year and to wish them an enjoyable and relaxing summer break.

And finally, I would like to pass on my thanks to you all for your support and commitment to our school this year. It is very much appreciated. I would also like to pass on my very best wishes to the children and those families leaving us next week.

Enjoy your summer one and all.

Michelle Kelly

Headteacher

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Diary dates..

- 18th - 20th July - Class 2 Viney Hill Residential
- 19th July - Class 1 to Forest School - all day
- 24th July - 9.30am leavers assembly
- 24th July - Y6 Bugs Boarding
- 25th July - 3.20pm 'Schools out for Summer'
- 1st Sept - Ashleworth Show
- 3rd Sept - Inset Day
- 4th Sept - Start of term 1

Attendance..

Class 1: 97%

Class 2: 97.2%

Well done to 4 children who have achieved 100% attendance for this school year.



School dinners..

Please remember that on the 23rd, 24th and 25th July there will be **NO** hot dinners available due to St Peters kitchen being closed, all children will need a packed lunch on these days.

Monies owed..

Please ensure that all monies owed to school for after school club or school dinners are paid by the last week of term. Any monies outstanding, the school will be liable to pay.

Summer Reading Challenge..

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays and this year it is based around the Beano and mischief makers. 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! For more information, check out the website summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT



Reading..

Many thanks to all the parents that have come into school to listen to the children read on Tuesday's. We would like to carry this on in September so if any parents would like to volunteer and hour of their time once every couple of weeks the school would be very grateful.



Village Minibus..

We have had a few volunteers sign up to drive the village minibus due to there currently not being enough drivers. If this is something you could do, please pop into the school office for further information. Thank you



Reminders..

- Please remember to donate any bottles to the PTFA tombola stall at the Ashleworth show on 1st September, these can be dropped off at the post office.
- Please ensure all items of clothing, bags, books etc are taken home at the end of term.