

Ashleworth CofE Primary School

Newsletter – June/July 2021



Dear Parents,

Welcome to July and our final newsletter of the year. It certainly has been another year that none of us will forget. When all the children returned in September, we were full of hope for a gradual return to as normal a year as possible, given the circumstances. The children settled well we were delighted with how focused they were. Then, in January, we were faced with a second lockdown. The staff were swift to respond and set in place a wonderful programme of online learning. We were delighted to welcome all the children back in early March. Again, the children settled well and a degree of normality returned.

Since our return, we have endeavoured to give the children the very best learning experiences. When restrictions were lifted, slightly, in May, we seized the opportunity to enrich the curriculum, as much as possible, for the children.

I have already shared the highlights from Class 1's visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park. They have also enjoyed a number of Forest School sessions. Before the end of term, there will be Sports Day and PC Greg will be popping in to see the children.

It has been a busy few weeks for the children in Class 2.

Firstly, there was their visit to the GWSR for the evacuation experience. The children spent the day, experiencing what life was like, for children, in 1940. There were many highlights during the day. For me, it was the gasp from the children as the steam train came into view. For many, it was their first journey on a steam train. It brought a lump to my throat. During the day, there was the chance to interview a real life evacuee and to experience the sounds of an air raid. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and really got into role. They looked amazing dressed as evacuees; photos are on the website.

Last week, Class 2 ventured off to Viney Hill, for 3 days. This really is a highlight of the year. The activities they enjoyed included; raft building, tunnelling, bridge building, crate stack and biking. I was privileged to see the children challenging themselves and overcoming some personal fears. They supported each other and worked as a team to solve problems and achieve great things. New friendships were forged and existing bonds strengthened. The weather might have been dreadful but spirits were high. Well done to everyone.

I am so proud of our school family and the many things we continue to achieve. We are blessed with a hardworking and dedicated staff who have given so much this year. I know you will join me in saying "Thank you" and wishing each of them a much deserved rest over the coming weeks.

To Lily, Martha & Harry who are moving on to secondary school, we wish you every success and happiness for the future. They have coped magnificently with the challenges of Year 6.

To the parents who are leaving us. Our thanks for all of your support and commitment to our school over the years.

We will return, in September, raring to go. Until then, I wish you all a restful and pleasant summer.

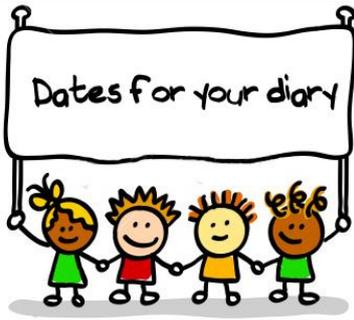
Happy holidays,

Michelle Kelly

Headteacher

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- 5th - 7th July - Viney Hill
- 6th July - Class 1 Forest School
- 14th July - Class 2 Greek Day
- 16th July - PTFA Dress up day
- 20th July - Y6 Leavers tea
- 21st July - Last day of term
- 2nd Sept - Inset Day
- 3rd Sept - Inset Day
- 6th Sept - Start of term 1

There will be no changes to any of the Covid safety measure we currently have in place. If there are any changes come the start of the new school year, you will be notified by email before the children are due back.

What to do if your child tests positive for COVID - 19 during the summer holidays.

If symptoms started WITHIN 48 hours of school on Wednesday 21st July i.e, symptoms start on Wed 21st , Thurs 22nd or Fri 23rd July - Get a Test and let us know. If a child tests positive for Covid 19, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, please contact the school on head@ashleworth.gloucs.sch.uk we will then identify those who were in close contact with the child concerned and advise parents/carers/staff/children to self-isolate as appropriate.

If symptoms developed more than 48 hours after school has finished on Wednesday 21st July i.e, symptoms start on or after Saturday 24th July, get a test and let Track and Trace and the Local Authority know. If your child tests positive for Covid 19 having developed these symptoms more than 48 hours after being in school, the school should NOT be contacted. Parents/carers need to email/call COVIDschoolenquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk 01452 426015 as well as contacting Track and Trace.

Bikes

Please can we remind parents that any children coming into school on a bike, can they push bikes down the pathway, this is to ensure that nobody gets knocked off or bumped into. Thank you.



WW2 Evacuation Day

The children had a great day on the Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Railway last week, here are some pictures, there are more on the website:



Parentpay

Please can you check your parent pay accounts to ensure that all Before/After school clubs have been paid for aswell as any school dinners that have been taken. Thank you

After School Club

There will be NO after school club on Wednesday 21st July, all children will need to be collected by 3.20pm.

Class 2

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Benton will be continuing her role as Class 2's TA come September 2021.

Reminders:

- Please remember that masks must still be worn during drop off and pick up until further notice.
- As the summer seems to be on hold, please can you provide your child with a waterproof jacket, we still take the children out at lunchtime if its raining.
- Please can we remind you not to park on the yellow zig zag lines at drop off and pick up.