



Ashton CofE Primary School Newsletter

What's on this week 12th Dec 2016

Mon: Piano Lessons am. PE with Alex Dunn pm.

Tues: **Rehearsal at the Rugby Club pm, please collect from there at 3:15pm.**

Weds: Christmas Dinner. Strings Concert at 2:45pm

Thurs: Brass Lessons. School Play 2:00 and 6:30pm. **(Collect 3:15 from Rugby Club)**

Fri: **NO** Whole School Celebration Assembly this week due to theatre trip. Christmas Market, 2:30 - 4:00pm.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19th December: Whole School Celebration assembly at 9am.

20th December: Christmas party pm. Party clothes/Christmas Jumper day! Last day of term.

4th January 2017: Training Day

5th January 2017: Children return to school

Stars of the Week

Well done to Rihanna and Alex in the Juniors for achieving Star of the Week. Well done to Ava, Abigail, Caden, Alfie Cox, Jacob, and Elouise for achieving Star of the Week in the Infants. Well done to Rihanna for work of the week.

Strings Concert

There is a short strings concert by our talented strings players on Wednesday 14th December. You are all welcome to attend and hear the beautiful sounds they will make. Please come for a 2:45pm start.

APSA news

Helpers are still required for the Christmas Market on Friday next week. Please sign up outside the office. Please arrive at 2pm to set up, ready for a 2:30pm start.

Any donations of prizes for tombola would be gratefully received and also small sweet donations for prizes.

Many thanks for your support this year from the ASPA team.

Junior Spelling megatests

We are hoping to do the junior class spelling megatests (on this half term's words) on Wednesday morning, when we get back from the Rugby club after our dress rehearsal. If we run out of time, we will test them on the Thursday morning. Please would you help your child to practise their 5 weeks' worth of spellings, so they can avoid having to do a retest. Thanks. There is no topic homework this week so they can spend extra time practising their spellings!

Here is a useful game they can play to help practise spellings:

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html#> "Spellings Checker"

There is youth club on Monday at the church from 7:30pm for all children in year 6 and above. This week they are making animations. Please contact Helena for more information.

Christmas Play Updates

The brass and strings children will be performing one of their pieces so please make sure they have their instruments and music in school Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week. Thanks.

Monday- Please make sure your child has their **costume** in school for checking.

Tuesday afternoon- Full run through at the rugby club (without costumes). We will walk the children there after lunch but please collect your children from the Rugby club at the end of school at 3.15pm.

Wednesday morning -Dress rehearsal will be on at the Rugby club. We will walk there and back. We will leave all the costumes there, ready for the performances on Thursday.

Thursday- 2.00 and 6.30 performances at the rugby club. (Please collect Children from the Rugby club at 3:15pm and drop them back for 6:10pm. The play will be over within an hour at the maximum.)

Finally, please can children return the slip that was sent out asking whether children can perform at the 6:30pm performance and also if they can attend the Christingle service on Sunday 18th December. We still have a few forms missing.

From Mrs Whitlock

Assembly next week

There will be no celebration assembly next week on Friday, due to the school theatre trip on Friday morning. All achievements and certificates will be presented on Monday 19th December when we will have the end of term celebration assembly.

Infant trip

I have to admit I had the most wonderful afternoon with the Infant class on Wednesday on the trip to Beckworth. The children were incredible on the ice, really showing the school value this term of perseverance! They had the most fantastic time, and their behaviour was a credit to the school. Well done children. Thank you to the adults who made that happen, and well done to Mrs Gentry for brilliant organisational skills in arranging the whole experience.

Christmas Party

On Tuesday 21st December, it is Christmas party day so children are able to come in party clothes or mufti with a Christmas jumper. This includes all staff too 😊

Christmas Market

A reminder that the Christmas Market is on Friday 16th December from 2:30 - 4:00pm. At 2:30pm lessons for the children end, and children are encouraged to spend time with their parents/carers at the market. You will need to collect your child from their classroom and sign them out on the sign out sheet on the door. If you are not able to attend, please send your child to school with a small amount of money if you are able so they get to join in the fun too. Pick up for these children will be 3:15 as normal.

Have a lovely weekend, I have promised the children at home we will do the Christmas tree, so I am looking forward to that, along with three different Christmas parties to take them to, and one Christingle service. It's a busy time of year, but lovely.

Mrs Whitlock

Thank you so much to all the parents and staff for all the gorgeous gifts that Oscar has received. He is a very lucky boy. Lynne.