



Ashton CofE Primary School Newsletter

What's on this week 12th October 2015

Mon: Choir. Piano. PE with Alex Dunn pm.

Tues: Film Night 3.30pm-5.30pm.

Weds: Strings Lessons pm.

Thurs: Recycling Centre - Juniors am.

Fri: Whole School Celebration Assembly. PE with Back of the Net am.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21st October - Year 6's out all day - Young Citizens. Details to follow.

23rd October - Mufti day for Bonfire Night Raffle Prizes.

26th October - Half Term Week.

5th November - Bonfire Night.

10th November - Individual School Photos.

10th November - ASPA meeting 8.00pm.



Stars of the Week and Work of the Week



Well done to George and Charlie in the juniors for achieving Star of the Week. Well done to Jacob, Lucas and Harry Matthews for achieving Star of the Week in the infants. Well done to Harvey for achieving work of the week.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE IN LARGE HOMELY ENVIRONMENT

Local Registered Child minder, based in Hartwell, collecting daily from Ashton Primary School.

Come and visit us, you and your children will be most welcome!

Call Teresa on 07985 168443 for details or speak to Ginny who knows me well!

School Gate

Please can the gate be shut on entering and leaving the school. We need to ensure our children are safe and by closing the gate this allows the school to be secure. Thank you.

Please can Infant PE kits be left in school in a PE bag. They only need to be taken home once in a while for a wash.

Nourish Meals

Please could all parents with children who have food allergies please phone Nourish direct to advise them. The support team number is 01604 367288. Alternatively you can go onto the Nourish website and advise them that way.

Holdenby House Trip

Please remember this is an all day trip on 3rd December for the juniors so you will need to have a packed lunch and cancel Nourish meals for that day.

PLEASE BRING SPARE SOCKS FOR PE ON FRIDAY AS THE JUNIORS HAVE JUST EXPERIENCED VERY WET SOCKS, SO APOLOGIES!

Archie started school with a brand new labelled pair of black joggers which he no longer has. Please can you check your child's PE kit. They have still not been found. Thanks.

ASPAs

To all parents, this is what ASPA has planned for the next few months. After half term there will be a Christmas craft club, all children are welcome so please start saving shoe boxes or a box of similar size as we will need one for every child in the school. Also please could people save the small size baked bean tins as we also need one per child? Please hand to Clare or Sarah.

Film night is on Tuesday 13th October. Please sign up and put money in the ASPA box.

As of Monday we will have wrist bands for sale in aid of Help the Hero's. These will cost £1 each.

On Tuesday 20th October at 2pm there will be a meeting to talk about craft club as we will need at least 3 parent helpers each week. If you could help out at the craft club please speak to Clare or Sarah. Thanks.

Bailey's trousers

Someone will have a pair of Bailey's trousers somewhere! After changing for PE on Monday he came home in a light grey pair of "George" trousers age 7-8 with no name in. Bailey's trousers are a darker grey aged 9 and are from BHS or Tesco and are named. Please could you check at home? Many thanks

Safety after school

As staff, we are becoming increasingly concerned about the safety of some children after school. The gate is open from 3:10 until the last parent leaves, and we have noticed that some children are leaving the school premises and heading down the path whilst their parents are still on the playground.

Infant parents, can you ensure you are clearly visible to the teachers for handover, and inside the school gate, not waiting on the path outside.

Please can we ask that when you have collected your children from the teachers at the end of the day, you do closely supervise them, and ensure they stay with you and do not attempt to leave without you, or come back into the school building. (If your child has forgotten something urgent, please can we ask you to wait a few minutes until the cloakrooms are clear, and then you may pop back in with your child.)

Finally, a polite reminder that children should not be playing with toys or equipment at the end of the day and that if you allow your child to go into the churchyard to collect balls that they do not climb over the wall but go around via the path. Please remind them that the churchyard needs to be respected and that they should not run all over the graves.



Junior Class Trip to the Recycling Centre

Just a reminder that we will be going to the recycling centre in Kettering on Thursday. We will be leaving in the minibuses at 9.30am and return at 1pm. We will then have a late lunch so please make sure your child has a packed lunch that day. They will need to wear normal

school uniform and have a coat with them. As they will be having a late lunch I suggest they take a snack (more substantial) and a drink to have when we get there at 10.15am. Thanks.

Junior class spellings

The children will be tested on their spellings on Thursday next week, just before we leave for the recycling centre. They will then be set the last 4 units' work to revise for a megatest the week after, which will also be on the Thursday (22nd Oct) as the Year 6s will be out on Wednesday 21st. In the megatest, the children will be tested on a random 20 words from the 4 units' words. They need to get 15 or more right to pass the test and get a small prize (sweets/chocolate). If they get 20/20 they receive a megatest yippee which is a double one. If they don't achieve 15 or more, they will have to keep practising and be retested until they do get 15 right. They then will receive their prize. We do this so that the spelling words go into their long term memory rather than just in their short term memory!

Juniors Bean Challenge!

Don't panic if your beans haven't germinated! You are not alone! Some children's beans have germinated while some haven't started. It just shows the children that not all seeds will germinate. If your child has not brought home a second one, get another and have another go. They can fill in their bean they have started and draw both jars. The children need to the "Week 2" page this week, with a neat and accurate their jar with the seed in, and also a description of what has the seed so far. If nothing has happened yet, they can write it might not have germinated. The diaries must be brought each Wednesday as we will be marking the homework and class what has happened.



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From Mrs Whitlock

I hope you have all had a busy week. We have been working hard at school, learning about waste education, recycling and the value of respect amongst other things.

Football

On Thursday evening this week, a team of year 5 and 6 boys and girls took part in the EWS football festival. They played extremely well, with determination and courage against some very tough opposition. The children finished in 6th place. We are looking forward to hearing about the festival on the new website blog. (See below for information on the new website.)

Change to the Governing Body

As I am sure you are aware, the school is supported by a group of volunteers known as our Governing Body. For many years at Ashton, the school governors have been led by Russell Hardman. Russell has decided after 12+ years of dedicated service, now is the time to venture onto new things. Russell has given much time and energy to the school and as a school we would like to thank him for all he has done. We are looking to show our appreciation to him in the form of a gift, so if you would like to make a donation, please pop into the office and add to the collection. We have appointed a new chair, Mr Alex Rowe. He is often in and around the school, so I am sure he is keen to meet all the parents at some point.

Rugby morning

On Monday 19th October, the whole school will be taking part in a rugby themed morning of activities and games, run by a team of people who work for an organization called Scripture Union. The team will lead an assembly for children, then lead a host of activities, all linked to the rugby world cup, and focus on values of team work, determination, courage and strength. It sounds like a fun morning.

School website

We have been working hard as a school to update and change our website. I am pleased to announce it is now officially live on www.ashtonceprimary.co.uk. Please take some time to have a look around the site, and if you would like to, please complete the questionnaire on the Parent View area, which is linked to Ofsted. The website will still be worked on over the next few weeks, with children being able to add to different areas through blogs. So watch this space.

I have to say thank you to Alex Rowe our chair of Governors and his team of web designers. They have all worked incredibly hard, and we are extremely pleased with the result. It looks amazing!

Parents Evening

Please sign up outside the office for parents evening appointments. These will be on Monday 19th and Thursday 22nd October. Please check to see which teachers will be leading each one to ensure you see the right person. If the times are not convenient, please let us know and we can arrange a suitable time for you.