



Ashton CofE Primary School Newsletter

What's on this week 12th Sept 2016

Mon: Piano Lessons am. PE pm.

Tues:

Weds: Strings Lessons.

Thurs: Brass Lessons.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

★ Stars of the Week & Work of the Week ★

Well done to Bailey C, Rhianna and Conway in the Juniors for achieving Star of the Week. Well done to Bailley WG, Caden and the new reception children for achieving Star of the Week in the Infants. Well done to Ava for work of the week.

Ladies Christmas Night

Please sign up to the Christmas night which is on the notice board outside the office as soon as possible because the deposit is due quite early. Many thanks

Church News

For those of you who are new to Ashton School, the school have strong links with Ashton Church- St Michael and All Angels.

This week, and on **every second Sunday of the month, we have a Sunday School**, led by David Holmes, who is an experienced teacher who lives in the village and takes many of our services. This is a very relaxed informal get together, open to children of all ages (the older ones help with the younger children). It starts at 10.30 with songs, games and a story, then there is a craft activity. Parents are welcome to stay or leave their children (please leave a contact number in case they need you). This is followed by coffee squash and biscuits at about 11. Please join us this Sunday in the church or on any 2nd Sunday.

On the **third Sunday of the month there is an All Age Family Service at 10.30**. This is a short, informal service open to everyone. Our Rector- Rev Mike Burton, has been off work for many months undertaking cancer treatment, but is officially well enough to be back to work this Sunday, for which we are very relieved. Therefore, **this week's family service is now a benefice service**. Ashton, Hartwell, Roade, Collingtree and Courtenhall are all Mike's churches so we will be joining together for a family service with communion, led by Mike. Do come and join us.

This Monday sees the start of a trial youth group at the church, led by Helena Lee, one of our parents and governors (also an experienced scout leader and a teaching assistant.) We do hope that it will be well attended by the young people of the village. It is open to year 6 and above so if you have any older children, do send them along- the more the merrier! A flyer is attached.

Thanks. Diane Shadforth

Junior Class News

Junior Team: As you will be aware, our Junior team has slightly changed this year. We were sad to lose Miss Laura Smith who has returned to the infants where she originally started before her boys were born. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Laura Wilson to the Juniors and also, to Mrs Helen Potter, a very experienced teacher who, with Mrs Wilson is teaching the Y3/4s English and Maths. Mrs Young supports the Y3/4 group. Mrs Whitlock and I are continuing to teach the Y5/6s English and maths, supported by either Mrs Moffat, Mrs Ramskill or Mrs Litster, depending on the day. They sometimes work with the Y3/4s too. Mrs Wilson will be with the Juniors on Tuesday afternoons, Mrs Whitlock on Fridays and I will be teaching Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. We all work very closely together, so please feel free to speak to anyone of the teachers or teaching assistants and the message will be shared with the rest of the team if necessary.

Homework: Homework has started to be set this week. Spellings are set by Mrs Potter and me on a Wednesday, which will be tested the following Wednesday. Please help your child to learn their spellings. If they get them all right, they receive a star, and also a "yippee" in assembly. Come along on Friday's assembly if you can, to see what that means! The Y3/4s are usually set either a maths or an English homework each week by Mrs Potter and Mrs Wilson; the Y5/6s are set both, by Mrs Whitlock. I set the topic homework, which is either a piece of work set on Wednesday for the following Wednesday, or an extended project over a few weeks. Please support your child with this and if there are any problems or your child has been unable to do their homework for whatever reason, please come and talk to us.

The Romans: This half term's topic is "The Romans" - a history based topic. If anyone has anything they would like to bring in to show the class relating to this topic, please bring them in on a Wednesday or Thursday afternoon which are the topic lessons. The children have been set a topic homework this week to find out some facts about the Romans. The children should have all received a homework sheet so please check in the depths of their bags! It would be very helpful if all Juniors could have a folder in their bag (an A4 size envelope folder is ideal) in which where they can store homework sheets. Topic homework usually needs to be done on paper and then put into my marking tray by Wednesday. The children then stick these into their topic books in class. The maths and English homework is done in a homework book. Please see us if you need any clarification.

Trip: I have booked a class trip to Towcester museum to study the Roman. More details will follow next week after I have visited it this morning to discuss with the school visits' manager. It is booked for **Wednesday 28th September**.

Mrs Diane Shadforth

From Mrs Whitlock

Welcome back to Ashton Primary School after the summer break, and a special welcome to

new families. We hope you have all had a good week, and you are beginning to get to know the Ashton family.

Staffing

We welcome Mrs Helen Potter to the teaching staff at Ashton this year. Mrs Potter is an experienced teacher, with previous experience in Northampton Schools. She has joined the Junior teaching team and will be teaching Years 3 and 4 for two mornings a week.

Mrs Bridewell is sadly absent from school and you may or may not aware that she contracted meningitis at the start of the summer holidays. She spent a few weeks in hospital but has been discharged and is now at home and we wish her a speedy recovery and are hoping she will be back with us soon. We feel we need to inform you that the form of meningitis Mrs Bridewell contracted was contagious. On her discharge from hospital they confirmed that the infection was no longer contagious. If you have any concerns or questions, please speak to either Mrs Whitlock or Mrs Alecock.

Clubs

We will be starting some lunchtime and after school clubs in the next couple of weeks, so please look out on next week's newsletter for the options available and you will be able to sign up outside the school office.

Summer Reading

Please let us know if your child has completed reading over the summer, or completed the reading challenge set by the library in Roade. We will be rewarding regular summer reading with double yippees, so please let us know if your child has done this.

I hope you have all had a good summer break, and are beginning to settle back into the school routine.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Whitlock