



Ashton CofE Primary School Newsletter

13th November 2017

Mon: Piano pm. PE pm. Open Day 9.00-11.15am and 1.30-3.00pm

Tues: **Strings Lessons. For this week only on a Tuesday.**

Weds: Juniors out all day at Northants Saints - PLEASE CANCEL LUNCHES

Thurs: Brass Lessons. Flu immunisation for year reception - year 4 for those who have consented.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note that school starts back on Thursday 4th January 2018.

Clubs

Recorder Club - Tuesday lunchtime with Miss Frost for Year 2 upwards

Children will need to bring their own recorder from home to join the club.

Drawing and Colouring Club - Friday Lunchtime with Mrs Gentry

All welcome

Choir Club - Wednesday after school with Mrs Busari and Miss Frost

All welcome. This club will run until 4.15pm.

Multi-Sports Club - starting Monday September 25th

We have now found some funding for the multi sports club and therefore it will be free up until Christmas. Places will be limited to 15 children and we already have 10 signed up.

This will be on a Monday until 4.30pm. If it is nice they will be at the field behind the pub.

Stars of the Week

Well done to Isla Coles in the infants for star of the week. Well done to Evie and Liam in the juniors for achieving star of the week.

W/C 30/10/17

Class	Attendance %
Infants	92.20%
Juniors	94.30%

Hot Dinners

Dear Parents and Carers

The lunchtime supervisors are struggling with some children not wanting to eat school dinners.

Please can you go through the menu with your children and help them choose lunches they will eat.

We encourage children to eat a "reasonable" amount of main before they have dessert but children are not just allowed to tuck into dessert because they don't fancy their main course. We would

really appreciate it if you could also explain this to your children at home. Many thanks for your help.

Mums Night Out 9th Dec

If you would like to go on the mum's night out please sign up outside the office. The deposit is due by 25th November. Many thanks

Firstly, what a fantastic job ASPA did of organising the firework display. It was great to see the community (and further afield) come together for the annual event. Of course, these things do not happen without the support and dedication of our fantastic ASPA. They may be a small group, but they are certainly mighty! To organise event like this is no mean feat and everyone at Ashton really appreciates your hard work. Thank you very much.

In school we have had a monitoring visit from the local authority on Monday. They commented on the great progress the children are making in their presentation of their work and also commented on improvements in behaviour seen in classes. Moving forward we are really going to be working on our teaching of writing with a new whole school approach which we will be bringing in after Christmas. Once it starts we will invite you in to see it in action and share your child's learning. Watch this space in January!

Thank you to those parents who came to meet Dr Christine Parker on Wednesday. It was lovely to see you there and I hope some of her hints and tips helped.

Finally next week it is Children in Need on Friday. We have some Pudsey Merchandise that we will sell in the playground on the Friday morning (headbands, pens, wristbands etc.) These items are priced at 50p each to raise money for this great cause. I will show them to the children in assembly next week so they can see what is on offer! Also, to enter into the swing of it, we will be having a Pyjama Day in school. Children and staff can come to school in their pyjamas for a donation of £1 or more – they can even bring their slippers to put on whilst in school! All the money will then be counted up and sent to Children in Need. We will let you know how much we manage to raise for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all in school on Monday.

Even though next Friday is Children in Need, PE will still be taking place so please don't forget their kit. Unless it is raining PE is outside so please ensure that all children have plain black jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt in their PE bag.

Water Bottles

Please remember that we are now asking parents to supply water bottles for school. There are a number of children who still don't have any and would ask if you could bring them in asap. Thanks.

Community News

Ashton Sunday School

Ashton Sunday School continues to be held on the 2nd Sunday of the month at St Michael and All Angels church at 10.30. All ages welcome, with or without their parents.

There will be no Sunday School this week as many of our young people attend the Remembrance Sunday parades and we are very proud of them for doing so.

Last month our Harvest Sunday school was very successful with 15 attending with an age range of 2 to

12! It is great to have the older ones to help and they gathered some greenery from the church yard to add to our harvest display which showed our harvest baskets. We also had a fruit and veg hunt around the church and sampled many of them. The children acted out the parable of the sower and learnt about its meaning.

At the harvest festival, the Sunday School children made a presentation to Marion Wilson and David Holmes to thank them for all they have done running the Sunday School for many years. Everyone at the church are so grateful to them for their hard work and many people came to the service to show their appreciation. We are delighted that Ann Lamb is still continuing to do the refreshments each month. It wouldn't be the same without her.

The next Sunday school will be on Sunday 10th December at 10.30. It would be lovely to see as many children and young people as possible for fun, games and craft with a Christmas theme and reminding us about what Christmas is really all about! We will also make a start on decorating the church for Christmas!

See you then!

Diane Shadforth and Marcia O'Shanahan

Ashton Harvest Barn Dance

On Friday 13th October, Ashton held a barn dance as an alternative to a harvest supper this year and also to raise more money towards the church roof fund. Thank you to everyone who made it such a success and helped us raise a really good amount of money. The team of helpers created a tasty harvest supper and decorated the club and many people kindly donated cakes and puddings. The Rugby Club bar kindly let us use the club for free and opened the bar which enhanced the festivities (though didn't necessary help our dancing!) Thank you to all who came and supported this event.