



# Ashton CofE Primary School Newsletter

What's on this week 14th September 2015

Mon: Piano Starts 14<sup>th</sup> September (choir a week later). PE with Alex Dunn pm.

Tues:

Weds: Strings Lessons pm.

Thurs:

Fri: PE with Back of the Net am.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20<sup>th</sup> September - Harvest at the Church (details to follow)

25<sup>th</sup> September - Life Education Bus

8<sup>th</sup> October - Open day 9.00am - 3.15pm

26<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term Week



Well done to Joseph, Lucy and Calum in the juniors for achieving Star of the Week. Well done to Connor and Henry for achieving Star of the Week in the infants.

## Parents in Junior Cloakroom

From September, for the first few days, the new year 3 parents are welcome to bring their children into their new classroom to settle them in. We do ask that parents of years 4-6 leave their children at the door as the cloakroom is too small to accommodate everyone. If you have any queries please leave them to the end of the day and speak to the teacher in the playground. Thank you.

## 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.

## Ashton Harvest Supper - Sept 19th 6.30 in The Knights Hall.

The annual village Harvest Supper is approaching fast. Everybody is welcome but numbers are limited so get your tickets quickly! The cost of the ticket covers a two course hot meal, with a veggie option, plus a drink with, of course, great company.

Ticket prices are:

Adults. £7.00

Secondary age. £5.00

Primary age. £3.00 Tickets available from Bron. 864914 or Diane 863339

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.

### Data Information Sheets and Medical Information

We are still missing quite a few data collection sheets and permission slips for outings etc. Please can they returned to the office asap. Thank you.

### From Mrs Whitlock

It is hard to believe we have already done the first full week of the Autumn term. It has been a great first week, with excellent behaviour from the children. It has also been fantastic to see how many children have read regularly over the summer, and I understand we are in the running for winning a trophy from the Summer Reading Challenge from Roade Library. That would be a fantastic start to the new term.

### Clubs

Clubs will start in the week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> September. Please sign up from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

On offer this term will be:

- Monday 3:15 - 4:00pm: Art and Crafts for Key Stage 1 with Mrs Wilson
- Monday 3:15 - 4:00pm: Computer Club with Mrs Whitlock
- Wednesday 12:30 - 1:00pm: Chess club with Harvey, Josh and supervised by Mrs Moffat.
- Thursday 12:30 - 1:00pm: Beginner Guitar with Mrs Whitlock
- Friday 12:30 - 1:00pm: Advanced Guitar with Mrs Whitlock

*Please note: there will be a drawing club run by some Junior girls and also an after school club for Key Stage 2.*

### School Lunches

It has come to my attention that a statement on the newsletter regarding children being asked to eat as a reasonable portion of their main course before pudding, has caused some concern. As a school we are responsible for children's welfare whilst they are in our care. We support and encourage healthy eating, healthy living and eating a balanced diet. This is within our duty of care and falls in the Ofsted area of personal development, behaviour and welfare.

We have never forced a child to eat all their meal or eat something that they do not like, we take each child's individual needs into account. Children have never complained about having to eat main course first, and they always do their best with their main course. It is our understanding that promoting good nutritional health and a balanced diet is encouraging children to eat a reasonable amount of their main course before pudding/dessert.

If there are children who frequently struggle to eat their lunch, we would always speak to the parents and discuss ways forward with this and ask for support in encouraging children to eat as we realise the importance of this in the middle of the school day.

There is a document provided by the Government called *Government Guidelines for School Food in England 2015*

It clearly states that school is responsible:

to ensure that food provided to pupils in school is nutritious and of high quality through the school food standards

to promote good nutritional health in all pupils

protect those who are nutritionally vulnerable and to promote good eating behaviour

With a knowledge and understanding that providing good quality school food improves children's health, behaviour and performance.

We would hope parents would support our approach to serving hot meals, and we received encouraging comments last term when the same information was shared.

We apologise if the statement on last week's newsletter caused confusion or misunderstanding.

Please do come and talk to Mrs Whitlock if you have any further questions.

Have a lovely weekend everyone. I am braving my first cycle event, cycling 50 miles around Oxfordshire on Sunday, so hopefully I am still walking on Monday morning!

Mrs Whitlock

*Blisworth Primary School are looking for a lunchtime supervisor to start as soon as possible. It is 1 hour a day, 12.15pm – 1.15pm and can be all 5 days or job share if preferred. If you are interested please contact Hilary Atlas on 01604 858414.*

### Junior Class "Go Green" topic

#### Village Environmental study

Next week we will be undertaking a study of environmental issues in our local area. On the Wednesday afternoon groups will be planning a study that they will investigate (e.g. "Is there a litter problem in Ashton?"). On the **Thursday afternoon**, the children will be going round the village in their groups collecting and recording information. We are looking for some volunteer parents to go round the village with a small group. Please let me know asap if you can spare an afternoon, as the more helpers we have, the smaller the groups can be. The children will be able to wear their trainers as they may be going along footpaths and through vegetation! Their own reports will be written up and forwarded to the Parish Council for their information!

Thank you for your support with this. Diane Shadforth

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### ASPA NEWS

Thank you to all that came to our first ASPA meeting. Keep an eye on the notice board at the gate and just inside the main entrance for upcoming events and dates.

We would all like to say a big thank you to Felicity and Lynne.

Next ASPA meeting is on 10<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00pm in the school hall. Anyone is welcome.

Dates:

25<sup>th</sup> September - Macmillan coffee afternoon. 2.00-4.00pm. Plates will be given to each child. Please could we ask for them to be filled with either bought or homemade cakes/biscuits to be sold.

23<sup>rd</sup> September - Games Night. Look out for our notice board in the hall. Another night is in the pipeline so watch out for news later on this term.

Could we please ask if people have any shoe boxes or small baked beans tins if they could be given to Sarah J or Clare. Many thanks

### **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.