



# Ashton CofE Primary School Newsletter

## What's on this week 19th October 2015

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

Tues:

Weds: Strings Lessons pm. Year 6 out all day - Young Citizens.

Thurs:

Fri: Whole School Celebration Assembly. PE with Back of the Net am. Mufti day for Bonfire Night Raffle Prizes.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

5<sup>th</sup> November - Bonfire Night.

10<sup>th</sup> November - Individual School Photos.

10<sup>th</sup> November - ASPA meeting 8.00pm.



Well done to Christian and Alex in the juniors for achieving Star of the Week. Well done to Ava and Harry Smith for achieving Star of the Week in the infants. Well done to Poppy 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!

### Scholastic Books

All book orders are in the office ready for collection. Thank you.

### Holdenby House Trip

Please remember this is an all day trip on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!**

### ASPA

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.

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.

Dear Infant Parents,

Just a quick note to say that we are really impressed by the quality of the topic based homework the children are producing. Although we will not mark this homework until the due date at the beginning of November, it has not gone unnoticed how much effort some children have gone to.

Once again many thanks for your support. The Infant team.

### **From Mrs Whitlock**

#### **Mufti**

Next Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, we are allowing children to come in non-uniform for exchange for a prize for the raffle for bonfire night. This can be a prize for an adult raffle or a child raffle prize. Just one prize to be donated per child.

#### **Clubs**

There are **no Monday clubs after school** next week due to the teaching staff all being involved in parent's evenings. There will also be **no chess club on Wednesday** as Harvey and Josh are out with year 6 for the day. Netball and guitar clubs should still be on!

#### **Parents Evenings**

Parent evening times appear to be almost full. If you have not yet made an appointment, please speak to the class teachers and they will be able to arrange something for you. This initial parents evening will just let you know how your child has settled this term, and some areas to work on.

#### **Rugby Morning - a reminder**

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Year 6 Young Citizens Day**

Children in Year 6 will be spending Wednesday next week in Daventry, learning about all kinds of areas relating to citizenship. They have all had letters, so please return reply slips to Mrs Whitlock please.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Whitlock

## Family Service- Sunday 10.30- Ashton Church

This Sunday is the family service at Ashton Church. This happens on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month (Sunday School is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday). Do come along for a very informal service geared up for families. It is usually taken by Rev. Mike but this month will be taken by Sue Clutterham who is the Benefice Youth Worker. If you came along to the harvest service and received a **water bottle** (and you have been putting spare change in it) this is a good opportunity to bring it back to church so that it can be passed on to the water charity "Turn on the Tap".

<http://turnonthetap.org.uk/>



### Rev Mike

As many of you will be aware our local Rector Mike Burton has Leukaemia, which until recently, has been manageable. Unfortunately he is now more seriously affected and so he has started a 6 month course of chemotherapy. He will therefore be off work for 6 months during this time. He had an adverse reaction to his first chemotherapy treatment this week and so his wife, Pat has asked everyone to remember him in their prayers. If there are any church issues in the meantime, Bernard Day, our church warden can put people in touch with someone who can help. The children will be signing a card for him at school.

### Junior Class Waste Education Workshop

On Thursday afternoon we are having a workshop run by the Waste Education Team all about plastic bags and reusable bags. The children will need to **bring in plastic bags** (they can be broken) to make something new out of them. If they could bring in at least 5 each that would be brilliant as they need at least that number to make object. If anyone can bring in any spares would be great. This is the same afternoon as the Tag Rugby so unfortunately they Tag Rugby team will miss this activity but try to find another time for them to do it independently.



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### Junior class spellings

The children will have their **megatest on Thursday** (22nd Oct) as the Year 6s will be out at a Young Citizens' Day on the Wednesday. 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!

Most beans are growing well and are ready for the children to transfer to a pot with some soil. If anyone still hasn't had any luck with germination, please come in and get another seed (see any of the Junior Staff). The children need to be filling in the "Week 3" page this week, with a neat and accurate drawing of their jar with the seed in, and also a description of what has happened to the seed so far. The diaries must be brought into school each Wednesday as we will be marking the homework and discussing in class what has happened.



### Hi 5 Netball Club

This week will be the last Y5/6 netball club session for this term. The children have made good progress and our thanks go to Gemma Martin (Rosie's mum) who has helped with training. We will invite the Y5/6s back for more training after Christmas in preparation for the Hi 5 tournament. After half term we will run a Hi 5 netball club for **Y3/4s** on **Wednesdays** after school **3.15-4.15** for a **4 week block**. Please fill in the form that I will send out next week and return to Mrs Shadforth after half term.

### Infant news

Firstly, apologies once again, but there is no art club on Monday due to Parent's Evening. Therefore children will be coming home with their robots to finish off, they are nearly done!!!! After half term infant club will be changing to Games club where children can bring in board type games to play with their friends. It will still be on Mondays until 4pm.

Next week as an end of a busy term treat we would like to show the Toy Story film. It links to our topic this term of Toys and we have been looking at toys coming 'alive'. The film is actually a PG certificate therefore we need your permission to show it. If you have any issues with this activity then please see Mrs. Wilson or Mrs. Gentry. We would like to keep this as a bit of a surprise so please keep it a secret.

Finally, Mrs. Wilson's Wednesday/Thursday morning children have been thinking about instruction writing and looking at games instructions. This week they have designed their own game which they will produce next week along with written instructions. I have said they may bring in pictures to decorate their games board if they wish. Children know what their game theme is so please talk to them if you wish to send anything in.