



Ashton CofE Primary School Newsletter

What's on this week 21st September 2015

Mon: Choir. Piano Starts 14th September. PE with Alex Dunn pm.

Tues:

Weds: Strings Lessons pm. Games Night 3.30pm-5.30pm.

Thurs: Whole School Celebration Assembly.

Fri: PE with Back of the Net am. Life Education Bus. MacMillan Coffee afternoon 2.00pm-4.00pm.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8th October - Open day 9.00am - 3.15pm

26th October - Half Term Week



Well done to Archie and Oliva in the juniors for achieving Star of the Week. Well done to Lily and Alfie 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.

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.

Named Jumper

Dylan has lost a named jumper aged 5-6. Please can you check to see if you have it. Many thanks.

Infant news

We would like to keep you up to date with some changes in the Infant class. This year Mrs. Wilson will be doing some extra hours on Wednesday and Thursday morning. This enables us to split the class between Mrs. Gentry and Mrs. Wilson so that they can focus more easily on the individual needs of the children. Mrs. Gentry has transformed the old library into a learning area and Mrs. Wilson's group remains in the class. So far this year this arrangement has worked very well.

Homework

We are also trying a new approach to homework. You will be sent a list of activities to do. The activities you select do not need to be completed until after half term so you may do them when the time suits you. More details will follow with the list.

Also Mrs. Wilson will set homework for her Wednesday/Thursday group and Mrs. Gentry for her group. If you have any queries please see the relevant teacher for your child.

We are still in the very busy process of settling new children in and assessing all children so please bear with us with sending appropriate work out.

Junior class News- "Go Green!" topic

Topic homework for Mrs Shadforth

I do apologise for forgetting to set a homework this week! The homework for this week is a practical one: Children need to practise being "Green" and looking after the environment, for example, remembering to turn off lights and taps, not wasting paper, recycling waste etc. They will also need to put up their own laminated poster in a place where it will be read by people, for example, on noticeboards where they live, on telegraph poles etc. They can be put up in school if they prefer.

Village Environmental Study

We had a very successful afternoon yesterday, going round the village in small group, studying environmental issues in Ashton. The children are now in the process of presenting their reports on the iPad app "Explain Everything". These reports will be sent to the Parish Council so they can see what the children of Ashton School feel is needed in our environment. We aim to show one of the presentations in celebration assembly each week (2 minute presentation) over the next 6 weeks so parents can see what their children have been doing. Do please ask your child what they discovered! Thank you very much to the parent helpers who kindly gave up their afternoon: Sarah, Sarah, Jackie and Heather. It is much appreciated!

Waste Education

In October we will be having some sessions from the Waste Education team.

These are:

Thursday 8th October am- Waste Education bus visits school

Thursday 15th October am- Visit to the Waste Education Centre in Kettering (**Please note we will not get back to school till about 1pm so will miss hot lunches so please send the children with packed lunches for that day. If you have already ordered, please could you cancel hot lunch for that day.**)

Thursday 22nd October pm- classroom workshops

ART PROJECTS

Thank you for all of the glass jars, lids, and bottle tops; your support was very much appreciated. As some of you have probably already seen, the children have created some lovely recycled tealight holders of which they are quite rightly very proud!

Just another little request for art on Tuesday afternoon next week... If you have any left-over pieces/odds and ends of wrapping paper and/or wallpaper, they would be gratefully received. They certainly don't have to be new pieces and don't worry if they are a little tatty around the edges as this will all add to the 'recycle and re-use' nature of our work. In terms of glass jars we now have enough, but any more of those bottle tops would be great still!

Again, thank you for your help. Miss Smith.

From Mrs Whitlock

Summer Reading

Not only were all the staff really impressed that many children read so well over the summer, with lots of you completing the summer reading challenge, but how amazed were we when we found out last week that Ashton Primary School were in the running for a trophy for the highest percentage of pupils completing the challenge. On Saturday there was a small presentation at the library, and we are delighted to receive a trophy and certificate for the winning school.

Congratulations Ashton. Our first success of the year. It has been suggested this year will be a good year, and we ought to be buying a trophy cabinet!



Harvest

A reminder about Harvest this coming Sunday at 10:30am. The school children have prepared a little something, which they will do as part of the service. It would be great to see as many children and their families at the Harvest Festival as possible. Please could you sign up on the list on the noticeboard outside the office if you have not done so. As part of this service, we are invited to donate harvest gifts, preferably, tins and packets that are given to local charities and food banks. If you are not able to come to the service but would like to make a donation, please bring into school today and we will take it for you.

Also there will be a focus on people in Africa who don't have access to clean drinking water. There is an organisation called Samaritan's Purse and they have a resource called 'Turn on the Tap'. Each family will be presented a small bottle of water. Once you have drunk the water, the idea is that the bottle is filled with coins to raise money to pay for water filters for villages in Africa. This initiative will be led by the church but I am happy to support this, and hope you will be too.

Clubs

A reminder that clubs start this week. Please sign up if you have not done so already.

Have a lovely weekend, I am having a family birthday dinner, as well as Harvest at Ashton and then popping back to Towcester to help my own church run a family event.

Life Education Centre

Next Friday, we have a visit from the Life Education Centre, which is something we take part in every other year. The children will visit the mobile classroom, which will be parked on the playground at some point during the day. They will take part in an interactive session of about one hour, and will be exploring themes such as friends, feelings and self-esteem. This all links to the National PSHE Curriculum.

Children are bringing home an information leaflet and an order form for any optional resources you may wish to order for home. There is one letter and leaflet per family, so please ask the children for it if it does not appear! (Please return the reply slip to Mrs Whitlock by Tuesday 22nd September.)

There is an opportunity to visit the Life Education Centre as parents on Friday between 9am and 9:30am, so please take up this opportunity to see some of the resources your children will be accessing.

THEREFORE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY WILL BE THURSDAY 24ND SEPTEMBER AT 9AM for next week!