



Ashton CofE Primary School Newsletter

What's on this week 7th Nov 2016

Mon: Piano Lessons am. PE with Alex Dunn pm.

Tues: Individual School Photos and siblings am.

Weds: Strings Lessons.

Thurs: Brass Lessons. ASPA meeting at 8.00pm in the school hall

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5th November - Bonfire Night at the Rugby Club

Stars of the Week

Well done to Poppy and Chantelle in the Juniors for achieving Star of the Week. Well done to Martha and Luis for achieving Star of the Week in the Infants. Well done to Jess for work of the week.

Coats - The weather has changed, it is chilly! Please send your child to school from next week, with a coat or fleece. If your child prefers a fleece, please ensure they have a waterproof with them as we will go outside in the light rain/drizzle to get fresh air. Perhaps keep a spare one in school at all times.

PE - Please ensure that your children have spare socks to change into. The field is often damp and trainers do let in water. As it is starting to get colder please ensure that your child has BLACK PLAIN tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt. Many thanks.

Junior Cloakroom - a reminder that now all the children are settled and know the morning routine, please can we ask Junior parents not to enter the classroom or cloakroom unless there is an urgent message. Teachers are around at the end of the school day if you have a concern or query.

If any children want to play their instruments in assembly on Fridays, then please sign them up on the list outside the office. It gives them confidence to play in front of people but also shows other children and parents what they have been learning

Junior News

Topic homework

We had the remainder of our Roman Project presentations this week. Well done to all the children for working so hard and sharing what they found out with us. We have now started our "Electricity" topic. The children will be set a short topic homework (20-30 mins) on the Thursday each week. Homework needs to be on a piece of A4 paper and put in Mrs Shadforth's marking tray by the following Thursday morning at the latest.

Junior Class Knex Electric Vehicle Challenge.

On Wednesday afternoon, as part of the STEM programme ("*Working to achieve a world-leading education for all young people in science, technology, engineering and mathematics*"), Allen Lee from Nissan Technical Centre - Europe in Cranfield, will present "How a Car is Made" from a drawing to building it. The children will then take part in the Knex Electric Vehicle Challenge in the hall. Thank you to Allen for giving up his afternoon to inspire us.

Spellings

Spellings are set on the Wednesday for the following Wednesday (unless otherwise informed). Please help your child to learn them at home. A 5 minute practice every day is far more beneficial than a longer session once a week and also helps the words go into their long term memory. We follow the Curriculum Visions spelling scheme, which assigns a particular pattern or group of words to each week for each year group. We work on this pattern in class. Within the year group we set different levels of spellings from that assigned pattern according to their spelling ability. Therefore all children should be able to achieve good spelling test results if they practise them. Some weeks the spellings may be easier than others. Therefore, each week we set an extension task for them to find more words (and harder words if they have found them too easy) with the same pattern. Please encourage them to stretch themselves wherever possible.

Well, it has been an extremely busy week back with parents evenings, and I hope you found the feedback helpful as to how your children are getting on. Thank you for taking the time to come and see us.

School Photographs

School photographs take place on Tuesday 8th November and they will take place in the morning. Please can you ensure your child is wearing full school uniform for these individual photographs.

Harvest Donations

Thank you all for the Harvest donations, which the school council took to Towcester Foodbank on Thursday afternoon. The children saw how the foodbank worked and listened to some stories about the people who have used the foodbank. The children asked intelligent questions, and were well behaved. Thank you also to Mrs Potter for accompanying us on our journey. We donated 27Kg of food to the foodbank this year.

Bonfire Night and Fireworks

The weather looks reasonable for Saturday night's annual event at the Rugby Club. Please come along and support if you are able. If you are a willing volunteer for the evening, ASPA have asked we are there for 5:30pm for a safety briefing and please bring a head torch if you have one.

Have a lovely weekend, I am heading to fireworks tonight at my youngest son's school and then Ashton ones on Saturday.

Enjoy your weekend, and keep yourselves safe Mrs Whitlock

Children In Need News from Jess Milner

On Friday the 18th November I will be doing a cake sale to raise money for Children In Need.
Can all adults remember to bring their pennies after school please?

Thank you Jess



The event is called 69km of memories  ... (A km for every day of Zachary's little life)

The event venue: The Mounts swimming pool, Northampton, [NN1 3DN](#)

Date: Sunday 13th November.

Time: The event will be taking place all day 8am-5pm

We have a lane of the swimming pool available for just our sponsored swimmers.

We will be inviting both adults and children of all abilities and swimming strengths to help us with our ambitious challenge of swimming 69 sponsored kilometers, which by the way is 2300 lengths of the pool! Together we can make this happen.

Why? All money raised from sponsors will be donated to the For Zachary' charity, which is a small charity that's been set up in memory of baby Zachary, who passed away on 2nd July 2015. Zachary died of a rare neonatal lung disease called Alveolar Capillary Dysplasia (ACD). The charity has worked really hard to get up and running and has just reached its first year milestone. The aim is to donate beautiful unique bereavement boxes for local hospitals.

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