



Ashlands News

Newsletter 5
28th November 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our regular three weekly update of news and events at Ashlands.

I would like to inform you of some staffing changes. Mrs Angie Golding, who worked in Beech Class as a Teaching Assistant has moved to Misterton to support the Year Three and Four children in Cedar Class. I would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication. I know the children in Beech Class will miss her. Miss Rose Obern has begun her return to work and is currently working in Beech Class on Friday mornings. Welcome back Miss Obern!

I would also like to warmly welcome Mrs Samantha Ballestin who joins our hard working Midday Supervisor Team.

With best wishes,
Mrs Carol Wills

Head Teacher

A message from our new Federated Governing Body Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to let you know that today I have stepped into the role of Chair of Governors. I am a parent governor at Ashlands, a secondary school teacher who is Head of Year 12 and Head of Careers at Huish Academy. I am very passionate about the power that a rich, varied and challenging education can have upon life opportunities of the students within our federation. All three schools of the Federation are currently rated 'Good' by Ofsted, I would like to thank you for your efforts to date and look forward to further improving the three schools.

Mr Richard Jeffery and Mr Adrian Scott will sit as Vice Chairs supporting me in this role.

I will also be making the Federated Governing Body more accessible to you. Governing Body sections on the school websites will be updated with minutes from full GB meetings and Sub Committees. New websites at Ashlands and Misterton should be online in the very near future. Until this point please ask your Head Teacher for any minutes if you would like to see them.

I will be seeking the views from parents/staff and students to consider further how we can move our schools forward. I will look at this in the Summer Term.

Kind Regards

R Barratt

Chair of Governors

27.11.14

Road Safety

Please remember that North Street is a very busy road and regularly used by a number of very heavy lorries. We strongly recommend that all children, even children in Year Four, are accompanied to school by an adult. Younger children should also be taken directly to their classroom to ensure that the class teacher and the other adults in the class can supervise them at the start of the day. Thank you for your support with this.

Commemorating World War One



Everyone took part in the Armistice Day on Tuesday 11th November. Thank you to you all for helping your children make a remembrance poppy. The children all took part in a very moving ceremony and we 'planted' the poppies in the Millennium Garden. Mrs Caroline Woodhead took some photos of this ceremony and some of the work that the children had done on behalf of the British Legion. The photographs are available for you to view on their website: <http://branches.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/crewkerne> [go to photo gallery and then community links]

Christmas Picture Competition

Please remember all entries for the Christmas picture for our School Christmas Card needs to be handed into the school office by Monday 1st December.



Christmas Dinner

There is still time to order your child's Christmas meal for Thursday 18th December!! Please see Mrs Lawrence in the School Office if your child would like a Christmas Dinner.



Holly Class

The School topic this term has been world war one, with lots of learning and activities around this topic. Holly class has been learning about life in the trenches for the soldiers. We watched videos of soldiers describing the trenches and researched facts using the internet. The year 3 children in the class were given the project of designing and making a model trench with things they could find at home and they went above and beyond! The trenches were made out of a range of materials, including cereal boxes, shoes boxes and even wood. Students made sandbags out of shredded wheat, chewing gum and some individually sown sandbags!

I would like to say a big thank you to the children in Holly class and the parents for having so much enthusiasm and creating these fantastic models! Well done!



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who came in dressed as a Hero on Friday 7th November. All the chocolate donated will be on our Tombola stall tonight at the lighting up event and all proceeds will be split between the Friends of Ashlands and Children in Need.



Vacancies

Please see the list of vacancies at Misterton School on the back of the newsletter. Please see Mrs Carter or Mrs Wills if you are interested in either of these posts.

Year 4 Residential

All deposits for the Year 4 residential to Kilve Court were due to be paid by today! If you have not paid your deposit please get the payment to the School Office by Monday. Thank You

Hooves, Paws and Claws

Our Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 children have been working with a local artist, Richard Langford, to create a 'Warhorse' out of wire mesh and plaster bandage. Richard put some finishing touches to the horse in his studio and brought it back into school for a photo opportunity before moving it to the museum.



Gingerbread Decorating

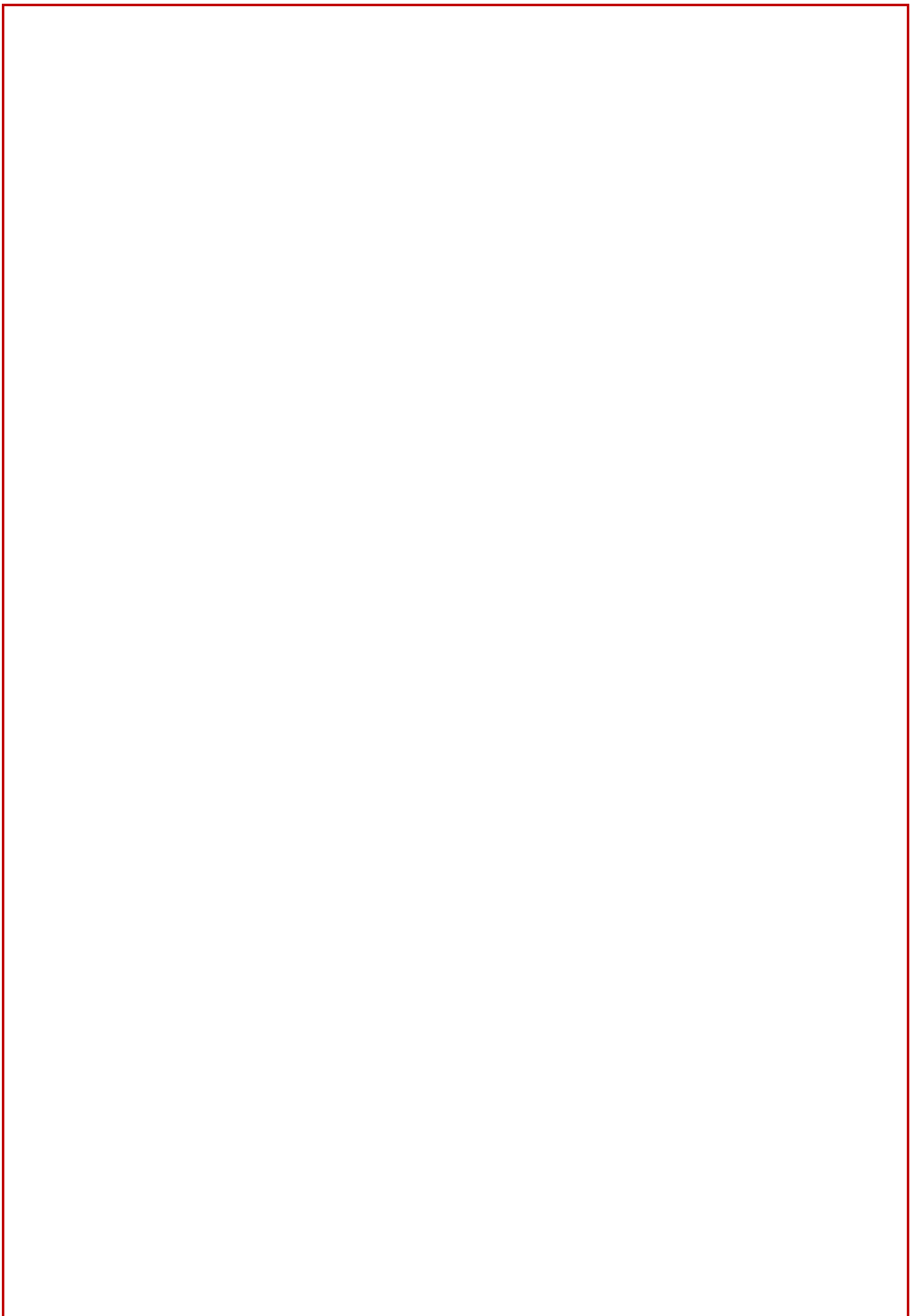
Waitrose are holding Gingerbread Decorating sessions in their Crewkerne Branch this weekend. Please visit the store for details.



USEFUL INFORMATION

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Important Dates Cont.

Wednesday 3rd December at 2.00pm

Ash Class Nativity in the School Hall

Thursday 4th December

6.00-7.00pm – EYFS & Yr 1 Disco

7.15-8.15pm – Yr 2, 3, 4 Disco

Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th

FOAS Secret Santa – details to follow

Friday 12th December at 2.00pm

Christmas Service at St. Bartholomew's Church

Monday 15th December

School Trip: Panto - Jack and the Beanstalk

Yeovil Octogan Theatre

Thursday 18th December

Christmas Meal and Christmas Parties

22nd December – 2nd January

Christmas Holiday



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