



Ashlands News

Newsletter 4
7th November 2014

Dear Parents and Carers

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

With best wishes,

Mrs Carol Wills

Head Teacher

Commemorating World War One.

We would like to make our annual Service of Worship and Remembrance on Tuesday 11th November at 11.00am a little bit special this year and we have been inspired by the display of poppies at the Tower of London. Every child will receive a long lolly stick and a poppy template and we would like to ask you to help your child make a poppy to bring to school on Monday 10th November. On Tuesday, as part of our Service we will all 'plant' our poppies in the Millennium Garden. We have provided a template but please feel free to be creative and make your child's poppy individual. Thank you in anticipation for your support in commemorating this important event.

Children in Need

We are holding a non-school uniform day on Friday 14th November in aid of Children in Need. Please can your send your children to school with a donation for our Chocolate Tombola which will be held at the Crewkerne Lighting Up event on Friday 28th November. The theme for the day will be Super Heroes and Heroines. We look forward to seeing lots of Supermen and Wonder Women! (See separate letter)

Come to School with your child week.

REMINDER - Mrs Findlay, Mrs Jarrell, Miss Wines and Mrs Martin-Scott will be holding the 'Come to School with Your Child Week' starting on Monday 17th November 2014. You will receive your individual lesson time slot on Monday. Please can we ask that any parents/carers with small children are not brought with them to these sessions. These sessions are within lesson time and we do not want to disrupt any children's learning time. Thank you for your support in this.

Beech Class Student Teacher

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Jane Neal who is undertaking a teaching practice in Beech Class. We always value additional adults who come to work with us at Ashlands and I know the children are enjoying working with Mrs Neal. Mrs Martin-Scott will be working closely with Mrs Neal to support her professional development and will remain in position as Class Teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Open Morning

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Open Morning on Thursday. The children really enjoyed the opportunity to show all our visitors how proud we are of Ashlands First School! Thank you also to the School Councillors who helped welcome visitors and conducted tours of the school



Waitrose Readers

Thank you to Waitrose who are continuing to support our school. Two Waitrose staff members come into school every Wednesday afternoon to read with our pupils. They are also fundraising to support a trip to Brownsea Island for our Year Four pupils at the end of the Summer Term.



School Dinners

All EYFS and KS1 pupils are entitled to a free hot meal. If you do not want to take up this entitlement please could you let the School Office know. Otherwise a meal will be ordered for them.

Cinema

On Wednesday the whole school were really lucky to have a special trip to the cinema.

They were all brilliantly behaved and enjoyed the film.

Nathan and Ben have told us what they thought...

On our cinema trip we watched Planes Fire and Rescue. My favourite part was when Dusty became a fire fighter. The film made us laugh a lot

Ben Brine Yr 4

Our cinema trip was really good!! We went to watch Planes: fire and rescue. It had quite a lot of comedy in it. Sometimes they would keep repeating what one of the first people to speak said. Thank you to the Friends and Teachers of Ashlands for taking us and letting us go.

Nathan Trusson Year 4



Special Educational Needs

Our school is currently undertaking a review of our Special Educational Needs (SEN) Policy to meet the new requirements for SEND in line with the new SEND Code of Practice effective from 1 September 2014. To provide an improved, compliant policy we are committed to co-producing our policy with families, children and young people. To contribute and participate in co-producing our policies together please contact the office by the 21st November to express an interest.

Many thanks, Mrs Findlay SEN Coordinator

Matchbox Challenge

Friends of Ashlands would like to say a big thank you to all the children, parents, family and friends who took part in The Matchbox Challenge! I hope the children enjoyed doing the boxes. We were impressed with the amount of items that were in the matchboxes.

The total raised so far is **£794** which is amazing so thank you again. We ask that any sponsor money outstanding brought in next week so we can get the ipads ordered and paid for!

Now for the good bit, the prizes

Best Decorated was a draw and goes to Noah Barratt who turned his matchbox into a JCB and Molly Barratt who turned hers into an owl.

Most Unusual Object goes to Stanley Glover who turned his matchbox into 'Gromit'

Most Overall goes to Maisie Robertson with a huge 130 items

Most per Class

Ash - Oliver Taylor & Tyler Whitmarsh both had 68 items

Hazel - Archie Cummings who had 89 items

Holly - Lottie Robertson who had 127 items

Beech - Casey Young who had 108 items

Well done and thank you to all the children who took part.

A very special thank you to Ethan from Beech Class. He raised an amazing £125 through his sponsorship! Thank you so much Ethan for your hard work.

The matchboxes will be on display in the Reception Area until Wednesday if the children would like to take theirs home.

As always your help and support is very appreciated.

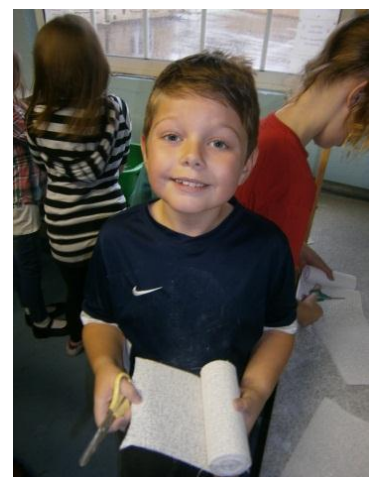
We look forward to seeing you at the Crewkerne Lighting Event on Friday 24th November!

Hooves, Paws and Claws Project

As a school we have been lucky to work with Crewkerne Museum on a World War One project focussing on animals and how they were used in the war. Richard Langford, a local artist, has been working with the school. Our Reception and Year One children worked with Richard before half term to create clay models of animals that were either used in the war or were affected by it – for example by having their habitats destroyed by the trenches. These models will be on display in Crewkerne Museum from Friday 7th November. You should have received an invitation to go with your child and see what they have created.



Our Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 children will be working with Richard over 6 sessions to create a 'Warhorse' out of wire mesh and plaster bandages. This is going to be 7 foot long, 4 foot high and has a detachable head! The first session was great fun and a bit messy, as you can see from the photos! Thank you to Crewkerne Museum for involving us in this project.



Important Dates

Monday 20th October

Parents evening 3.30-5pm

Wednesday 22nd October

Parents evening 4.30-7pm

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

Half Term

Monday 3rd November

Inset Day

Wednesday 5th November

Whole School Cinema Trip – more details to follow

Thursday 6th November - 9.15-11.00am

Ashlands Open Morning

Friday 14th November

Non uniform day – Chocolate for tombola

Beech Class Assembly at 2.30pm

Monday 17th – Friday 21st November

'Come to School with your Child' week

Friday 21st November at 2.30pm

Holly Class Assembly

Friday 28th November at 2.30pm

Hazel Class Assembly

5pm lighting up of Christmas Tree

Please visit our FOAS Chocolate Tombola Stall

Important Dates Cont.

Tuesday 2nd 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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