



Ashlands

Headlines

April 2018



Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to the new school term. It's hard to believe we are four weeks in already! The staff and I are all looking forward to a super Summer term with lots of exciting and challenging activities and events.

Once again, our Kilve Residential proved to be a wonderful experience for many of our Year 4 children. I was incredibly lucky to be able to spend a day in Kilve this year and felt privileged to see our children actively involving themselves in risk taking activities which were out of their normal comfort zones and successfully mix with a wider community of the local CISP school children and teachers with ease and self-confidence. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hooper and Mrs Millett for the time and energy they dedicated to making this event such a success.

I received a lovely report from organisers of the Orchard Gymnastics event held in Yeovil in the Spring term. The Federation team came 8th out of 15 schools. It was a very close competition with only 3.9 points separating the top 10 teams, what a great effort . Congratulations once again to our Federation team. I am excited to be adding this as an annual event in our school diary.

We are looking forward to the Year 3 / 4 Football Festival at Ilminster Football club today. 20 teams from schools across our local area will be participating and this should be a super event! Watch the next newsletter for match reviews!

As you will all know we have been invited to take part in the poetry recital competition at Greenfyld First School. Mr Pearse has a very difficult choice to make as only one finalist from each key stage group can go forward into the competition. We held our internal completion on Friday to choose the finalists. We were all very impressed with the children who took time and energy to learn their poem and perform it to their peers. Every child who had a go has got a certificate. I wish Mr Pearse luck in making this difficult choice!

Over the course of the Spring term it was great to see every class in the school invite their parents in to take part in or share their learning experience this term. From Messy Science fun, Outdoor Learning sessions, Slipper Making to Medieval Mayhem - I was impressed with the creativity of the staff and children. This term we will be inviting you in to share in a celebratory class Assembly. Please make sure you check the diary dates for each class.

As we approach the Bank Holiday weekend I wish you all a great extended weekend with your families.

Have fun!

Ready Steady Read

A massive well done to everyone who took part in our sponsored read in conjunction with the 'Freedom to Read Week'. I'm really pleased to announce that you raised £674 to spend on books with Usborne Books.

Congratulations to the following children who received a prize from Usborne Books for their total number of minutes read and money raised.

Mollie	Poppy	Blossom	Bradley
Noah	Dolson	George	Charlie
Corey	Keira	Rita	Fred



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 10th May

Year 4 Leavers' Photos

Monday 14th May

Parent's Sharing Evening 3.15pm—4.30pm

Tuesday 15th May

Hazel Class Assembly at 2.30pm

Wednesday 16th May

Ash Class Heights and Weights
Parent's Sharing Evening 3.15pm—4.30pm

Friday 18th May

PTSA Quiz Night at the GRC

Monday 21st May

Ash Class Assembly at 2.30pm

Tuesday 22nd May

Vision Screening for Ash Class

Monday 28th May—Friday 1st June

Half Term

Monday 4th June

Inset Day

Wednesday 6th June

New Parents' Evening 6pm

Tuesday 12th June

EYFS New Starter Session 1.30pm—3.10pm

Tuesday 19th June

EYFS New Starter Session 1.30pm—3.10pm

Wednesday 20th June

School Trip to Monkey World (more details to follow)

Tuesday 26th June

EYFS New Starter Session 1.30pm—3.10pm

Thursday 28th June

Monkey Puzzle Class Assembly at 2.30pm

Tuesday 3rd July

EYFS New Starter Session 1.30pm—3.10pm

Wednesday 4th July

Holly Class Assembly at 2.30pm

Friday 13th July

Sports Day 9.30am—11.30am at Wadham School

Year 4 Go to Kilve!

On the 16th April 2018, Beech Class from Ashlands First School went to Kilve Court for 3 days. The trip was the second of their transition activities and they went with the Year 4 children from St. Bartholomew's, Misterton, Merriott and Haselbury First Schools. Everyone took part in lots of activities.



It took one hour and fifteen minutes to get to Kilve. After everyone had got off the bus they put their things in their rooms and went to lunch. The first activity that Group E took part in was the Quantock walk. They all got very muddy and tired but afterwards everyone had dinner.



In the evening the Ashlands and Merriott children played Jumblies. They had to find squares of letters hidden around Kilve, unjumble the letters and make words to do with Kilve Court.

On Tuesday Group B were challenged by the low ropes, archery and team building. On the low ropes the children had to work as a team. In archery they had to wear arm guards for protection, then aim the bow at the targets. Some of the children were very good and even scored a Bulls-eye!

In the evening the Ashlands and Merriott children walked to Kilve Beach. Unfortunately, the tide was in and they couldn't go on the beach to find fossils, but they could just see the lights of Cardiff across the water in Wales.

Wednesday was the last day of the Year 4's trip to Kilve Court. They all had to pack their bags before going to breakfast ready for their last activities. One group did the climbing wall as their morning activity. Lots of the children were afraid of heights and challenged themselves to get half way, some were very confident and made it right to the top!



All the children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Kilve Court. The most popular activities were the adventurous ones of climbing, grass-sledging and archery, with sharing rooms with their friends being a close second. They are all now looking forward to their next transition activities and visiting Maiden Beech.

(This report is a mixture of newsreports written by Year 4 as part of their class assembly)

Attendance

Our school Attendance Policy states that all pupils should achieve at least 95% attendance with the ultimate aim of 100%. We are very pleased to let you know that our whole school attendance to date stands at 96.2%. Please remember that your child's attendance is monitored weekly and, if their attendance drops below 90% we will contact you to see how we can support you with this.

Lateness

It is really important that your child is in school and ready to start their day by 9am. Thank you for your support in this.

April	Ash	Hazel	Holly	Monkey Puzzle	Beech
Late arrivals	22	10	27	12	29

SIMS Parent App

We are looking into obtaining the SIMS Parent Lite app for our school. This app would be free for you to download from the app store or google play.



Parents would have access to the data collection sheet and school details e.g term dates. It would comply with the new GDPR data requirements, by providing a simple way to collect, manage and handle information by obtaining accurate data securely from parents. Parents would be able to confirm or change telephone numbers, addresses, medical conditions, dietary needs and parental consents.

Please could you let me know if this is something that you would be interested in.

Mrs Lawrence

50, 100 and 150 Reads

Congratulations to the following children who have read 20, 50, 100 and 150 times at home:

20 Reads

Bradley Loren
Olivia-Jane Carling

Billy Kading
Nancy Glover
Sophie Watson
Adam Cummings

150 Reads

Emily Hutchings
Gracie Lane
Poppy Conroy

50 Reads

Alfie Boyd
Chloe Cremen
Raffy Pilton
Frida Quince
Chloe Woodbury
Tommie Richards

Elsie Swatridge
Henry Merritt
Bethany Bromfield
Harley Terry
Poppy Conroy
Taylor Wills
Jack Charles
Storm Ruiters

200 Reads

Mollie Barratt
Poppy Hawker
Ben Sloper
Bertie Haldane

100 Reads

Blossom Fisher

250 Reads

Eleanor Haldane

BACS Payments

Please ensure that you use the following codes when making BACS payments:

Pre-fix with 122

73100 Donations
71300 Clubs (after school activities)
71504 Trips
71505` Swimming
73109 Meals
75002 Breakfast Club/Out of School Club

Followed by your child's surname, thank you.

Easter Service

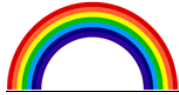
It was lovely to see so many of you at our Easter Service. We raised an amazing £37.09 for the Jemima Layzell charity from your kind donations.



Rainbow Olympics Certificates



Ashlands & Misterton Rainbow Maths



CONGRATULATIONS

Ash Class

Aurelio Tribot
Bertie Haldane
Charlie Popham
Harley Kellaway

Mary Chatterton x2
Chloe Cremen x2
Jake Barrett
Beau Chant x2
Queenie Quince

Lila Gorrian
Imogen Buzza
Ben Clarke
Ayse-Naz Ozsevgec
Carmen Terry

Hazel Class

Emilio Tribot
Bradley Loren
Jack Tilley x4
Taylor Wills x2
George Broom
Raffy Pilton x2

Chloe Woodbury x2
Rita Pearce x2
Frida Quince x2
Rishi Gayen
Ethan Hockey x3
Finley Legg x2
Tyler Senior

Tommie Richards x2
Albert Altzschner
Jack Charles
Tommie Richards
Keira Jewell
Amelia Davies

Holly Class

Bromley Mapp x 2
Milo McGhee
Dillon Coombs x3
Billy Kading

Sophie Barrett x4
Bryonee Carling x6
Keira Bentham
Blossom Fisher x4
Henry Merritt

Alfie Holt
Leah Coombes x2
Leanne Watson
Maisie Lane
Daisy Wells

Monkey Puzzle Class

Oliver Taylor x3
Emily Hutchings
Tyler Whitmarsh x2
Dolson Curtis x2
Imogen Cremen

Harry Trebble
Poppy Conroy
Emily Harwood x3
Imogen Cremen
Finley Bradley
Cloda Hyde

Imogen Clarke
Sophie Synakova
Bethany Bromfield
Zac Dabinett

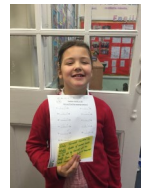
Beech Class

Fred Payne x2
Oliviia Padfield x2
Noah Barratt

Wilbur Kirton x3
Archie Cummins x2
Mollie Barratt
Bobby Sproat

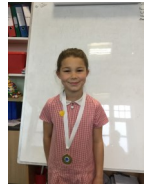
Alfie Boyd
Ruby Mitchell
Corey Foot
James Chatterton

Miss Ball's Pround Wall



Emily completed the number bonds to 20 maths worksheet that she was given, ALL BY HERSELF!!! She didn't even need any resources to help her! Well done Emily! Keep up the good work.

Poppy came 1st in her gymnastics competition against year 3's, year 4's, year 5's and year 6's!



Mollie and Poppy for their work on Roman Chariots.

Safeguarding & Helpful Contacts

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Nicola Ball and our Deputy Safeguarding Leads (DDSL) are Will Pearse and Lisa Carter. Please find below some recommended websites:

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe>
- <https://getset Somerset.org.uk/>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents>
- <http://bit.ly/forniteleaflet>

We also have Mrs Barratt, our ELSA (Emotional Literacy, Support Assistant) who is trained to provide emotional and social skills support to the children. If you have any concerns about your child at home or school contact the office to book an appointment.

- Children's Social Care: 0300 123 2224
- Local Authority Designated Officer: Anthony Goble 0300 123 2224
- Child Line: 0800 1111
- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

Bronze Certificates

Well done to the following children who have been awarded a Bronze Certificate for achieving three green leaves this year.

James Peters
Toya Parker
Imogen Clarke
Cloda Hyde
Ptryk Gawrys
Maisie Lane
Dolson Curtis
Harry Trebble
Sophie Barrett
Alfie Senior
Summer Holt
Alfie Holt
Katie Richards
Henry Merritt

Emily Harwood
Zoli Toti
Bethany Bromfield
Poppy Conroy
Imogen Cremen
Zac Dabinett
Lucus Dawe
Eleanor Haldane
Amie Parsons
Isabella Pool
Ben Sloper
Sophie Synakova
Sayer Pilton
Oliver Dobrzynski

Olivia Carling
Stanley Glover
Kamil Jaskulski
Oliver Taylor
Tyler Whitmarsh
Kaitlyn Lehmann



Pen Licences

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved their Pen Licence recently:

Nancy Glover Archie Cummins Chloe Richards



Silver Certificates

Well done to the following children who have been awarded a Silver Certificate for achieving six green leaves this year.

Mollie Barratt Ruby Mitchell Harry Trebble
Alfie Boyd Finley Bradley
Nancy Glover Amie Parsons

