



Ash Croft Primary School Newsletter



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Welcome

Welcome back to the new term. I trust you all had a refreshing Summer break and that the children recharged their batteries ready for the new term; their excellent behaviour and positive attitudes displayed so far would suggest that that is the case. No doubt though, the Summer holidays are already becoming a distant memory! We welcome any new families who have joined us at Ash Croft. Also a thank you for ensuring that pupils are dressed in the correct school uniform, including appropriate footwear, as this does help to create a calm, meaningful learning environment.

Website

Keep checking our new improved website, we feel it is much more parent/user friendly now and aim to use this as one way of communicating key dates, upcoming events and celebrating the successes and exciting learning that takes place at Ash Croft and Cottons Farm Primary. <http://www.ashcroftandcottonsfarm.co.uk/>

Year Group Curriculum Overviews

Every school is required to have their curriculum overview on the school website for parents to see. We have now uploaded all of this year's curriculum overviews for each year group. Please follow the link below to see these:

<http://www.ashcroftandcottonsfarm.co.uk/page/curriculum/21653>

Parents' Meetings

A reminder that Parents' meetings are on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th October. At the meeting, you will have the opportunity to speak to your child's teacher about how they have settled this term, and about their learning. You will be required to sign your child's **Home School Agreement**. A copy of this is available on the website.

Class 4CM – Coffee Morning

As part of 4CM's Parental engagement, Mrs Millington's class held a Macmillan coffee morning. We want to thank the Parents/Careers that came. We raised £103.35 – a wonderful achievement!



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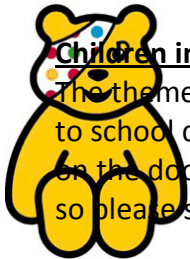
Breakfast Club

We run an early drop off/Breakfast club for just £2 a day which is open from 8am every morning. If your child would like a place please see Mrs Davis/Mrs Mills in the School Office. Children are offered orange juice, cereals and toast as well as being able to join in some before school fun exercise.

Pine Lake

Year 5 and 6 pupils had a fantastic three day residential trip to Pine Lake last week. We were fortunate to have very little rain so managed to enjoy all the activities outside including canoeing, archery, bushcraft and nerfzone. The staff at Pine Lake were most impressed by the children's behavior so well done all! Thank you to Mr Heer, Mrs Jones and Mrs Maloney for their time and support. We look forward to many more Pine Lake residential in the future. What a great place to have just on our doorstep.

The residential for Year 3 & 4 is booked from **Tuesday 6th June to Thursday 8th June 2017** and **there are still places available** (please enquire at the School Office).



Children in Need – Friday 18th November

The theme for this year's Children in Need day is make it "Spotacular!" Children can come to school dressed in spotty clothing and pay a pound for the charity – these will be collected on the door in buckets by our school councillors. All donations will go straight to the charity, so please sort out your spotty items of clothing in plenty of time for 18th November!!

YogaBugs

1LS and 2AG have been participating in weekly YogaBugs sessions. The 30 week programme will increase confidence, concentration and co-ordination.

Awards/Achievements

We would like to celebrate your child's achievements outside school as well as within. Please let your child's class teacher know of any achievements and awards.



Congratulations to last year's class 4CM (now 5CW) who won a story writing competition and now have the chance of having their stories published in a book!

Well done to Luqman Ramzan who won a trophy for bowling well in his cricket team!

Lateness: Being on Time Matters Too!

School begins at 8.55am. If your child arrives after 8.55am they must go to the School Office to register, accompanied by their parents. They will receive a late pass from the office to take to their classroom so that their teacher knows they have registered accurately. We will be recording late arrivals and parents will be asked to come in and discuss this if their child is persistently late for school. If your child is late it can lead to missed learning, an unsettled day and disrupts the learning of all the other children too.

Parent Governors

Would you like to get a greater insight into the working of our school? Are you able to commit to attending a meeting once every half term? If so, **please consider becoming one of our School Governors**. Governing Bodies of schools make decisions which are in the best interests of the children. Keeping the decision making as close as possible to those who are affected by the decisions makes for sound and efficient leadership and governance. The role is both a serious undertaking and extremely rewarding. Full training is provided. Please contact our School Office for further information!

Parental Engagement

We encourage you to come and participate in these events with your child/children to enable you to become more familiar with our school and its curriculum. This will help you to support your child/children at home with their homework and with discussions about the progress they are making in school. It also gives you and the school the opportunity to build up a stronger relationship with you to support your child's learning.

Parental Engagement events:

6LB - Monday 17th October at 9.15-11.45 – You will be having a taster session related to next half term's topic, followed by activities in the classroom.

8BH - Monday 17th October at 9.00-10.30 – You will be creating your very own Christmas cards.

5CW - Thursday 20th October at 9.10-10.30 – You will be creating a Stonehenge model out of a variety of materials. Bring your creative flair with you.

Parents' Forum – Wednesday 16th November – 2.30pm at Ash Croft Primary

These are held each half term and are an opportunity to meet with Executive Head Teacher/Head of School, to raise issues or ask questions relating to school, within an informal setting. Topics such as road safety at home time have previously been discussed. Refreshments will be provided.



Halloween Disco – Wednesday 2nd November 2016

Tickets are on sale for the disco at £3, which includes a drink and a hotdog (meat or veggie). Children can dress up and prizes will be given out for the best costumes. Raffle tickets will be on sale for 50p, a chance to win a huge popcorn tub! Cakes/sweets and glow sticks will also be on sale.

Class Assemblies

Our classes will perform an assembly in front of the rest of the school and parents/carers of children in that class. This is a great opportunity for children to experience speaking and performing in front of others and is a huge confidence booster. **The assemblies will always be on a Friday afternoon and will start at 2.40pm.** Reminders will be sent shortly before each one, but in order to pre-plan, please see the list on the key dates below.

Senior Leadership Team (S.L.T.)

We hope that this first newsletter of the academic year has been informative. We are very proud of our school and excited to be given the opportunity to nurture and educate your children. All members of staff at Ash Croft strive to provide your children with the best learning experiences possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further queries or discussion points.

Mrs P. Brown – Executive Head

Mrs M. Ubhie / Mrs W. Jones - Head of School

Listed below are the other important dates for your diaries this term.

AUTUMN TERM 2016

17.10.16	6LB & 8BH Parental Engagement
20.10.16	5CW Parental Engagement
18.10.16 - 19.10.16	Parents' Meetings
21.10.16	INSET DAY
21.10.16	FINISH FOR HALF TERM
31.10.16	Start of Autumn 2
2.11.16	Halloween Disco
14.11.16	Anti-Bullying Week
16.11.16	Parent Forum meeting at 2.30pm
18.11.16	Children in Need Day
7.12.16	Breakfast with Santa
9.12.16	8BH Class Assembly
13.12.16	Alice in Wonderland trip to Theatre
14.12.16	KS1 Xmas Production FS2 Live at home
15.12.16	KS2 Xmas Production
20.12.16	FINISH FOR CHRISTMAS

SPRING TERM 2017

4.1.17	Start of Spring term
13.1.17	6LB Class Assembly
3.2.17	5CW Class Assembly
7.2.17	Safer Internet Day
10.2.17	FINISH FOR HALF TERM
20.2.17	INSET DAY
20.2.17	Start of Spring 2

28.2.17 - 1.3.17	Parents Meetings
2.3.17	World Book Day
10.3.17	3AR Class Assembly
24.3.17	Red Nose Day
31.3.17	2AG Class Assembly
7.4.17	INSET DAY
7.4.17	FINISH FOR EASTER