

## Superstar Sharks

During English this half term, we have been focusing on the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We have used our story map to retell the story and then wrote our own fantastic stories.

Our WOW day for our final two weeks consisted of a teddy bears' picnic where everyone brought in a bear from home and we ordered what we would like from the 'Café'.



Once we had all finished our sandwiches and nibbles, we revealed the new role play area – 'The Cafe in the Woods' - in which the children will be able to practise their writing skills whilst in role!

(More photos are on our class page on the school website!)

A big well done and thank you to the children who have taken Bertie Bear home this half term and filled in his diary – Reilly, Kye, Abdus-Sami, Aleisha and Khloe – he seems to have had some amazing adventures so far. Hopefully Ibrahim will take really good care of him over half term for us!



## Marvellous Monkeys

Our topic has been Derby Detectives. We spent a day following the River Derwent from Markeaton Lake to the River Gardens, finding landmarks along the way.

We have a fantastic start to the new year. All of the children have worked very hard and I am enjoying getting to know them.

Well done and keep it up!!



## Terrific Tigers



Terrific Tigers have really enjoyed art this half term. We have looked at the work of Andy Goldsworthy and took inspiration from him to create our own natural art!



The children worked in small groups outdoors and collected as many natural materials as they could. The children then presented their art to the rest of the class. Some children chose to create patterns whilst others created the beach!

## Pine Lake

Year 6 pupils had a fantastic three-day residential trip to Pine Lake. Children enjoyed taking part in the range of activities including canoeing, archery, bushcraft and nerf-zone. The staff at Pine Lake were most impressed by the children's behaviour so well done all! We look forward to many more Pine Lake residential in the future. What a great place to have just on our doorstep.

## Halloween Disco - Wednesday 1st November

Tickets are on sale for the disco at £2, which includes a drink. Children can dress up and prizes will be given out for the best costumes. Cakes/sweets and glow sticks will also be on sale.



## Children in Need - Friday 17th November

The theme for this year's Children in Need day is make it "Spotaacular!" 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. All donations will go straight to the charity, so please sort out your spotty items of clothing in plenty of time for 17th November!

## Class Assemblies

Each class at Ash Croft 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.

## Lunchtime for FS2 Children

As our FS2 children have now settled in so well they will be joining the rest of the school on the playground for lunchtime after half term. They will continue to receive additional support from our TA's throughout lunchtimes, but it is important for them to gain confidence and be able to integrate with the rest of the infants.

## Parking outside school

We still seem to have a number of cars being parked on both sides of the road directly outside school. This is happening in spite of many, many requests that cars should be parked just a very short walk away, which is much safer. There are still several parents who do not appreciate that it is very dangerous for any parents or children who are trying to cross the roads, and as buses also pass the school it becomes a very narrow and hazardous space to negotiate.

## Staffing

We would like to welcome our new Intervention/PPA teacher Mrs Shafiq to Ash Croft Primary.

We look forward to seeing all children return to school on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017.**

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

**Mrs M. Ubhie** - Head of School

Please see below for a list of the other important dates for your diaries next term.

	<b>Autumn 2</b>
<i>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct</i>	<i>Break up for half term</i>
<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Start of Autumn 2</b>
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Whole school photos
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Halloween Disco
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Flu Immunisation FS2, Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4
w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-Bullying week
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Awesome Aardvarks Class Assembly
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	E-Safety day
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Panto Day
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas dinner
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Parent Forum Morning
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole School Church visit
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Christmas production
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Christmas production
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Breakfast with Santa FS2 & KS1
<i>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</i>	<i>Break up for Christmas</i>
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Inset days</b>
	<b>Spring Term</b>
<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Start of Spring 1</b>
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Great Gorillas Trip to Cromford (letter coming home after half-term)
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Terrific Tigers Class Assembly
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Internet Safety day
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Fantastic Foxes Class Assembly
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parents' Evening
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parents' Evening
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parent Forum Morning
<i>Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb</i>	<i>Break up for half term</i>
<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Inset day</b>
<b>Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Start of Spring 2</b>
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Fire Safety Visit Y2 & Y6
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Marvellous Monkeys Class Assembly
<i>Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> March</i>	<i>Break up for Easter</i>
<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>