

*****Ashton First School News*****

"Expect only the best"

Friday 26th September 2014

HEADLINES by Mrs Sharon Cole



Fabulous Fridays

I think everyone looks forward to the end of the week and for me it always ends on a high for three reasons. Firstly I compile this newsletter with the help of a lot of friends and I particularly enjoy pasting in the photos which often say much more than the words. Secondly I enjoy the Family Assembly when we hear about all of the wonderful learning that has been going on during the week, along with celebrating children's achievements both inside and outside school. Thirdly I savour squash and biscuits with our star learners and find out about their achievements in more detail as well as chatting informally. And if I'm honest, I also look forward to collapsing at home at the end of a busy week!

Open for business!

Acorn Class would like to thank the many people who have kindly donated old and unwanted shoes for our class shoe shop. We have had great fun this week buying and selling, making signs and posters for our shop, and acting out the roles of shop assistants and shoppers; and the maths that has been going on in class has been fantastic. We have counted, sorted shoes into all sorts of different groups, matched pairs and counted again in twos; we have talked about the language of bigger and smaller, wider and narrower, longer and shorter as we have measured our feet using a real shoe shop foot measurer; and we have found suitably sized boxes and bags to pack the shoes into once sold – not to mention all the money that has been passing hands in our various transactions over the counter.



Any further donations of unwanted shoes of any size, colour or style (or indeed empty shoeboxes) will be very gratefully received. Thank you again!

If you have visited our website recently, you will have been aware that our new one has been under construction. Well, I am pleased to say that we have the basic framework now in place, but there is still a lot to do in terms of content. So I apologise that there are lots of empty pages at this early stage, but week by week we shall be adding content and welcome any feedback/suggestions. Please take a look on www.ashton.worcs.sch.uk. Some search engines will direct you to our old site with "schoolswire" in the title, so please check that you have loaded our latest one, in case you're wondering what's the difference!

Talking of websites, we also encourage parents to visit the Ofsted Parent View website in order to register your thoughts about our school <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. So if you have not already done so and thank you to those who have, please take a few minutes to go on-line. All responses are anonymous, but if there is an area that you are unhappy with, I would really appreciate it if you would be so kind as to talk to me or a member of staff directly, so that we can understand the nature of your concerns and endeavour to do something about it straight away.

Finally a reminder to take a look at the notices section, as there is a lot happening next week. I look forward to seeing you at one or more of the meetings.

Notices:

- **Reception Pupils:** After a lovely staged introduction to school, all pupils will be attending full-time from Monday.
- **Academy Parents Meeting Monday 29th September at 6pm:** Following last week's letter informing you of our Academy consultation period, we are holding a parent question and answer session on Monday evening which you are welcome to attend. We are mentioned in this week's Evesham Journal.
http://www.eveshamjournal.co.uk/news/11488369.Seven_Vale_schools_in_talks_to_form_multi_academy_trust_with_Prince_Henry's_High_School/
- **Parents' Meetings Tue 30th September & Wed 1st October:** Appointment slips coming home.
- **Newspaper Recycling:** Please can you save any old suitable newspapers for our ECO project. Please drop them off to Mrs Shiels. Thank you.
- **Key Stage 2 Ten Pieces BBC Cinema Trip on Tuesday 7th October:** Please return reply slips and monies a.s.a.p. Thank you.
- **Harvest Festival Friday 3rd October:** Please do come along for a special Family Assembly next Friday morning in **St Barbara's church at 9am** to celebrate Harvest Festival, followed by a **MacMillan Coffee Morning back at school afterwards**. Children may bring a donation of Harvest gifts which will be combined with the church and distributed to the elderly people in the village and any surplus will be taken to 'Caring Hands' in the Vale of Evesham. (St Barbara's Church Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 5th October at 11am – see noticeboard for details).
- **MacMillan Coffee Morning:** Donations of raffle prizes still needed. Thank you

Dates for the Diary

- **Monday 29th September 2.30pm Malvern & 3pm Llanrug:** Residential Parents Meetings
- **Monday 29th September 6pm:** Academy Parents meeting
- **Tuesday 30th September:** Parents Meetings 5pm -7.30pm
- **Wednesday 1st October :** Parents Meetings 3.30pm-5.30pm
- **Friday 3rd October:** 9am Harvest Festival in Church, followed by MacMillan Coffee Morning 10am in school
- **Tuesday 7th October:** Ten Pieces BBC Cinema Trip for KS2 during school time
- **Friday 10th October:** Open morning for Prospective Parents (admission Sept 2015)
- **Tuesday 14th October:** BHMS E-Safety session 6pm -7.30pm
- **Tuesday 14th – Fri 17th Oct:** Years 4 & 5 Llanrug Residential Trip
- **Thursday 16th – Fri 17th Oct:** Years 2 & 3 Malvern overnight Residential
- **Monday 27th – 31st Fri Oct :** Half Term week
- **Monday 1st December:** TE Day school closed to pupils
- **Friday 19th December:** Last day of term

