

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

“Expect only the best”

Friday 21st November 2014

HEADLINES by Mrs Sharon Cole



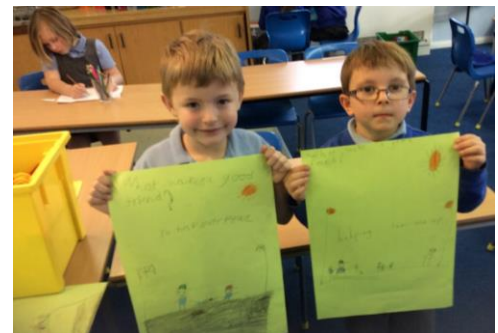
This week has been national anti-bullying week, so the children have all received lessons on this important matter. As you will see from their comments and the link below, key messages have been shared. It was discussed at Governors this week and Mrs Rosemary Halliday came in to see one of the lessons on Wednesday, having spent part of the lunchtime monitoring behaviour on the playground.

As a result of these lessons, your child may well be talking to you more about behaviour and we really welcome your support in reinforcing key messages; such as the need to treat others how you would wish to be treated and that it's right to say no or stop it to someone if you do not like what they are doing. Please also be aware of other influences on their behaviour, such as the programmes that they watch on TV or the games that they play on mobile devices etc, as this can affect the way they play and interact with others.

We always encourage the children to talk to a member of staff if they have worries or concerns and the same applies to parents. So please talk to your child's teacher if you have any concerns, so that we can nip issues in the bud. At Ashton, I can assure you that staff go the extra mile to help children and spend a great deal of time responding to their individual needs. We are also extremely fortunate to have our own Teaching Assistants supervising the children at lunchtime rather than separate staff which is hugely beneficial. Every week at staff briefing we discuss behaviour and ensure that everyone is informed regarding which children need extra support or closer supervision. We acknowledge that children will fall out with one another, behave inappropriately or unkindly at times, but we are consistent in expecting and supporting children to behave well both in school and on the playground.

Hawthorn Class

This week we have been learning about different types of bullying. We have talked about how we can be a good friend to others and what we should do if someone is being unkind to us. Towards the end of the week, we worked together to make a poster about how we can be a good friend and how we should treat others. We made a short video to show what we have learnt during anti-bullying week. To take a look at our video on the school website in the Pupil Zone, Memories section: http://www.ashton.worcs.sch.uk/?page_id=191



Agony Aunt Problems – a report by Ivan on lessons in Oak Class this week

As part of anti-bullying week we have been working on what anti bullying means and Oak class wrote some replies to Agony Aunt letters. We had to decide if the person was being bullied or whether they had just had a fall out with friends. Then we had to write replies giving them information about bullying and advice about what they should do. We came up with some great ideas.

Notices:

- **Eco Monday:** Mrs Shiels will be sending details home on Monday 24th November about our Rag Bag collection and Eco competition. Please save any unwanted clothes, shoes and bags for a re-cycling collection on Wednesday 26th November.
- **Mrs Stephenson's Recorder Group (Beginners & Middle):** There will be no after lunch recorder group sessions until after Christmas, due to whole school rehearsals for our Christmas Carol Service.
- **Parent Support Group:** If you feel in need of extra support why not come along to this new Parent Support Group session being run on the last Wednesday of every month by experienced Family Support Workers. It will be held at Wallace House in Evesham 9.30am-11am and the first session is Wednesday 26th November. Share experiences in a relaxed atmosphere where tea, coffee and biscuits are provided. See our noticeboard for details.
- **Class Catering Christmas Lunch order forms:** have been sent home this week. Thank you for orders received so far. Please complete and return attached order form **by Friday 28th November** if you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch on Wednesday 17th December.

Dates for the Diary

- **Monday 24th November:** Eco Monday
- **Wednesday 26th November:** Rag Bag collection drop off
- **Wednesday 26th November 9.30-11am:** Parent Support Group, Wallace House Evesham
- **Monday 1st December:** TE Day School closed to pupils
- **Clubs Finish:** Friday 5th December.
- **Friday 5th & Monday 8th December:** Scholastic Book Fair in school
- **Tuesday 9th December 2pm & 6pm:** School Carol Service (details to follow)
- **Wednesday 10th December 6.30pm:** Ashton Celebration of Christmas at St Barbara's
- **Thursday 11th December:** Last swimming session
- **Friday 12th December 5.30-7.30pm:** Ashton Playgroup Christmas Fayre in Village Hall
- **Wednesday 17th December:** Party Day including a visit from Father Christmas & Class Catering Christmas Lunch
- **Friday 19th December:** Carols around the tree as part of Family Assembly
- **Monday 5th January 2015:** Back to school start of Spring Term.

