

# \*\*\*\*\*Ashton First School News\*\*\*\*\*

"Expect only the best"

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015

HEADLINES by Mrs Sharon Cole



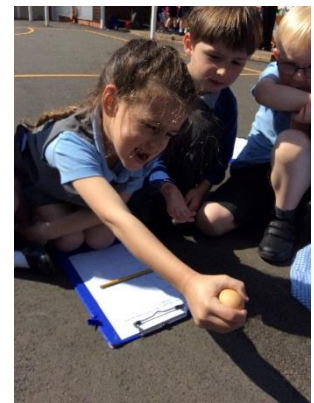
After the "egg-citement" of Science Week, the egg theme has continued with the arrival of some fertilised eggs in an incubator. The children in Acorn class are keeping a watchful eye over them and asking lots of fascinating questions. Forest school children visited Rails End Nursery this week and had a super time; behaving impeccably and today Oak Class have gone off to see new lambs as part of their Science Topic on life cycles.



In Acorn class we have been doing egg investigations. We asked scientific questions

What do you think will happen if we put the egg in water? ... if we drop it? .... if we roll it? ... if we put weights on it? ... if we squeeze it? ...if we put it in the oven? ..... or in hot water? ... or in the microwave?

We made predictions and then we tested them to find out what actually happened and we asked "Why did that happen?"



In our classroom we have put some hen eggs into an incubator. We hope that some of them will hatch in 21 days' time.

We talked about how a mother hen keeps her eggs warm and we wondered if we could sit on an egg like a hen could. So we decided to test that too and we found that we could stand Eden on a board on top of four eggs... and we could stand Noah on top of four eggs too .... But when we put Mrs Shiels on the four eggs they broke!

This week we also went to visit Railsend Nursery where we planted sunflower seeds and we have decided to make a Garden Centre in our role play area in class.



## School Council

Thank you to those children who have kindly put suggestions into the box outside Willow classroom. We have enjoyed reading these and have discussed how we will follow these up. The School Council has been finding out about having a school pet and we would appreciate if you could complete our pet questionnaire coming home today compiled by Matthew.

Poster Competition: We didn't get many entries for the Quiet Area Poster Competition, so we would like to give you another chance to design one. Your poster needs to tell everyone how to behave when they are in there. Please bring in your posters by next Friday, 1st May and give them to your School Council Reps. The best entries will be laminated and displayed in the Quiet Area. Please ask Sophie or Noah should you need any information about this.



Toys, Games and Books: We would also like some toys, games and books for the Quiet Area. If you have any that you could donate, please bring them in. Thank you from Lewis and the School Council Team

## Visit to Shaw Green Farm

Oak class thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Shaw Green Farm this morning. They had the opportunity to hold and feed the lambs which everybody thought was great fun!



## Notices:

- **Poetry Plate Finalists are:** Acorns: Lily, Isobel, William C; Hawthorns: Eva, Malachi, Poppy; Willow: Eleanor, Matthew, Gracie and Oak: Arthur, Lewis, Luc and Sasha. See them recite their poems in next week's Family Assembly
- **NSPCC:** On **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May** Kia from NSPCC will be coming to visit the school to talk to the children about the work of her charity and fundraising activities.
- **Ofsted:** A big thank you to so many of you for completing the On-line Parent View Survey. To date we have had 31 responses. Again can I encourage all parents to complete and please see me personally if you have any concerns so that I can understand your position and help.
- **Class & Year 5 Leavers photographs:** Please return orders **by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.**
- **Dad's of Bredon Hill RFC Charity Match 'v' Evesham Eegits:** Congratulations on a tremendous winning performance and a huge thank you to all those who participated and supported and in doing so raised over £1,000 for our school and the same for Charity. Amazing!

## Coming home tonight:

- School Council pet questionnaire, Class Topic webs for this term being sent via email and a PFA flyer for the Run Around supper event.

## Dates for the Diary:

- **Thur 30<sup>th</sup> April:** Deadline to confirm Reception (Sept 2015) & Middle school places with the LA
- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May:** Poetry Plate Finals in Family Assembly followed by E-safety Workshop for Parents
- **Thursday, 14th May Playgroup Fundraiser: 7:30pm at the Star. It will be a burger and quiz night, with raffle, for £10/head, with proceeds going to the playgroup.**
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 5 Leavers Ball at Bredon Hancocks
- **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June:** PFA Run Around Supper fundraising event
- **Friday 26th June:** Sports Day
- **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June:** Transition Morning & New Reception Parents Sept 2015
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July :** Teacher Training Day. School closed to pupils
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 5 Leavers Assembly & end of Summer term

