

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

"Expect only the best"

Friday 26th June 2015

HEADLINES by Mrs Sharon Cole



Firstly a big thank you to all those who supported the Run Around Supper last weekend. An amazing £1,500 was raised which will be used to buy additional reading books. Your generosity makes such a difference to us and a power-point shown during the evening demonstrated how your kindness has enabled to improve our outdoor area for the Acorn Class.

Walk to School Week

This week we have run a hugely successful 'Walk to School' week. On average, 75 children have walked to school (up to 44 of which have joined us on our Walking Bus). I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the families that took part and to the Archer family who, so kindly, allowed us to park and congregate on the farm. Mrs Shiels and Mrs Thornton, hope that you all enjoyed the experience and will continue to walk to school when possible.
Mrs Shiels



Flying for the Flag for the Environment



Thanks to amazing hard work over the past two years, we have been awarded the "Green Flag" for the second time. It is a real team effort and all of the children have been involved, but particular thanks must go to Mrs Shiels who co-ordinates the initiative and the Envirominnies, our

committed team of children.

They spoke most persuasively and confidently to the Assessor who came out on Wednesday, taking her on a tour of the school and grounds and showing her examples of work from all year groups. Congratulations to everyone!

Listening Workshop

On Monday evening two leading speech and language experts from the County came to school to lead a workshop for parents. They shared their findings from extensive research and gave advice on how to teach our children to be good listeners. You can find their top tips on our website – please take a look. http://www.ashton.worcs.sch.uk/?page_id=1487

Notices:

- **Breakfast Club Autumn Term:** We are trying to establish numbers for September and ask you to complete and return the attached form if you wish to book your child into breakfast club. We currently can offer places for up to 12 children on a daily basis. If the demand is higher following the return of the forms, we will establish if it is feasible to recruit an additional member of staff to support this provision. Please return forms by next **Thursday 2nd July**.
- **Afterschool Clubs:** Please note next week is the last week for after school clubs. Clubs will be starting again from week commencing 14th September and a new club list will be issued before the end of term. These are offered as extra-curricular activities and cannot be relied upon as childcare provision. We have the opportunity to offer a new photography club and a letter is coming home today to gauge interest.
- **Autumn Term Class Catering Menus & Order forms:** are coming home today. Please note that the cost per meal from September will be **£2.30**. (Key Stage one children are still entitled to a Universal Free School Meal). Please return completed order forms by **Friday 10th July**.
- **Sports Day Wednesday 1st July:** Children should remember to bring a House Group colour T Shirt to wear. If the weather is hot please apply sun cream at home and send your child with a sun hat. Remember to also bring a packed lunch from home if you did not order a hot meal for Wednesday 1st July. There will be refreshments available throughout the day for spectators and all monies raised will go towards Playgroup. We would also like to ask for donations to enable us to buy some sports equipment for the children who attend Kamutuuza Tower Primary School in Uganda with whom we have made a link this year.
- **Mrs Allsopp Jones Music Lessons:** due our TE day on Friday, Mrs A J will be in school to do her music lessons on Thursday next week (2nd July) instead
- **Reminder:** Even though it's nearing the end of term, please ensure that your child comes to school in correct uniform: black sensible shoes, long hair tied back and only stud earrings which your child needs to remove themselves for PE. Thank you.

Coming home tonight:

- Breakfast club booking form
- Class Catering Menu & Order forms for September
- Flyer about a new Photography club and registration form

Dates for the Diary:

- Tuesday 30th June: 10am Transition Morning & New Reception Parents Sept 2015
- **Wednesday 1st July: 9.30am Sports Day @ Ashton Playing Fields**
- **Friday 3rd July : Teacher Training Day. School closed to pupils**
- Friday 10th July: Final Family Assembly for this term
- **Friday 10th July, 2.15pm, Thank You Tea.** Please come along and be treated to a cream tea, if you have helped the school in any way this year, eg. hearing readers, trips....
- **Monday 6th July: Year 5 Leavers outing to Broadway (letter to follow)**
- Monday 13th July: Year 5 Cluster Main Games event
- Wednesday 15th July: Eco whole school walk
- Friday 17th July: End of summer term & Year 5 Leavers Assembly
- **Ashton Cricket Club Village Night Friday 17th July from 7pm:** on the cricket field including, Live Music, BBO and games for all the family.
- Monday 7th Sept: Start of New Academic year 2015/16



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