

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

"Expect only the best"

Friday 10th July 2015

HEADLINES by Mrs Sharon Cole



It is hard to believe that there is only one week to go of this academic year. As next Friday is our Leaver's Assembly, we celebrated our last "normal" Friday Family Assembly this morning. Alongside other awards, including as always those for our Star Learners, we presented certificates for attendance. As a school we have met our target of 97% attendance for this year (please come every day next week!) and it was lovely to celebrate so many healthy and resilient pupils.



We also celebrated coming second in the Small Schools' Swimming Gala which took place yesterday. Every child did brilliantly and we were so impressed by the children's determination to try their very best and believe in themselves. It has been a great sporting year.

Talking of sport, we added the points from Sports Day to our House Group totals, and this year **Diamond** have gained the most points overall.

Year 5 enjoyed a great day out together on Monday, climbing to the top of Broadway Tower and visiting the Fire Station. Our Year 5's really have been a splendid group and it is with mixed feelings that we prepare to send them on their way next Friday. The Leavers' Assembly will take place straight after registration, and whilst everyone is welcome to attend, please ensure that the seats nearest the front are occupied by Y5 families and if possible make arrangements for any small children not to attend, so that everyone can focus on our fabulous 5's as it is often a bit of an emotional occasion. Year 5 parents are welcome to stay after the assembly for refreshments.



Notices:

- **Ice Creams on last day of term:** Please come and buy an ice cream after school on the last day of term to help Olivia, Honor Edwards' eldest sister, raise funds. Olivia has been member of Ashton under Hill Guides, run by Mrs Stephenson, for the last four years and is one of few Guides in the country to have been selected to travel to America next year. During her trip to the States she will take part in lots of challenges and work with a particular charity. Olivia needs to raise £2300 to fund her trip, which cannot come from the bank of mum and dad! Please support her by buying an ice cream on **Friday 17th July in the playground at the end of school.** All ice creams **will only be £1 each.** Thank you for your support.



- **Book Bags:** Next year we would appreciate it if every child, from Reception to Year 5 brought a school book bag each day, which we shall store inside the classrooms. In this way, books will not be damaged and we can promote good organizational skills and minimize disruption to lessons. If your child needs to bring other items into school, these can be stored in a small rucksack which can be left on their peg. We have invested in further storage for PE kits which are now all kept inside, so please ensure that they are clearly named. Book bags can be purchased from the **school office for £6.** Thank you

Coming home tonight:

- **Afterschool Clubs letter** - please return reply slips before end of term if possible
- **Class Catering letter about price increase from September & Village Social Night flyer** (being sent electronically).

Dates for the Diary:

- **Monday 13th July:** Year 5 Cluster Main Games event
- **Wednesday 15th July:** Eco whole school walk
- **Friday 17th July:** Year 5 Leavers Assembly
- **Ashton Cricket Club Village Night Friday 17th July from 7pm** (see flyer attached)
- **Monday 7th Sept:** Start of New Academic year 2015/16

