

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

"Expect only the best"

Friday 16th October 2015

HEADLINES by Mrs Sharon Cole



This morning we were delighted to showcase our school to prospective parents.

First, our visitors joined in Family Assembly, followed by a talk by myself and then they were given guided tours by our Year 5 pupils who conducted themselves brilliantly and gave a superb impression of our school.

We received some super feedback, as demonstrated by the following:

"What a wonderful school. You have managed to create an environment for the school which is both nurturing and challenging at the same time" "a lovely school with well-behaved children and excellent resources"..... "Excellent tour guides - very helpful and well informed."

So my thanks to everyone who attended, including governors and please do get in touch if you require further information or would like to make an appointment to visit, if you were unable to attend today.

Oak Class experience Evacuee Day



This week it was the turn of Oak Class to be evacuated for the day. I have to say that we think that this has been one of the best trips ever and has totally captured the children's attention. Dressing up in costume really added to the experience and a big thank you to parents for your support in this regard.



Teaching children to stay safe

On Monday a specially trained representative from NSPCC came to talk to our Year 5 pupils about how to stay safe. The children were introduced to Buddy the speech bubble who serves as a reminder that it is good to talk to somebody about any worries you might have. During the session the children learnt about the meaning of confidentiality and were introduced to different types of abuse that people may be exposed to. These issues were handled with a sensitive approach and the children responded thoughtfully to any discussion points. Everybody came away with a 'First Aid Kit' of people who they could turn to if they were worried about anything and the motto that everybody has the right to be happy and safe.



Notices:

- **Questionnaire:** Just a reminder if you could kindly complete the questionnaire sent home last week and return it **by 23rd October**. Your feedback is very much appreciated.
- **Parents Evening Appointment times:** were sent home on Monday. *Please be prompt as we are "chock-a-block" and need to stick to the ten minute allocated schedule.* Afterschool clubs will run as normal on both days.
- **Recorders:** Now that Reception children are settled into school, Mrs Stephenson will re-start recorder groups next week. If you were in a Recorder group last year and wish to continue, please bring your music and recorder into school on Monday.
- **Pudsey Bear:** We are expecting a special visit from Pudsey Bear on the afternoon of 11th November. To help raise money for Children in Need we have decided to hold a special **non uniform "wear something spotty day" for £1** donations on **Friday 6th November**. We would also like you to save all your loose change over the holidays so we can fill a playground shape of Pudsey with coins and pennies. Thank you for your support.



Coming home today:

Families Magazine

Community Notices:

- **Playgroup Fundraiser:** Cake Sale in the playground at 3pm on Friday 23rd October, any donations of cakes would be gratefully received. Please liaise with Shelley Morgan

Dates for the Diary:

- Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st October : Parents Evenings
- **Friday 23rd October:** Break up for half term. Playgroup Cake Sale after school at 3pm
- Monday 2nd November 2015: Back to school after half term
- Saturday 21st November 8pm: PFA Fundraiser Apres Ski party
- **Friday 6th November:** 'Non uniform Wear' something spotty day £1 for Pudsey
- Monday 30th November: TED Day - School closed to pupils
- Wednesday 9th December: Key Stage 1 Winchcombe Railway trip (details to follow later) & Ashton Village Celebration of Christmas at St Barbara's church in the evening
- Tuesday 15th December: An afternoon & evening Christmas Carol Service including Nativity
- Wednesday 16th December: Class Catering Christmas lunch, visit from Father Christmas and school party day.
- Friday 18th December: Carols around the tree in Family Assembly, end of term



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