

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

"Expect only the best"

Friday 15th April 2016

HEADLINES by Mrs Sharon Cole



Welcome back! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable break and it was super to see everyone return on Tuesday with smiley faces ready for the exciting term ahead. Staff returned on Monday and we undertook some fascinating training led by an Educational Psychologist on Emotion Coaching which supports children with managing their feelings and behaviour. We also have some special events planned for the coming weeks including celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday on Friday 10th June, to coincide with national celebrations that weekend, as well as Open Gardens, the Poetry Plate competition which will be held on Friday 17th June and a whole school trip to Stratford upon Avon to coincide with Shakespeare's 400 year anniversary on Thursday 14th July. Details about all these and more will follow in due course, but firstly we are looking forward to hosting our **Art Exhibition**



We have had some wonderful entries for our "Royal" competition to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. Today was the deadline for entries, but we shall accept any late ones delivered first thing on Monday morning. Also, please come along to our whole school Art Exhibition **next Thursday at 2.15pm-3pm when work from every child will be on display.** We do hope that you will be able to visit.

Netball Tournament

On Friday 18th March, two teams from the Ashton netball club represented our school at the Cluster High 5 Netball tournament which was held at Prince Henry's. Despite the extremely cold weather, the children had a very enjoyable afternoon. They played

six games to a very high standard and showed great team spirit and sportsmanship towards the other schools. One of our teams actually won the tournament and are pictured here holding the cluster sports trophy. The winning schools from all the cluster tournaments, including rugby and football, have their name on the trophy so we are very proud to have Ashton school on there. A huge well done to all the children and a big thank you to all of you who braved the cold and came to support us.



Staffing News: As many of you may know, Mrs Kirk's son has been very poorly of late and this week underwent major surgery to rectify a lung problem. The operation went well and once he is fully recovered, he is hoping to study in America from September. Mrs Kirk's husband has also been offered a position in the States. Therefore, I'm afraid that with huge sadness, I am informing you that Mrs Kirk will be leaving at the end of the summer term to relocate to Florida with her family. I know that you will be devastated at this news and yet thrilled for her personally, as she seizes this exciting new opportunity. Mrs Kirk's contribution to Ashton is immeasurable and we now begin the process of replacing her. I appreciate that this will be very unsettling for families, coinciding as it does with my own departure, but the Governors and I wish to reassure you that we shall do our utmost to appoint the right people, so that Ashton continues to go from strength to strength.

Community Notices:

Traffic Issues in the Village – message from Sarah Smith, Ashton under Hill Parish Council

If you have ever been to Ashton during the school drop off and pick up times, you cannot have failed to see the issues that we have as a single road village, coping with cars and buses struggling to move in both directions. We often get told of incidents involving the buses, but a long time after the event, when we are unable to support any action to improve the situation. It is really important that any incidents involving the buses being driven dangerously or discourteously are reported immediately, either through the school, or direct to the bus companies. Please also copy me in or let me know and I will report it for you. Ideally you should try to get a photo of the incident and the bus number (boards in the front and back of the buses). Without incidents being reported, the bus companies are unable to take action to improve the safety for our children. Also please encourage your children to tell you of issues that they see (if they are older and walk alone), and report these too if appropriate.

Astons (Also for 540 buses) - **Email:** info@astons-coaches.co.uk **Phone:** 01905 820201

Cresswells – **Email:** nncresswell@btinternet.com **Phone:** 01386 48656

Henshaws – **Email:** info@henshaw-coaches.co.uk **Phone:** 01608 651414

Parish Council – Sarahttsmith@talk21.com

Coming home tonight:

- **Club invoices** (it was a tricky task, but we have managed to allocate every request). **Class Newsletters** being sent via email

Dates for the Diary:

- **Monday 18th April:** Summer term After school clubs start for 10 weeks
- **Thursday 21st April 2.15pm:** Whole School Art Exhibition 'Art fit for the Queen'
- **Monday 25th April:** Class Photographs of class groups and Year 5 Leavers
- **Wk Commencing 16th May:** Key Stage 1 testing starts
- **Friday 27th May:** Break up for half term
- **Wk Commencing 13th June:** Year 1 Phonics tests
- **Thursday 9th June:** Year 5 Parents invited to informal coffee morning at BHMS
- **Saturday 25th June:** Run Around Supper, PFA Fundraising Event
- **Tuesday 5th July:** Transition Day for Year 5's at BHMS & New Parents morning - Sept 16
- **Thursday 7th July:** Sports Day
- **Friday 8th July:** TE Day school closed to pupils
- **Friday 15th July:** Final Family Assembly
- **Friday 22nd July:** Year 5 Leavers Assembly & End of term



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