

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

"Expect only the best"  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016



## Visit by St. Stephen's C of E First School, Redditch

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome 23 Year 3 pupils from St. Stephens to our school. They made friends as soon as they arrived and our children helped those from St Stephens to appreciate our lovely school and the local environment. The rain held off long enough for us to enjoy a nature walk, led by Mrs Shiels, during which the children found out about trees, plants and wildlife that we passed along the way. We walked through the church yard, past the pond and then up into the meadow. We took a little time to close our eyes, think about the sounds all around us and reflect. There was also some time for fun! They say a picture is worth a thousand words, so the small selection below will give you a sense of the wonderful time the children spent together. Afterwards, we came back to school for lunch, and then our Year 4s took St Stephen's pupils on a guided tour of the school, when we discussed similarities and differences. The time we spent together just whizzed by, and almost before we knew it, they were getting back on their coach and we were waving them a fond farewell. We very much hope to maintain and build on our link with St Stephen's, so you will be hearing more about them in the future. But for now, a great day was had by all!



## School Council May Newsletter

We would like to tell you about our next big fund-raising event. On Friday 27 May 2016 we will have a 'Wear it Wild Day'. We got the idea from the World Wildlife Fund who have been sending us information since we sponsored our turtle. Your child can wear animal-themed clothing in return for a donation of £1. All classes will be doing some animal activities during the day and we will be holding an animal-themed bake sale. We will also decide on a name for our turtle.

Oli and Levi, School Council Members

**WEAR IT  
WILD**  
27 May 2016



### Notices:

- **Headteacher Appointment:** We are delighted to now be able to announce the appointment of Mrs Alison Peacey as Headteacher of Ashton from September. Please see letter from Mrs Fiona Smith, Chair of Governors giving more details.
- **Class Catering lunch pre-order forms:** are coming home today. Please return lunch order forms by **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May** to ensure your child has a lunch ordered for after May half term.

### Coming home tonight:

Headteacher Appointment letter, Class Catering pre-order forms, Year 5 Bikeability consent forms and Afterschool football club match letter

### Dates for the Diary:

- **Wk Commencing 16<sup>th</sup> May:** Key Stage 1 testing starts
- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 4 to attend Bell Boating Practice Session
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May:** Hawthorn Cluster Athletics Festival
- **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May:** Hindu Workshop for KS2 children & **Football club match**
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May:** **Wear it Wild Day for £1** & Break up for half term
- **Wk Commencing 6<sup>th</sup> June:** **Reminder No Sports Challenge clubs this week as Dean away**
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June:** **Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations – (letter to follow next week)**
- **Wk Commencing 13<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 1 Phonics tests & **Year 5 Bikeability over 4 days**
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 5 Parents invited to informal coffee morning at BHMS
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 4 Cluster Bell Boating Reggata
- **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June:** Run Around Supper, PFA Fundraising Event
- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July:** Transition Day for Year 5's at BHMS & New Parents morning - Sept 16
- **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July:** **Acorn Class Cluster Multiskills event**
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July:** Sports Day
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July:** TE Day school closed to pupils
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July:** **Year 5 Cluster Main Games**
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July:** Whole School Trip to Stratford
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July:** Final Family Assembly
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July:** **Year 5 Leavers outing**
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July:** Year 5 Leavers Assembly & End of term



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