

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

"Expect only the best"

Friday 1st July 2016

HEADLINES by Mrs Sharon Cole



At our assembly this morning, I was delighted to introduce Mrs Alison Peacey, our new Headteacher from September, to parents. I am also pleased to inform you that Mrs Kirk has been spending some time with Mrs Anne Grant and Mrs Louise Gordon who will be taking over the roles of full-time School Secretary and part-time Finance Assistant respectively from September.

There was a bit of drama in school this week, but of the best kind I hasten to add, as we held a whole day workshop for Years 3 and 4 led by an actor from Konflux Theatre. Mark worked with the children throughout the day to produce an improvised version of "A Midsummer Night's Dream". As you may know, it is not the easiest of plots with some rather tricky characters, but our pupils entered into the spirit and enjoyed the day enormously. They performed their mini play to the whole school and some parents at the end of the day which we all enjoyed immensely – lots of funny bits! We clearly have some talented actors in our midst who were getting into Shakespeare at a very young age.



And speaking of great authors, you may remember that Tom Woodhouse visited our school last year to introduce the children to a series of books he has written about water voles. He has also written a book called, 'The Adventures of Mr Toad', which Willow Class read during their rivers topic. The children wrote reviews and we used verses from the book for our 'best handwriting pieces'. We sent Tom a presentation book containing the children's work, and were delighted to receive the following response:



I loved receiving the book and all the reviews - I'm amazed by how the class took to the book and would like to say a big "thank you" to absolutely everyone who wrote such lovely reviews, drew such nice pictures and wrote with handwriting that's a LOT better than mine currently is! It really meant a lot to see that they enjoyed my book, and I'm going to share the reviews and handwriting pieces with Helen who was the editor at OUP who worked with me on it! Thank you again,
Tom

School Council News

We would like to announce the results of our turtle naming and design competitions. We split into groups to decide on the winners. Our turtle is now called 'Murtle', and the winning partnership who came up with this idea were Miles and Luis. Dixie won the KS2 designer and Queenie for KS1. They have all been presented with a book to say thank you.



Notices:

- **After School Clubs:** **All finish TODAY, Friday 1st July**, with the exception of Athletics. There will be **Athletics on Monday 4th July** to make up for the missed session on 10th June.
- **Class Catering new Autumn/Winter Menu & pre-order forms :** Are being sent home today. Please could you complete and return by **Monday 18th July** to ensure your child has a lunch ordered for the first week back in September. Please be aware our current Year 2 children will no longer be in receipt of Universal Free School meals in September and will need to pay £2.30 per day for their lunch.
- **Sports Day T-shirts:** Please note all children will need a coloured t-shirt on sports day relating to their house colour. SAPPHIRE Blue, RUBY Red, EMERALD Green DIAMOND Yellow. There will be refreshments available through out the day. Donations of small cakes to sell would be gratefully received. Please see Becky Quilter.
- **Eco Group Re-Cycling Jumble Collection Tuesday 12th July :** Please bring in any unwanted clothing items in a black bin bag on that morning and not before to raise money towards Eco funds. Thank you for your support

Coming home tonight: Class Catering pre-order forms, Breakfast club booking for Sept

Dates for the Diary:

- **Tuesday 5th July:** Transition Day for Year 5's at BHMS & New Parents morning - Sept 16. Current pupils will also spend some time in their new classrooms
- **Wednesday 6th July:** Acorn Class Cluster Multiskills event
- **Thursday 7th July:** Sports Day at Ashton Playing fields
- **Friday 8th July:** TE Day school closed to pupils
- **Monday 11th July:** Year 5 Cluster Main Games
- **Tuesday 12th July:** Eco Re-cycling Jumble Collection – drop off that morning please
- **Wednesday 13th July:** Small Schools Swimming Gala
- **Thursday 14th July:** Whole School Trip to Stratford
- **Friday 15th July:** Final Family Assembly farewells to Mrs Cole & Mrs Kirk, followed by coffee
- **Saturday 16th July:** Farewell event for parents, governors and staff
- **Monday 18th July:** Year 5 Leavers outing
- **Wednesday 20th July 2.30pm:** Final Star Awards & Attendance certificates presented
- **Friday 22nd July:** Year 5 Leavers Assembly & End of term

