

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

“Expect only the best”  
Friday 14th July 2017



This is the penultimate newsletter for the year and as we approach the final week interesting events and brilliant learning opportunities in all the classes show no signs of abating. We had very exciting news on Monday as the school has been successful in retaining its Green Flag. Thank you to all the Envirominnies and particularly Mrs Shiels. Next week we have a special assembly for the Year 5 pupils on Thursday at 1.30pm and on Friday we will have our final Family Assembly with tea afterwards to say thank you to anyone who has helped us this year.

## Acorn

We have been busy designing wooden spoon puppets for story telling in our Punch and Judy stall at the beach as part of our role play area. The children have made some superb designs of story book characters and have been thinking carefully about what materials they will use to create their characters. Watch this space!

## Hawthorn

As part of our work on packaging we have been designing and making the boxes for our “Action Figure” Toys. Thank you to all of the parents who brought in shoe boxes for us to use for this project. We will share pictures of them once they are finished.

## Willow

Willow class have had a very exciting week. On Monday, we had a full day computer programming workshop. Working in teams, the children utilised their programming skills by using ‘Scratch’ to develop a creative project linking digital and physical worlds. They had to build a Lego model incorporating sensors and a motor and they wrote a control program using special instructions within ‘Scratch’. Check out these photographs to see some of their work.



Then, on Wednesday, Mr Woods came in to talk to the class about being a journalist and gave the children some really helpful tips about how to write an impactful article for a newspaper. The children started writing their own front pages yesterday about the mysterious Beast of Bredon, and were able to put some of these ideas into practice. Thank you to Mr Woods for giving up his own time and sharing his advice and guidance about creative writing.



### Oak

On Monday the Year 5's went to Aztec Water Park and did raft building and kayaking. We got very wet but it was great fun. Thank you Miss New and Mrs Thornton for organising this for us.



**Year 5 Main Games** This will take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July and is an opportunity for the Year 5 pupils to get to know their new classes for next year. Please bring a packed lunch, spare clothes and be prepared for any weather.

### **Final family assembly and thank you to all our helpers**

Next Friday will be our very final family assembly of term when we will say a special farewell and "Happy retirement!" to Mrs Haynes. Following the family assembly we would like to invite all parents and friends who have helped in school in any way during the year to join us for a cup of tea and a scone as a way of thanking you for all that you have done for us.

**Whole School Walk** The annual Ashton Whole School Walk will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. We will be back in school for lunchtime so there is no need for a change in dinner orders. Please send your child in Forest School clothes, prepared to walk; wearing long trousers and with sensible shoes. Don't forget hats and sun cream if it is hot, and a waterproof if the weather is likely to be changeable. **We will change back into school uniform on our return.**

**After School Clubs** You should receive the new after school club list for next term today. Please send back your replies as soon as possible as spaces in most clubs are limited.

**Parents' Communication Survey** Thank you to those of you who have returned your survey we need to get the views from as many of you as possible before we make any changes. If we do not hear from you by Monday we will assume you have no preference as to the format or frequency of the newsletter or how we send out information. There will be a short meeting on Monday at 2.30pm where we would like to hear your views, please come along if you can.

**Reports** We hope you have enjoyed sharing your child's report with them. As you can see a great deal of time has gone in to writing such detailed and personal comments by the class teachers. We would be grateful for any feedback; please return your report slips as soon as possible.

**Ashton under Hill Cricket Club** The annual Social Night is on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July with live music from The Secret Cabaret. For more details see the poster.

### **Star Learners**

Freddy, for great determination with his swimming  
Jenni for great progress, as a result of her hard work in reading and writing  
James, for trying hard to make sure he concentrates on his work and writes neatly  
Josh, for his determination with his swimming  
Natty, for working hard and making super progress  
Jack for great work in Maths especially with the "bus stop" method  
Kayleigh, for super focus and enthusiasm with her news report

Lily, for always taking such care with her presentation  
Millie, for being an amazing Sports Ambassador on Change For Life Day  
Chloe for growing in confidence and contributing ideas in class discussions

Well done all of you, we are proud of each and every one of you.

### Dates for the Diary:

- 17/07 Main games
- 18/07 Teddy Bear's Picnic for new Reception pupils and their buddies
- 19/07 School Walk
- 20/07 Leavers' Assembly 1.30pm
- 21/07 Final Friday Assembly and End of Term
- 04/09/17 TE Day, no pupils in school
- 05/09/17 Start of Term. Welcome Back.



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Our Tennis teams last week. Well done, we are glad that you all enjoyed the tournament.