

# Ashton First School News

"Expect only the best"

Friday 19th January 2018



This week we have all taken part in a the NSPCC challenge organised by Mrs Thornton. If you have collected any sponsor money please can you send it in next week and we will pass it on. You should now have received your child's class letter for this term and their topic web is on the website. This will give you an idea of some of the things that your child will be covering this term so that you can discuss it at home. Don't forget the closing date for Governor nominations is 31st January, please come and talk to any governor if you would like more information.

## Acorn

As part of our topic, 'A place called home', we have been looking at our own homes and others around the village. We have learned to use lots of new words to describe features of different houses and the materials used to build them and we have been using photos to help us create some lovely collage pictures of our homes. We have also worked together to design and create a role play building site in our classroom which is proving to be very popular.

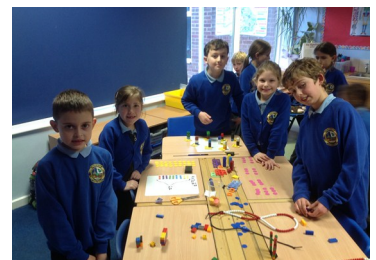
## Hawthorn

This week we have continued our work finding out about Antarctica. We have written poems about different animals that can be found near the South Pole. In PE we had a cricket coach in to work with us and we improved our throwing and catching skills. We hope Mrs Clements is better soon so that we can tell her all about what we have been learning.



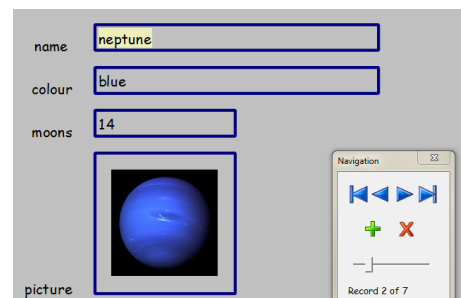
## Willow

On Monday, we started work on our new maths topic – multiplication and division. We began with times tables and each group created a table-top display of different representations. The children have also practised multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 – key skills for them to learn before we move on to formal written methods next week.



## Oak

This week we have been creating databases in our Computing lessons. We have linked our databases to the work we are doing in Science which is based on the planets. Everybody created 'fields' and 'records' to store their data and some of us have managed to input images too.



**Are you clever with hammers and screwdrivers and such like? Can you help please?**

Acorn class have a rather dodgy dressing up clothes rail in our role play area which would be so much more useful (and stronger too) if some lovely person could please build a simple wooden box around the bottom of it so that we could put hats, shoes and bags in there. If you feel able to help, Mrs Stephenson would be so pleased to hear from you. Thank you!

**Ashton PFA Indian Evening; Hot on the heels of last year's Mexican evening, Ashton PFA are organising a "Pop Up Indian Restaurant Night" on Saturday 10th February starting at 8pm. Tickets from any member of the PFA or see Mrs Grant in the office.**

**The PFA School Disco, which was postponed due to snow, will be rearranged after half-term. Date to be arranged.**

**Star Learners**

**Well done all of you.**

Freddie Q for trying hard to listen carefully and for his good ideas when talking about features of buildings in the village

Charlie Q for his superb plan for our role play building site

Monty for having lots of good ideas and applying his knowledge to new situations and experiences

Bethany for working well in cricket challenge, good team work and skill

Alistair for working well in cricket challenge, good team work and skill

Natty for working well in cricket challenge, good team work and skill

Eden for practising her number bonds to 100 and improving her speed of recall

Alice for fantastic contributions in all lessons and helping her friends

Cameron for working so hard on his beautiful handwriting

Angus for being independent and confidently dividing large numbers

Kayleigh for achieving her 10m in swimming

**Dates**

24/01/18 Forest School Reception

25/10/18 Forest School Year 1

25/01/18 Swimming Willow

14/02/18 Play – Afternoon and Evening performances

15/02/18 Play – Evening performance

16/02/18 Break up for half term (3.00pm)

02/03/18 Dress up for World Book Day

06/03/18 Parents evening 4.30–7.20

07/03/18 Parents Evening 3.15– 5.15

15/03/18 Open Classrooms 2.30–3.00 come and see what is happening in each class.

