

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

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018



This has been a week of reflection and finding out about Ashton's past. On Wednesday KS1 went back 100 years and dressed as children (and teachers) would have done in 1918. Acorn classroom was transformed back to its previous use with all KS1 being taught together in rows – boys on one side of the class and girls on the other. We were lucky to have a visit from Mr. Archer who played the role of the formidable School Governor. During the afternoon 35 Grandfolk came to take part in a Victory tea party and they were entertained with songs and poetry recitals by the children. KS2 have continued to look at the lives of the people living in Ashton who were affected by World War 1 and, with Mr. Archer's help, Oak class have been researching facts about the men and boys from Ashton who served our country at this time. In our Remembrance Assembly this morning we reflected upon those who lost their lives in the 1914-18 war. Thank you to all of you who came to join us in such a moving assembly. A magnificent total of £79.30 was given during the retiring collection and this has been added to the Poppy Appeal.



After assembly the Year 5 children and Mr. Archer placed boards with information about those who served in World War One outside the houses where they lived so do look out for these around the village over the weekend.

## Oak

This week we have been sharing our homework presentations on the topic of Vikings. A huge thank you for putting in so much effort as they have helped us to find out lots of new facts about their homes, jobs, sports and warriors in these times.

## Willow

In Science, we have been learning about materials and changing states. We sorted pictures of materials into solids, liquids and gases. The children asked and answered lots of different questions and the topic prompted a very interesting discussion about ice cream and yogurt!



## Acorn and Hawthorn

We had such a great day living a school day as if it was 100 years ago. Lots of History was learned as well as maths by rote, copperplate handwriting on slates and reciting of poems. The children played their parts beautifully and were quite relived when the teachers dropped their stern faces and returned to the smiley, friendly teachers of today!



**\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ACORNS AND HAWTHORN CLASSES\*\***

**Trip to Cheltenham Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November:** REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH A PACKED LUNCH. CLASS CATERING ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE A PACKED LUNCH FOR THE TRIP.

**Parking Outside School** – we have again received complaints about parents parking on the zig zags outside school. These markings are there to provide safety for our children. Incorrect parking is dangerous as it restricts the line of vision and traffic manoeuvrability. Please park respectfully as this sets an example to the children of consideration towards others.

**Ashton under Hill Beacon of Light Remembrance** - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November, lighting the beacon at 7pm on the Field by the Cuckoo Pen off the top of Bakers Lane. Hot drinks will be available and a collection taken for the Royal British Legion. If you have anything suitable for burning you can take and add to the bonfire before the event.

**Ashton Free Church are holding a Big Quiz Night** on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in Ashton Village Hall. Tickets are £5 per person and proceeds go to Tearfund. Further details from [admin@ashtonchapel.org.uk](mailto:admin@ashtonchapel.org.uk) or call Andrew on 01386 88145 / David on 01386 881402.

**St Barbara's Christmas Fair** will be held at Ashton Village Hall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2pm-4pm. Donations of cakes and goods to sell are very welcome – items to Judith Hunter, 01386 882087. Proceeds to St Richard's Hospice and St Barbara's Church.

The Local Authority is holding a Consultation on the admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools for the academic year 2020/2021. This consultation is open to all relevant parents and the documents can be viewed in full at the following link:

[View consultation documents for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools](#)

Consultation will close on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018.



**T4U Boxes** Thank you to everyone who brought back a filled shoe box. They are being collected and will be leaving from the depot in Evesham to arrive in time for Christmas.

There have been 37 boxes donated this year, which is great but over 70 boxes were taken from school so please make sure these are filled and returned by Monday morning.

**Dates for the Diary:**

12/11/18 KS1 trip

13/11/18 Parents Evening 4.30 – 7.30 pm

14/11/18 Forest school Reception

14/11/18 Cluster Cross Country Years 4 and 5

14/11/18 Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm

15/11/18 Forest school Year 1

15/11/18 Willow Swimming starts

16/11/18 Children In Need Fundraising organised by The School Council

27/11/18 Information evening Maths and English 6pm

12/12/18 Class Catering Christmas Lunch

21/12/18 End of term



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