

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

Friday 14th December 2018



On Saturday we had the second Wreathathon, a huge Thank You to Jo and Jez who organised the event which has raised over £1000 for the school as well as being fun and instructive. It was truly a village event with lots of people popping in to help, even visitors down for the day came and lent a hand. On Monday we had BBC Hereford and Worcester broadcasting from the school as we are now one of two collection points in Worcestershire where we can recycle crisp packets as well as the biscuit wrappers and other items. Thank you to Mrs Catton for championing this cause and letting us be part of the project. Mrs Shiels did us proud on the radio. You may also have noticed that we were in the Evesham Journal this week with information about our Reverse Advent calendar.

Today Worcestershire, tomorrow ...

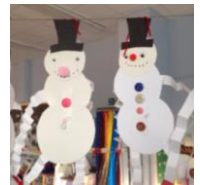
This week I have to share some sad news with you as Mrs Bennett will be leaving Ashton at the end of this term. She has found a position in a school nearer to her home and I am sure you will all join with me to wish her well. She will definitely be missed and we thank her for all she has done for the school with her enthusiasm for outdoor learning and her calm support in the classroom.

Acorn



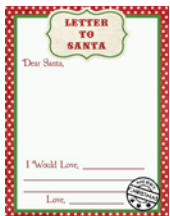
This week our writing has focussed on the story of the Nativity and we have also been busy practising our Nativity play ready for the Carol Service next week. We have been doing lots of

Christmas maths and our classroom is gradually being taken over by snowmen, paper chains and Christmas trees! On Monday we welcomed Miss Zolkova, a student teacher from the University of Gloucestershire, who will be working with us in our class after Christmas.



Hawthorn

It has been another busy week in Hawthorn class. In English we have been writing letters with a very important purpose – we all have written to Father Christmas. We talked about what should be included (not just, “I want”) and they have all written a lovely letter. Today they will write them up in their very best handwriting ready to send them to the North Pole!



Willow

This week the children have planned their own Science experiment. They have come up with a list of items to test to find out how or if they can make ice melt faster. We also visited Ashton under Hill Chapel and took part in Experience Christmas. The children had a lovely time and were pleased to receive an advent Calendar. Thank you to everyone involved.



Oak

This week the children visited chapel to take part in Experience Christmas. During the visit, the children worked in small groups to listen to a different part of the Christmas story and then complete a short activity based on what they had heard. Everyone had an enjoyable time and a big thank you to those who prepared such a lovely morning of activities for the children.



Working hard at the Wreathathon.

House Cross Country Competition

This week Oak and Willow have been competing in their house cross country competition. The conditions were perfect for running although a little cold! The different year groups all ran together with every child who entered completing the race, all earning points for their house. It was a great atmosphere with all the children cheering on their house mates. Every child wore one of our new pedometers so they could measure their steps. A big thank you to our Sports Ambassadors for helping organise the event.



Year 3 Girls 1st Maja 2nd Chloe 3rd Poppy
 Year 3 Boys 1st Charles 2nd Natty 3rd Henry
 Year 4 Girls 1st Scarlett 2nd Esme 3rd Queenie
 Year 4 Boys 1st Archie 2nd Ewan 3rd Lawrence
 Year 5 Girls 1st Chloe 2nd Holly 3rd Eva
 Year 5 Boys 1st Noah F 2nd Levi 3rd Jack W

Overall Results
 1st **Ruby 74**
 2nd **Emerald 70**
 3rd **Sapphire 64**
 4th **Diamond 63**
CONGRATULATIONS RUBY!

Star Learners

Mathew for being a good kind friend and showing super PE skills

Josh B for working well as a team and producing great maths

Ava for trying so hard in our Maths group sessions

Effie for great contributions to class discussions.

Kristiyan for a super piece of writing

Flora for always working hard and challenging herself.

Oscar for taking on the role of librarian so responsibly.

Queenie for growing in independence and confidence when tackling challenges

Noah for being such an enthusiastic and mature sports ambassador

Levi for raising standards in his work and showing what he is really capable of

Esme for an all-round fantastic attitude and eagerness to do her best

Well done all of you

Acorn class lantern making

If anyone has any small, clean jam jars which we could use in Acorn class for lantern making early next week, we would be very grateful

Thankyou!

Reverse Advent for next week

Monday – Sugar

Tuesday – Tinned Fruit

Wednesday-Tinned custard

Thursday –Instant Mash

Friday- Tinned meat/fish

Dates for the Diary:

18/12/18 Christmas Celebration - Afternoon Performance 1:45pm & Evening 6:00pm

19/12/18 Christmas Celebration – Evening Performance 5:00pm

19/12/18 Flu vaccinations

20/12/18 Christmas Party – wear party clothes

21/12/18 Carols around the Tree 9.00 am

21/12/18 End of term

07/01/19 TED no children in school

08/01/19 Spring term starts



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