

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

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019



This week we have had lots of visitors into school, from visiting headteachers, Stuart from Stem Works, Pirate Pete, Diane Bennett in assembly this morning and parents helping with design technology projects and crafting. Having so many people involved with our school means that the pupils have access to many different opportunities and experiences. I'd like to thank all of people who have given up their time to help us this week.



On Wednesday the school football club played an away match at Offenham School. We had 2 teams who both won their matches 5-2 and 15-5. For some of these children it was their first experience of a proper football match and was a great way to end their club for this term, playing a friendly, competitive fixture. Congratulations to both teams! Thank you Mr Sidney for coaching the teams and running the club this term.

**Marathon Kids update.** This week our total distance is 1401.7 km in total. Eight more children have reached 10k with Harris achieving his half marathon and Noah P and Charles 30k. We hope to get to Berlin in the next couple of weeks, in time for the Christmas markets!



## Acorn

At the beginning of the week we were very excited to receive some letters from people whose keys we had found in school. On Tuesday we were visited by 'Pirate Pete' who had lost the key to his rusty old treasure chest and was delighted that our children had found it. We had prepared lots of questions to ask Pirate Pete and were fascinated to find out all sorts of information about life on a pirate ship, his parrot Percy, what pirates eat for breakfast and their favourite story books. Most fascinating of all we found out that Pirate Pete has a pirate teddy bear in his bunk on the ship!



**Hawthorn** This week the children have been showing us their writing skills and have been developing the story of Little Red Riding Hood. Instead of the woodcutter getting rid of the wolf Red is going to use wet, soggy leaves, poisonous berries and angry, nippy ants! The children have written some great introductions with lots of new adjectives.

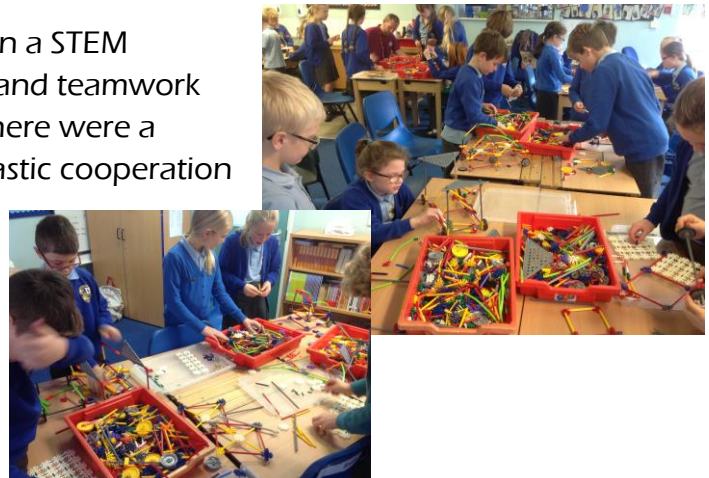
## Willow

This week the children found out about Howard Carter and we read an entry from his diary. Amazingly, it was 97 years ago this week when Tutankhamun's tomb was first discovered! Next week we are planning to write our own version using a variety of adverbs and the new vocabulary that we have learnt.



## Oak

This week our year 4 and 5 children took part in a STEM workshop where they had to use their design and teamwork skills to create a model of an automated car. There were a really wide selection of designs and some fantastic cooperation going on. Archie and Charles were selected to go forwards to the next stage which will be held at Worcester BOSCH factory in the new year.



**Parking** – we would like to ask parents to remember to park with consideration for our neighbours. Please make sure that you do not block any driveways. We have received a few complaints recently as cars have been parked either completely across driveways, or halfway making it difficult to manoeuvre. It would be appreciated if you could walk to school if you live in the village.

**Reverse Advent Calendar** – We are taking part in this scheme again this year. Diane from Caring Hands Across The Vale came in this morning to explain all about it during today's assembly. Please remember to bring your items in for this fantastic cause.

**Ashton Soapbox Race (the second coming)** – Following the runaway success of the first ever Ashton Soapbox Race, there will be another chance to take part and get your first, fast and furious adrenaline fix of 2020. This was a storming success last year; It promises to be even better this year...don't miss out.



**The race starts at 10.00 on 1st January 2020.** All spectators and competitors are welcome. For full details on the race and how to enter go to:

<https://www.racespace.com/gb/david-taylor-3/ashton-soapbox-race-the-second-coming>

**Book Bus** – Thank you to parents, children and family for supporting with the Book Bus. You helped to make it a great success and earned the school £76.80 in commission to spend on books. Thank you!

**Christmas Fair, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm – 4.30pm** – Donations of mince pies, mulled wine and prizes for the tombola and raffle are desperately needed for the PFA's annual Christmas Fair. Any donations should be put in the tinsel covered box in the school foyer. Please help to make this a memorable event!



**PFA Wreathon** – This will take place next Saturday in the hall. We need lots of volunteers to help so if you can spare some time please come along. Last year people even invited visitors to the village to help out. It is a really fun day and raises money for the school. If you would like to order a wreath please contact Mrs Grant at the office, there are only a limited number of wreaths made so order as soon as possible.

We will need a great deal of greenery to make the wreaths with. Please drop it off on Friday or Saturday morning.

**Key Stage 1 Nativity** – Please note that the evening performance has been brought forward slightly to 5.30pm. This is to avoid the children being too tired to take part! A ticket request letter will be sent next week to parents of children in **Acorn and Hawthorn** as Key Stage 2 children are not involved in this.

### Star Awards

**Nell** for showing perseverance to complete her treasure island challenge

**Joshua** for believing in himself and for his increased independence

**Dorrie** for her sensible and mature attitude to school life and for her good use of vocabulary

**Harris** for his great teamwork with his classmates

**Charlotte** for a super effort with her writing and great swimming

**Kayleigh-Ann** for trying so hard with her maths, english and swimming

**Esme** for her a super attitude and her enthusiasm for the topic

**Leo** for his effort during the football match at Offenham School

**Zoe** for fantastic team work in our music session

**Annabella** for all round great work and for her deeper reasoning in maths lessons

**Lawrence** for creating a fantastic poem with great vocabulary

**Scarlett** for writing an excellent poem using similes and metaphors

**Congratulations all of you on your great work and attitude**

### Dates for the Diary:

06/12 PFA Christmas Fair 2.30pm

07/12 Wreathathon 9am – 3pm in the Village Hall

10/12 KS1 Nativity **at 2pm**

11/12 KS1 Nativity **at 5.30pm**

11/12 Christmas lunch by Class Catering

17/12 KS2 trip to Ashmolean Museum

18/12 Christmas Party Day

18/12 St Barbara's Christmas Celebration at 6.30pm

19/12 No swimming

20/12 Carols Around the Tree - Last day of term

**Reverse Advent next week**

**Monday - Toothpaste**

**Tuesday - Toothbrush**

**Wednesday - Soap and flannel**

**Thursday - Comb or brush**

**Friday - Shampoo**



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