

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new half term. This half term is always busy with lots of events leading up to Christmas. Of course, this year it will feel a little different, but we want to make sure that our children still get that Christmas experience that is so lovely in a primary school.

In this newsletter we are announcing the names of our School Councillors. The children who wanted to be considered by their peers for school council, all presented to their classes last term and then we held a secret ballot. This process helps the children learn about democracy and taking part in an election, ready for adulthood.

School Council have already been busy, as straight away they have needed to work with the class they represent to put forward their ideas for Children in Need. This year, Children in Need will be on Friday the 13th November. In this newsletter is a letter from the School Council letting you know what we will be doing in school, in a Covid safe way, to raise money. In the letter are all the details you need so that you can prepare. Rest assured, we have tried to make sure that you do not need to do anything complicated as that can be tricky whilst shops are closed during a lockdown.

Later on in the term we will be holding our Christmas Crafts day on 1st December. Then the children will be practising a class performance ready to share with you all virtually. Finally, we will be having all of our Christmas parties and treats at the end of term, again, in a Covid safe way. Details for these things will follow.

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday. The children will be learning about The Festival of Remembrance in school next week and reflecting on the role of those in times of war. Children will be still able to buy Poppy Day items in school next week should they wish to.

Mrs L Charlesworth

Our value for the half term is **Tolerance**.

This week picture news is focused on '**Mutual Respect and Tolerance**'.

We have chatted about us having different family circumstances and some people needing more support than others. We discussed how famous people use their position to help us.

Our question has been,

Do famous people have a responsibility to use their voice to help others?

We have learned about how footballer Marcus Rashford campaigned to ensure that all children had meals to eat over the school holidays.

This followed on nicely from learning about how the famous Sir David Attenborough helped with our wildlife and the environment.

Miss V Williams



Dear parents and carers of Ash Grove Primary Academy,

As you may know it is Children in Need next Friday (Friday 13th November), and as a school council we have voted on what we would like to do as a school in order to raise money for the charities that Children in Need work with.

As a school we have decided to have a Spotty Dotty Day to raise money for Children in Need. In order to have our Spotty Dotty day, we are asking children to come in non-uniform with at least one piece of clothing having spots on it, linking to Pudsey Bear's signature eye patch. This piece of clothing can be anything from a spotty hair bobble, to spotty socks!

If children do wear something spotty, could they please bring £1 as a donation for Children in Need so that we can make our contribution as a school. We understand that in the current climate, times are tricky both financially and personally, so we really appreciate the money you donate.

During the day we will be taking photos of the pupils so we can remember the day and how we did our bit to support those charities within Children in Need.

We look forward to seeing the children and the ways they have decided to take part in Spotty Dotty Day next week!

With best wishes,

The School Council



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Left We Forget

Dates for your Diary

- 11th November – Remembrance Sunday
- 13th November 2020 – Children in Need Spotty Dotty Day!
- 1st December 2020 - PJ day / Christmas Crafts
- 15th December 2020 - Christmas Performance Online
- 16th December 2020 - Christmas Party EY/KS1
- 17th December 2020 - Christmas Party Y3/4 Y5/6
- 18th December 2020 - School ends for Christmas

4th January 2021 - School reopens for Spring Term



★ Head Teacher Awards

Owls ~ Isla R

Kingfishers ~ Alfie P

Hawks ~ Billy K

Kestrels ~ Darcie E

Harriers ~ Stevie H

Falcons ~ Anderson H

Ravens ~ Orlagh W

Buzzards ~ Jaiden R

Red Kites ~ Evie C

Ospreys ~ Millie L

Eagles ~ Logan C

School Council Members 2020/2021

Hawks - Honey-Mae W and Billy K

Kestrels - Willow B and Sebastian H

Harriers - Roman W and Cizzie M

Ravens - Harper H and George H

Falcons - Grace C and Thomas N

Buzzards - Roman W and Lacey-Ella W

Red Kites - Jayden W and Holly F

Ospreys - Brandon M and Kiah H

Eagles - Harley P and Roxy-Mae S

Are there any parents/carers/friends of Ash Grove Primary Academy that would like to work in school as a Lunchtime Supervisor or Cleaner.

If interested please contact the office for more information. 01977

640625 or email ag-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk

Attendance Winners

w/e 6th November ~ Eagles ~ 99.67%

Attendance Target 96.5%

Class	Attendance w/e 6 th Nov 2020
Owls	98.92%
Kingfishers	92.22%
Hawks	93.12%
Kestrels	99.14%
Harriers	97.13%
Ravens	98.78%
Falcons	93.64%
Buzzards	95.82%
Red Kites	97.03%
Ospreys	92.81%
Eagles	99.67%
Whole School Attendance	96.16%

Outstanding >96.5%

Keep Trying

Requires Improvement