

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Summer Term Newsletter No. 7**

#### **BOOK WEEK**

What a fabulous Book Week we have had. Thank you to all of you for supporting your children with their book characters today. They looked wonderful. The children all had highly interactive story workshops with storyteller John Harris on Wednesday and yesterday. We've had teacher story swaps with teachers swapping classes to share stories with the children. We've had our bed-time stories for the infants and our camp-fire stories for the juniors. The children have been challenged to read as much as possible over the week, as well as produce a range of brilliantly imaginative stories. And today, the staff gave a performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', much to the delight of the children. Yes, there was lots of dressing up, make-up and over-the-top acting! All in all, it has been a fabulous week. We say a big THANK YOU to Tiffany Holder for co-ordinating everything so enthusiastically. We also want to thank you for all your support with the book fair.

#### **STORYBOOK ILLUSTRATOR WORKSHOP**

Ten children from Year 1 were very excited to visit Rowan Hill Preparatory School in Claygate for a workshop with the author and illustrator Petr Horacek yesterday. He shared some of his stories and explained to the children how his editor had asked him to improve them, just like the children's teachers ask them to improve their work. He explained that at first he felt sad about this, but once he had developed his ideas further, then the finished product was even better! The children created a collaborative piece of artwork with their own drawings of animals doing funny things, using oil pastels. They also used ICT to create scenes from his books and made collages with his images. It was a truly inspirational day.

#### **GOLDEN BOOT CHALLENGE STARTS NEXT WEEK**

As you will all hopefully be aware, next week one of the world's biggest competitions commences, exciting children throughout our school. Ashley School will take part in Surrey's Golden Boot Challenge (whilst occasionally watching the World Cup). The challenge will last for three weeks. Each day the children will record their mode of travel to school. *The challenge encourages healthy non-polluting means of travel.* If you do have to drive, car sharing and park and stride are a way to do your bit. At the end of the challenge, the trophy will go to the best class in terms of non-polluting means of transport, as well as acknowledging the class with the most improvement.

#### **PARENT GOVERNORS**

We are very close to being able to share news on the Parent Governor roles. We have a couple of matters we need to address and will let you know further news next week.

#### **PRAYER WEEK: 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> JULY**

This is a reminder that our school prayer week is getting closer. We have had some offers of help but still have quite a few slots to fill. We need people to be in the prayer room for either a morning or afternoon, to be at one of the prayer stations to help children with an activity. Full instructions, resources, tea and coffee will be provided. We also need helpers to set up the prayer room on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June from 9.15 a.m. and to help pack it away on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July, also from 9.15 a.m. If you think you could help, please let Mrs Wilde know and she will send you the doodle poll where you can sign up for the slots you can do.

### **FOOD GROWING AT ASHLEY SCHOOL**

Darrel, our amazing gardener, has been working incredibly hard this week to get the growing areas up and running, now that summer is upon us. As you know, we run children's gardening sessions every Tuesday, thanks to Jenny Wilson and her team. On Wednesday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm, we invite parents to come in and help for an hour or two. If you think you could lend a hand, even from time to time, we would be very grateful for your support as we have lots to do to keep on top of things.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE FOA – ASHLEY SCHOOL SUMMER FETE – NEXT SATURDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

Raffle Tickets - Thank you to everyone for your wonderful support! We have had lots of sold tickets already returned. To further help us, please could you put either RAFFLE TICKETS or DONATION (for the Summer Fete) on the envelope.

Just a quick note, please only return the raffle stubs, completed with your name and other details. The tickets are yours to keep! Thank you

Silent Auction - The catalogue for the Silent Auction will be sent out with the Mid Week Reminder on Wednesday. It will give you an opportunity to browse in advance and at your leisure so you can decide which of our amazing items you wish to bid on. Keep your eyes peeled as you won't want to miss some of the goodies on offer!

Cake Stall - Year 3 will be running our Cafe & Cake Stall at the Summer Fete. If you are an aspiring Mary Berry or Sophie Faldo or just simply love baking with the kids, we would love you to bake for the Fete please. You can drop off your creations on the day. Please remember NO NUTS. All proceeds to Friends of Ashley so a very worthy cause.

Weather - The current forecast is 22 degrees with broken cloud. Now we all know things can be unpredictable with the British weather but so far so good!

Have a great weekend, everyone.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher