

Friday, 20th July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Term Newsletter No. 13

END OF THE YEAR

So we come to the end of the school year. It has been a year of great successes throughout the school and we are very proud of all the children for their eagerness to learn and hard working attitude each and every day. They really have made excellent progress. Indeed it is their love of learning and joyful enthusiasm that makes our school such a happy place to be. A big thank you to the staff, too, for the many hours they have put into planning and preparing such interesting and engaging enquiries of learning, alongside all the core learning. We think this is a great way to learn, but it takes a lot of time to organise and the staff always give their time so generously. Finally, a big thank you to all of you for all your support with your children's learning and the wider social and fundraising events. The year has been punctuated with so many wonderful occasions and it is the community of this school that makes it such a special place to be. We hope you all have a very restful and happy summer break.

BOOK PRIZE ASSEMBLY TODAY

This morning in our final assembly, we recognised the particular efforts and achievements of the Book Prize winners. The teachers thought long and hard as to who should win the Book Prize and the decisions were not easy to make. Here are their choices:

Hedgehog Class	Poppy G.
Squirrel Class	Sophie S.
Rabbit Class	Zara B.
Frog Class	Henry V.L.
Butterfly Class	Ben W.
Dragonfly Class	Henry J.
Otter Class	Nathan T.
Fox Class	Benedict S.
Badger Class	James T.
Robin Class	Nico C.
Skylark Class	Ella B.
Kingfisher Class	Joe B.
Swan Class	Alex P.
Owl Class	Thomas L.
Kestrel Class	Sam C.
Eagle Class	Anthony M.
Hawk Class	Max F.

ART AND DESIGN PRIZES

We also celebrated six children today whose art and design talents have really caught the eye of the teaching staff this term across a range of media. Congratulations go to:

Reception Year	Eve D.
Year 1	Thomas F.
Year 2	Ellie A.
Lower Juniors	Zoe M.
Hawk Class	Isaac M.
Eagle Class	Talal F.

SPORTS AWARD

The Sports Awards this term go to **Lance L.** and **Lily B.** Lance loves his sport and competes in all sporting activities with great enthusiasm and a fantastic attitude. Lily is a most talented gymnast and dancer and she has grown in confidence so much over the year, leading to a stunning performance in the Year 6 Joseph production.

We are sure both Lance and Lily will go onto greater sporting success in the years to come and look forward to following the next chapters in their sporting journey with great interest.

STAFF FAREWELLS

Sadly, we say farewell to a number of our staff today. Alison Wilde, who has been at the school a remarkable 23 years, is moving to St Andrew's CofE Primary School in Cobham to take up a full-time role there. She has been a wonderful servant to this school, both as a teacher and in her leadership of English, maths and music, and, more recently, RE. It was her dedication and hard work that led to our outstanding SIAMS Church School inspection last autumn. We wish her well in her new teaching role. Dan Cadman is heading to St Mary's CofE Primary School in Twickenham to become a Deputy Head there. He started here as a trainee teacher, before taking on class teacher positions in Years 6, 4 and 3. His leadership qualities have shone through during his time at Ashley School and, whilst we are very sorry to see him leave, it is the right move for his career and we look forward to hearing about his first headship in the not too distant future! Tasha Beeby and Iona Greaves are also moving on to take up new appointments. Tasha Beeby has had a long journey to school every day from her home and has now found a teaching position in a school much closer to where she lives. Her work as a teacher and leader of music has been outstanding, as you will have noticed if you have ever seen one of her productions. We know she will go onto great things and send our very best wishes. Iona Greaves is going into London to work in Wimbledon after two very successful years at Ashley School, working with our Year 4 children and, more recently leading our PE. Iona has blossomed as a teacher and we know she will have a really positive impact in her new school. And we wish Lee Cowden all the best as she continues to build her career in SEND. Her talents as a teacher and in particular a music teacher have added such value to our school and we thank her for composing our beautiful Harmony Song. Finally, we say thank you today to two of our Special Needs Assistants, who have supported children with such distinction. They are Jacqui Horan and Tracy Cozens. We wish you both well.

THANK YOU TO YEAR 6

We wish all our Year 6 children every success as they move onto secondary school. They have been a wonderful year group throughout their seven years at the school and achieved so much. We expect great things of you, Year 6, and look forward to hearing of further successes in the years to come. It has been such a pleasure to have you at the school. Alongside Year 6, we also say farewell to a number of other children, who are relocating to new homes and schools. They are Evie C., Joshua and Oscar G., Lottie K. and Charlotte M. (if things all work out with the house move!). If there is anyone we have missed, please do let us know.

ASHSTOCK

What a wonderful Ashstock we had last weekend. It may have been hot and dusty out on the field, but everyone came along to have a good time and the convivial family atmosphere made it a great celebration. Many thanks to our Ashstock team who worked tirelessly throughout the weekend to ensure it all ran so smoothly.

SPORTS DAY

And wasn't Sports Day a very happy and fun day?! The children performed with such energy and enthusiasm and we loved the way they supported each other throughout the day. Thanks for all your support, too. We have rarely had so many adult races and it was good to see such a healthy, competitive edge! We hope those of you nursing pulled muscles are returning to full fitness. A special mention to Miss Greaves, Miss Beresford, Mr Phil and the Sports Council for co-ordinating the day, to all the staff for preparing the children so well, and, of course, to Mr Cadman for entertaining us with all his little quips and amusing commentary ☺

SPORTS MEETING NEXT TERM – THURSDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM

Early next term, we would like to meet with any parents who are keen to talk about how we can get our sports provision to be the best it can be for our children. We would like to develop a strong partnership between school and parents so that we can maximize as many opportunities as possible for the children to participate in sporting events. If you would like to be involved in this conversation and ways forward, there will be a meeting on Thursday, 13th September in the school hall at 7.30pm.

TENNIS SUCCESS

Last Thursday, four Year 4 students represented Elmbridge in the Surrey Youth Games at St George's College. This was due to them winning the tennis competition earlier this year at Stompond Lane. Daniel T., Harry M., Olivia T. and Amber N. performed amazingly well in the group stages of the tournament, winning the majority of

their games against schools from all over Surrey. Out of 12 schools, the team progressed through to the semi-final and came up against the eventual winners St George's College. After some very good rallies that wouldn't have looked out of place at Wimbledon, they ended up coming 4th out of 12 schools.

Daniel with his amazing serve, Harry brilliant at the net, Olivia with an excellent forehand and Amber with a much improved back hand were a credit to the school and if they continue improving like they did in such a short space of time, we might well see them on Centre Court at Wimbledon one day. Well done to you all.

SCHOOL CHOIR CONCERT

Our fabulous school choir gave the most wonderful performance of songs on Monday afternoon to a most appreciative audience. The choir currently has just over 50 members, but 18 of them are in Year 6 so leaving. We really do hope that many more children will join the choir next year. They meet on a Wednesday morning before school and Rebecca Morgan, who always gets such a great sound out of them, would be delighted to welcome new members from the start of next term.

JUNIOR SCHOOL MEALS FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

The cost of school meals for Juniors will be £168.00

- £76.80 - 1st Half Term (32 days)
- £91.20 - 2nd Half Term (38 days)

The amount for the Full Term will be uploaded onto Sco-pay at the end of July.

The cost of a meal is £2.40 per day. This is a slight increase of 10p to cover the increase in cost for the ingredients. Please ensure payment is made prior to the start of the term or the half-term if you are paying in two instalments. If you would like to pay every two weeks (£24.00), again please ensure payments are made in advance so that your account never falls into arrears. If your account falls into arrears, you risk forfeiting this payment option and you may be asked to supply a packed lunch until the outstanding amount has been cleared. Please notify the School Office (info@ashley.surrey.sch.uk) of any meal changes before the start of the new term.

WALTON PARISH FAITH @ HOME 'SUMMER HOLIDAY FAMILY PLANNER'

This resource is a free activity booklet for the holidays. It includes a planner on each week for up to 4 people to track what you are all doing. Each page is based on a bible story e.g. the lost sheep, and has activities, puzzles, questions to talk about and an interactive prayer idea.

You can download it free from the Parish website

<http://waltonparish.org.uk/summer-holiday-activity-planner>

or collect a printed A3 copy from the back of either St Mary's (open weekdays) or St John's Church. Please do post any photos of your family doing activities on the Parish Facebook page or send to mandy@waltonparish.org.uk. I would particularly love to see how you have used it and what creative games you have come up with!

MESSAGE FROM THE FOA

As we reach the end of another fantastic year at Ashley we want to thank you all for your support of the Friends of Ashley. We've had some terrific events and as a result we have been able to help the school in many ways, for which we should all be very proud. Minutes from the last meeting will be sent out in September, but for those of you who didn't attend the meeting, we agreed the following funding: contribution to the Tech day, extra sand for the sand pit and books for the library. We also agreed to pay for some trees to be planted in the court yard, water fountains for the playground and to fund extra music provision. Oh, and we bought a new Queen Bee for the hives!

There are still a couple of positions to be filled within the FOA committee so if you feel you have something to offer, please do get in touch. The next AGM will be held on Tuesday, 18th September. At the AGM, the new committee will be voted in so please do come along and have your say. It's a great way to start the school year and meet a few new faces so spread the word! We really have had a lovely year with you all and we are sad to be stepping down. Charlotte's daughter, Isabella, is leaving Year 6 to go to secondary school so it's a sad good bye from them, and although Lindsey still has Olly and Kitty in the school, she has chaired the FOA tirelessly for two years and feels it's time to make way for fresh ideas and new generations of parents.

There's nothing left to say other than to thank you once again for a wonderful year and to wish you a fabulous summer break. Love, Lindsey and Charlotte xxx

So it just remains for me, on behalf of everyone here at the school, to wish all of you a very happy and relaxing summer holiday. We look forward to seeing most of you back on *Thursday, 6th September* for the start of what we hope will be another successful, high achieving year. To those of you moving on, we wish you every success.

A last word for Miss Goymer, Miss Beresford and Miss Maybury, who are all getting married during the holidays. I am sure there will be quite a few wedding photos to share on our return! CONGRATULATIONS to you all.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Dunne
Headteacher