



NEW ASH GREEN SCHOOL NEWS

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MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our Newsletter for March 2019. I am always incredibly proud of the achievements of our children, but this month the school has excelled in the many sporting fixtures which have taken place over the past few weeks. Our sponsored athletic event on 12th March engaged the children so much that we have been astounded and delighted at the amount raised. Thank you very much for all your support. All the children thoroughly enjoyed their 'circuit training' with the GB Athletes. Please do read our special 'Sporting Achievements' page below which details all the other highlights this month. We hope you have also enjoyed our Mothers' Day lunches this week. It was a pleasure to see the children take part in this special event too. Next week, all Roundwood children have been invited to join the Spring Hat Parade which will be taking place on Tuesday 2nd April at 3pm. We look forward to seeing their wonderful creations! Please note the last day of term will be on Friday 5th April. I do hope you will all have an enjoyable break and look forward to seeing the children after Easter on Tuesday 23rd April for the start of the Summer Term.

Mrs C.A. Cain, Headteacher

NEXT CLASS ASSEMBLY

B4 - The Time Travellers

Thursday 2nd May 2019

at 9.30am

NEXT PARENT WORKSHOP

Foundation Stage Workshop

Thursday 9th May 2019

at 9am-10am

(Physical Development)

Reminder: PTA Non Uniform Day

Friday 5th April 2019

All children have been invited to come to school wearing their own clothes for the last day of term.

Please donate £1 towards the PTA. Thank you.

Reminder: Payment of School Lunches

We would like to remind Parents and Carers that payments for your child's lunches must be paid in advance of their meal. Thank you.

RED NOSE DAY

A fantastic £311.37

was raised for Red Nose Day on 15th March.

Thank you very much for all your support.

DIARY DATES FOR CLASS ASSEMBLIES FOR REMAINDER OF YEAR AT 9.30AM:

Class and Teacher	Date
B4 - Miss Chapman	Thurs 2 nd May
R4 - Miss Smith	Thurs 23 rd May
R2 - Miss Day	Thurs 6 th June
R3 - Mrs Hussain	Thurs 13 th June
R1 - Miss Smith/Mrs Matharu	Thurs 27 th June
R6 - Miss Taylor	Thurs 4 th July



PTA Easter Activity

The PTA will be running a competition over Easter for all children to complete an activity/colouring sheet. Further details will follow next week, so do look out for this.



Our Sporting Achievements



Great British Athlete Visits New Ash Green!

On the Tuesday 12th March, the school were incredibly fortunate to have a visit from a Great British Hurdler, **Gianni Frankis**, who spent time with each class carrying out a fitness circuit. Afterwards, he delivered an assembly to all the children emphasising two main objectives: **to never give up and to keep on trying.**

All the children had a fabulous time and there was a great buzz around the school. We would like to thank all those Parents and Carers who sponsored their children for this event.

This means that due to your generosity,
the school will now have

£2,164.86

to spend on new sporting equipment for the children to use, so a fabulous achievement by everyone!
Thank you so much for all your support.



Meet our

Fabulous Gymnasts!

On Wednesday 13th March, three teams of gymnasts were taken to Dartford to compete in the Key Steps Gymnastics against other local schools. The children had to learn and perform three separate routines which they all completed amazingly well, achieving podium positions in all three events:

Years 1-2 = 3rd Place

Years 5-6 = 2nd Place

Years 3-4 WON 1st Place

The Years 3-4 and 5-6 teams will now go on to represent the Dartford Schools at the Kent School Games in June. We wish them well. Very well done!

Our Boccia Team



On Wednesday 20th March, a team of three children went to compete in a Boccia tournament, a game played by Paralympians.

They won three out of four games, coming **FIRST** in the competition. A brilliant result and a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon was enjoyed by everyone. Another fantastic result for the school!

Cross Country Event at New Ash Green

On Tuesday, 26th March we hosted the Dartford District Cross Country Competition. Years 4, 5 and 6 from 13 schools took part, with over 30 children competing in each race.

WELL DONE TO CALUM O'DONOVAN who came first in the Year 5 Boys' Race!

A great performance by our whole team as we finished 2nd Place overall!



**Amily Sleeps Rough,
So Others Don't Have To**

On 8th March, **Amily Morgan** spent a cold and windy night with her mum sleeping in a cardboard box to help raise the plight of youth homelessness. Due to this kind and thoughtful action, Amily has managed to raise a fantastic **£457.50** for the YMCA. What a wonderful gesture. We are very proud of you Amily!



**International
Women's Day**

**Friday 8th March:
International Women's Day.**

The theme was #balanceforbetter

Across the school we have been exploring the issue of gender stereotyping. Our main aim has been to open up the discussion to explore how we can challenge the way in which we use our language to promote gender equality. Please enjoy looking at some of the work the children have produced in relation to this topic on our website.



Our school has been listening to "This is Me" from The Greatest Showman and Peter and the Wolf!

Books for our School

As you know, we have a link with Scholastic Book club and host their 'pop up book shop' every two years. This earns the school money to spend on books. In addition to this you are now able to order books at home using the link below and we will still earn money for the school to spend.

<https://book-parties.scholastic.co.uk/party/nageaster>

The books will be delivered to school and sent home with the children once they arrive. This will be an exciting way to encourage reading for pleasure - and enable us to update our book stock.

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES - MARCH 2019

R1 The Smartest Giants	R2 The Hungry Caterpillars	R3 Puddleducks	R4 Cats in Hats	R5 Busy Bears	R6 Wise Owls
92.35	97.32	87.80	89.70	97.39	95.45
	B1 Dumbledore's Army	B2 The Gangsta Grannies	B3 The Book Crunchers	B4 The Time Travellers	
	95.20	91.67	97.15	96.22	
	H1 The Famous Five	H2 Aslan's Avengers	H3 Augie's Wonders	H4 The Workataurs	
	97.77	97.76	97.30	92.94	

The teacher whose class achieved the highest attendance level for the month of March 2019 is Miss Bassant - H1 The Famous Five
WELL DONE!

Diary Dates for Remainder of Term 4

Term 5 and 6 2019

New Dates are in Red

TERM 4 Date	Time	Event
Tues 2 nd April	3pm	Foundation Stage and KS1 Spring Hat Parade
Thurs 4 th April	2pm	Year 5 Easter Assembly (Year 5 Parents Invited)
Fri 5 th April	-	Last Day of Term 4 - Non Uniform Day for all Children (PTA)
TERM 5 Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 23 rd April	-	Start of Term 5 - Summer Term
Thurs 2 nd May	9.30am	B4: The Time Travellers - Class Assembly (B4 Parents Invited)
Fri 3 rd May	3.30pm	Year 3 Cake Sale
Mon 6th May	-	Bank Holiday
Wed 8th May	9am-10am	Year 5: Transition Meeting to Secondary School (Parents Invited)
Thurs 9th May	9am-10am	Foundation Stage Workshop - Physical Development
Mon 13 th -Thurs 16 th May	All Day	SATs Week
Fri 17 th May	3.30pm	Year 4 Cake Sale
Wed 22nd May	Morning	Year 5: 1:1 Meetings, Secondary Selection Test (Details to follow)
Thurs 23 rd May	9.30am	R4: Cats in Hats - Class Assembly (R4 Parents Invited)
Fri 24 th May	-	Last Day of Term - Non Uniform Day for all Children (PTA)
TERM 6 Date	Time	Event
Tues 4 th June	-	Start of Term 6
Thurs 6 th June	9.30am	R2: The Hungry Caterpillars - Class Assembly (R2 Parents Invited)
Fri 7 th June	Morning	Crowning of May Queen and King
Fri 7 th June	Afternoon	Operation Big School
Fri 14th June	3.30pm	Year 6 Cake Sale (New date moved from Fri 7th June)
Sat 8 th June	All Day	Summer Fair - please note this will be on a Saturday this year
Mon 10 th -Fri 14 th June	All Week	Fathers' Day Lunches
Thurs 13 th June	9.30am	R3: Puddleducks - Class Assembly (R3 Parents Invited)
Fri 21 st June	3.30pm	Reception Cake Sale

Academic Term Dates 2018-2019

SPRING TERM 2019

INSET DAYS

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th January

Term 3

Monday 7th January - Friday 15th February

HALF TERM

Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February

Term 4

Monday 25th February - Friday 5th April

EASTER BREAK

Monday 8th April - Friday 19th April

Bank Holidays

Good Friday 19th April and Easter Monday 22nd April

SUMMER TERM 2019

Term 5

Tuesday 23rd April - Friday 24th May

Bank Holidays

Monday 6th May and Monday 27th May

HALF TERM

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

INSET DAY

Monday 3rd June

Term 6

Tuesday 4th June - Tuesday 23rd July

Academic Term Dates 2019-2020

AUTUMN TERM 2019

INSET DAYS	Monday 2 nd September and Tuesday 3 rd September
Term 1	Wednesday 4 th September - Friday 18 th October
HALF TERM	Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October
Term 2	Monday 28 th October - Wednesday 18 th December
CHRISTMAS BREAK	Thursday 19th December - Friday 3rd January

SPRING TERM 2020

INSET DAYS	Monday 6 th and Tuesday 7 th January
Term 3	Wednesday 8 th January - Friday 14 th February
HALF TERM	Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February
Term 4	Monday 24 th February - Wednesday 1 st April
EASTER BREAK	Thursday 2nd April - Wednesday 15th April
Bank Holidays	Good Friday 10 th April and Easter Monday 13 th April

SUMMER TERM 2020

Term 5	Thursday 16 th April - Friday 22 nd May
Bank Holidays	Monday 4 th May and Monday 25 th May
HALF TERM	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May
INSET DAY	Monday 1 st June
Term 6	Tuesday 2 nd June - Wednesday 22 nd July

