



NEW ASH GREEN SCHOOL NEWS

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OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Curriculum Core Values - 'Together Everyone Achieves More'

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our October 2019 Newsletter and to the beginning of Term 2. I do hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. We began this term with our Pupil Progress Meetings for all Parents and Carers, so I do hope you found these useful. As we head into the next few weeks, please do keep an eye on the diary dates which have been added at the foot of this newsletter as the school will be getting increasingly busy, particularly as we head towards the various festive events during the Christmas period. Other key events are also highlighted below.

Mrs C.A. Cain, Headteacher

Friendship Week 11th-15th November 2019 'Choose Kindness'

This year, the focus will be on 'Choosing Kindness' with the aim for the children to understand:

- how kindness can have a positive effect on everyone,
- that change starts with you,
- that bullying is a behaviour choice,
- to be respectful of everyone's differences.

On **Wednesday 13th November**, we would like the children to wear their own clothes with something blue, as part of '**Wear Blue and Be You**' for International Kindness Day.



Children in Need

will be taking place on

Friday 15th November 2019

Your child has been invited to come to school that day wearing their own clothes. A £1 donation for Children in Need would be gratefully received. Further details have been sent separately with regard to various activities on the day.

Thank You.



Year 2 and Year 5 Cake Sales

Year 2 = £148.06 Year 5 = £111.01

Well done to all those involved and thank you to all Parents and Carers for your generosity. These sales are vital to help fund the cost of these trips as they cover the shortfall.



Reminder - School Photographer: Tuesday 5th November 2019

Our school photographer will be taking family and individual photos of the children next week, so please do make a note in your diary.





Class B2 Swimming Lessons

Please may we remind all B2 Parents and Carers that as your child's class has now started their weekly swimming lessons, please do remember their kit will be required every Monday. Thank you.

Foundation Stage Workshop: Communication and Language, with a focus on Phonics

Thursday 7th November, 9-10am

Parents and Carers of
R3 and R4 welcome.

Next Class Assembly: H1

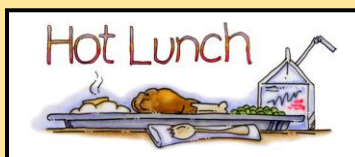
**Thursday 14th November,
9.30am**

Parents and Carers of
H1 welcome.

We look forward to
seeing you there.

Reminder: Advanced Payments Please for Your Child's Lunches and/or Breakfast Club

May we please remind all KS2 Parents and Carers who wish their child to have a lunch that all payments are made in advance to Principals Catering either online or by calling their Deputy Customer Service Manager, Zoe Maher, on: 07483 425 779.



For those Parents and Carers who use our **Breakfast Club service**, please also ensure that any payment for your booking is paid well in advance of the date your child is due to attend. Payments for this are to be made via ParentMail. Thank you for your support.



A huge thank you to all our Parents and Carers for your generous donations towards our Harvest Festival this year.

Thanks to your generosity, the following charities will benefit:

**The Salvation Army and
The Local Community Foodbank,
who cover areas such as
New Ash Green,
Longfield, Hartley and
West Kingsdown**

Thank you once again.



NSPCC Fundraising Event

We are delighted to announce that **£1,735.17** has been raised following our recent fundraising event for the NSPCC. This is a fantastic achievement. Thank you very much for your kind generosity. The NSPCC has asked if our Parents and Carers would spare a couple of minutes, with their child, completing a short survey on the service they have provided to the school via the link below: www.nspcc.org.uk/childrenfeedback
Many thanks for your support.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month - October 2019

The school has enjoyed learning about key inspirational people during Black History Month this October. The children learnt how the achievements of these iconic individuals have impacted not just in the UK but in the entire World.



Kent Health Community Nasal Flu Immunisation Programme Tuesday, 26th November 2019

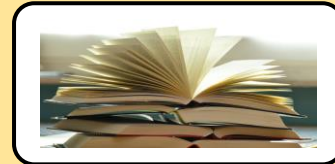
We would like to remind all Parents and Carers of the above Immunisation Programme which will be taking place at the school. If you would like your child to have this vaccination, then please ensure you have provided your consent via their online portal, details of which were provided in October. **The deadline to provide your consent or to decline this, must be submitted by 19th November 2019.**

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2019



Next week from Monday, 4th November 2019, the school will be supporting the Royal British Legion's Annual Poppy Appeal for 2019. Poppies and other selected items will be available at the school. Thank you for your support.

'Pop-Up' Book Shop



We are very excited to announce that from Monday 4th November to Thursday 7th November, we will be hosting a Scholastic Pop Up Book Shop at the school. Children will be having 'browsing' time to choose which book they would like to read. Further details on how you can pay for these books will be sent home with your child. Thank you.

Co-Op Funding - Supporting Local Communities

We have great pleasure in announcing that our PTA at New Ash Green Primary has been chosen to receive community funding via the Co-op, which relates to our outdoor learning and Curriculum Core Values. We would be delighted if you could support us by choosing us as your chosen charity via the link below. More information will be sent out next week. Thank you.

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/39930>



Literacy Talk with a Real Author!

At the beginning of the Autumn Term, a group of children from New Ash Green were lucky enough to attend a talk by Chris Riddell in Sevenoaks. He showed the children his illustrations and read from his new book **The Guardians of Magic**. It was very interesting and exciting to hear how a real author gets his ideas and was a wonderful opportunity for the children.

Artsmark Scheme

We were delighted to receive a letter from the RT Hon Sir Michael Fallon KCB, MP for Sevenoaks and Swanley, congratulating us on our participation in the Artsmark Scheme for championing cultural education.

This is an outstanding achievement and highlights the level of enjoyment our children have had with their art development.

Education Wellbeing Practitioners

New Ash Green Primary School welcomes the opportunity to host Education Wellbeing Practitioners (EWPs) at our school. The EWPs are hoping to get to know you and your child over the coming weeks and months, offering support when needed and finding out your ideas about how we can all work together to support the emotional wellbeing and mental health of pupils at New Ash Green Primary School.

We do hope you take advantage of this fabulous service, should you need this. Further information about our Education Wellbeing Practitioner for the school and details about how you may apply will be sent out next week.

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES - SEPTEMBER 2019

R1 Blyton's Magic Trees	R2 The Jeffers	R3 Beatrix Potters	R4 Milne's Piglets	R5 Kerr's Class	R6 The Seusses
96.84	95.35	96.85	99.24	91.49	90.78

B1 The Pratchetts	B2 The Morpugos	B3 CS Lewis Class	B4 Cressida's Dragons
95.09	97.64	97.46	99.21

H1 The Horowitz Crew	H2 J K Rowling Wizards	H3 Walliams's Workers	H4 Roald Dahl Class
91.38	98.28	95.88	95.44

The teacher whose class achieved the highest attendance level for the month of **September** is **Miss Smith from R4 - Milne's Piglets**, who will be given £50 to spend on new books for her classroom

WELL DONE!

Diary Dates: Term 2 - 2019

(New diary dates are in red)

TERM 2 Date	Time	Event
Mon 4 th - Thurs 7 th November	-	Scholastic Pop Up Book Club (Details sent via Letter)
Tues 5 th November	9am	School Photographer - Family and Individual Photos
Tues 5 th November	All Day	Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Tournament
Thurs 7 th November	9.00am-10.00am	Foundation Stage Workshop, Communication, Language & Phonics - Reception Parents Welcome
Mon 11 th -Fri 15 th November	All Week	Friendship Week
Tues 12 th -Wed 13 th November	All Day	Sportshall Athletics Team Events
Wed 13 th November	All Day	Wear Blue and Be You Day - No Charge
Thurs 14 th November	9.30am	H1 Class Assembly
Fri 15 th November	All Day	Children in Need Day - £1 to wear Non Uniform
Wed 20 th November	9.30am-10.30am	Open Morning for New Intake (2020/2021)
Thurs 21 st November	3pm onwards	School Choir to Sing at Bluewater (by invitation only)
Fri 22 nd November	All Day	Non Uniform Day (PTA) - Tombola items please
Tues 26 th November	Morning	Whole School Flu Immunisation
Wed 27 th November	1.00pm-3.00pm	Boccia Competition, Fairfield, Dartford
Fri 29 th November	3.30pm	Christmas Fair and Santa's Grotto
Thurs 5 th December	9.30am-10.30am	Open Morning for New Intake (2020/2021)
Thurs 5 th December	1.00pm-1.30pm	School Choir to visit Youth Centre (by invitation only)
Fri 6 th December	2.00pm	Christmas Panto - Sleeping Beauty (PTA)
Tues 10 th December	2.00pm-3.00pm	FS & KS1 Nativity - Parents Welcome (1st show)
Wed 11 th December	2.00pm-3.00pm	FS & KS1 Nativity - Parents Welcome (2nd show)
Thurs 12 th December	Morning	Christmas Presents for Parents (children to buy)
Thurs 12 th December	2.30pm-3.30pm	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Assembly - Parents Welcome
Mon 16 th December	10.00am-11.00am	Years 5 and 6 Carol Service, Ash Church
Tues 17 th December	1.30pm-3.30pm	In-School Curling Competition (KS2 to watch Final)
Wed 18 th December	All Day	Festive Jumper Day - No Charge
Wed 18 th December	Lunchtime	School Christmas Dinner
Wed 18 th December	-	Last Day of Term

Academic Term Dates 2019-2020 detailed below/...

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	Friday 8 th May (VE Day*) 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

* Central Government has changed this Bank Holiday from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May 2020 to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.