



NEW ASH GREEN SCHOOL NEWS



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NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Curriculum Core Values - 'Together Everyone Achieves More'

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CHALLENGE

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INDEPENDENCE

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our newsletter for November 2021. As we head towards the end of Term 2, I would like to thank our parents and carers for all your continued support with your child's learning. It was a pleasure to receive such positive feedback from the Pupil Progress Meetings last month regarding the progress your child has made. With the festive season nearly upon us, we hope that you have already had an opportunity to read our Christmas Dates flyer which was sent out on Friday. I have attached another copy to this newsletter, for ease of reference. Please do make a note of the various events during this busy period. As always, reminders will be sent beforehand.

Mrs C.A. Cain, Headteacher



Supporting
The Royal
British
Legion

Thank you, once again, for your kind generosity in supporting Remembrance Day on

Thursday, 11th November 2021

This year the school managed to raise a fantastic:

£985.76

This is such an amazing total which equates to almost 25% of the entire area collection within New Ash Green

Thank you very much.



As part of Friendship Week last month, the school supported the NSPCC with their Speak Out, Stay Safe Programme.

Thank you for your kind donations to support this worthy cause which raised:

£336.68



BBC

Children
in Need

Thank you for your kind donations for this year's Children in Need.

Your generosity raised:

£322.12

Thank you also to our School Council for organising the activities in each classroom and around the school. The children enjoyed spotting

pictures of Pudsey and taking part in 'Pin the Bandana' on Pudsey, guessing how many spots on Pudsey, as well as guessing the correct number of sweets in a jar. The children in

Class R4 were the lucky winners of the jar of sweets! The children also learnt about how the money raised is used to help this worthy cause.



Thank you for supporting your child to create such fantastic Christmas Cards as part of a project organised by the PTA.

By purchasing these cards, you have enabled the school to raise

a total of **£428.25**

for our PTA.

Thank you very much.

CHRISTMAS DATES

2021

Non-perishable food items may be donated to our local **Community Food Cupboard** during our last week of term. Further details to follow

Amazon Wishlist to Return

Parents and Carers may wish to buy books from an approved reading list. Further details to follow

Christmas Post Boxes

Children may send Christmas Cards to each other using our festive post boxes in the school from **Wed 1st December**

From Mon 29th Nov

Christmas Lights
Outside of the School

Tues 30th Nov-Fri 3rd Dec

Classes to Decorate
Christmas Tree in Main Hall

Wed 8th Dec (Morning)

Children to Buy
Presents for Parents
(PTA)

Fri 10th Dec

National Christmas
Jumper Day - **No Charge**
and Christmas Movies in
the afternoon

Mon 13th Dec

Years 3 & 4
Festive Online Performance
as well as
Years 5 & 6
Online Carol Service
Christmas Music to be
played outside all week

Tues 14th Dec

Year 4 Choir to sing
Christmas Carols at
Bluewater from 4.30pm

Wed 15th Dec

Christmas Dinner
at the
School

Thurs 16th Dec

Reception, Years 1 & 2
Festive Online
Performance

Fri 17th Dec

Last Day of Term,
Children's Class Parties &
Non-uniform Day for PTA
£1 Donation Please
for the PTA



Starting at **Primary school...**
Do you have a child born between
1 Sept 2017 and 31 Aug 2018?

Apply for a place online at:
www.kent.gov.uk/ola
before 17 January 2022



National
Online
Safety®

What Parents Need to Know About
Snapchat

National Online Safety would like to circulate the latest support for parents and carers regarding the social media app, Snapchat. A free online guide is available to view by clicking on the link below.

[Free Online Safety Guide | Snapchat | National Online Safety](#)



**Co-op Funding, in Partnership with the
New Ash Green Primary School PTA**



A big thank you to the PTA for organising with our local Co-op the next phase of funding for the School Forestry Project. This continued partnership will enable more valuable resources to be made available for the school, such as den building supplies, tree swings and a nature motion camera for all the children to enjoy. We look forward to this taking place over the next year.

Sevenoaks Christmas Town Trail



Please find attached details of a Christmas Trail which is being organised by Sevenoaks Town Council. Everyone who completes the trail will receive a free e-book. Their names will then be entered into a draw where the winner will win £200 in book tokens to be spent in bookshops in Sevenoaks.



Congratulations to Class H2!

The school would like to congratulate the children in **Class H2** in Year 6, for winning a Walk to School Award from the KM Charity Team who promote walking to school as part of the health and well-being of all local school children. Class H2 achieved the highest percentage of pupils who walked to school on Wednesday for the whole of Kent. In recognition of this, the class had a Zoom visit by the author Clive Mantle with the class receiving 15 copies of his book, "The Treasure at the Top of the World - a Freddie Malone Adventure". Very well done H2!

Reminder:

Whole School Flu Immunisation on Monday, 6th December

We would like to remind all parents and carers that the Kent and Medway Immunisation Team will be visiting the school on the above date.

If you would like your child to have this vaccination, then you will need to provide your online consent (or refusal) via this [online consent form](#) if you have not already done so.

This must be done by **midnight tonight on Wednesday, 1st December**, as after this the portal will close. For more information, please visit www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms or phone the team on 0300 123 5205, text via 07401 320 923 or use their [web chat](#) if you have any questions about your child's immunisations. Thank you.

Fostering for Kent

We have been asked by Kent County Council to circulate details of how to foster a child in Kent, should this be of interest to our school community. The ongoing pandemic has had an overwhelming effect on some families and vulnerable children and so Kent County Council is looking to recruit more foster parents who may be willing to help. Further details are attached to this newsletter.



The Kent Adult Education Centre has asked that we circulate details of first aid courses for families which are taking place in January 2022. If you would like to book a place on 'The First Aid for Families' Course, then please see the attached flyer for more information. Courses are to be booked direct with the Swanley Children's Centre, via the link on the attached document.

The school has also been asked to circulate details of an Autism Awareness Course for parents and carers which will be taking place in January 2022. If this is of interest to you, then please refer to the flyer attached to this newsletter.



[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell. There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

www.nhs.uk

Please find below a link from the NHS which may help to determine whether your child is well enough for school. This is a useful link which we hope will support you and your child.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)



Sporting Achievements at New Ash Green Primary School for November 2021

More Fantastic Achievements!



- On **Saturday 13th November**, **Amily M** and **Teddy H from H1 (top left)**, both members of the school football teams, were invited to attend Dartford FC accompanied by Mrs Cordingley and Miss Bassant to see Dartford play against Oxford City. At half-time they were allowed on to the pitch to have their photograph taken with other pupils from Dartford Schools. Although the match ended 0-0, Dartford's only goal being disallowed for off-side, we did see many attempts on goal. Everyone enjoyed the experience.

On **Tuesday 16th November**, our boys team took to our field for the first home football match in two years. We were hosting Stone St. Marys' in a cup match. The game was finally able to kick-off and New Ash Green took an early lead and then scored another to be 2-0 ahead. However, Stone then came back with a goal and things looked a little closer but thanks to some excellent defensive work and great determination, we finished the match winning 5-2. This means we will now go through to the next round of the cup. Well done to all those who took part, as many people commented on how brilliantly we played.

- This month we have seen children in Years 3 through to 6 competing in the Virtual Sportshall Athletics Competition. They took part in 5 events which included speed bounce, long jump and chest push. These scores will be collated and sent through to the Dartford School Games Organiser to see where our school will place. Well done to all those who took part and a big thank you to the Year 6 Sports Leaders (**photos above**) for all their help scoring these events.

- Children from Years 3 and 4 (**photo opposite**) were invited to take part in a Dartford Football Tournament. We had six matches to play and got off to a great start winning our first two matches. We then had a mixed run with two losses and two draws.

Out of the 8 teams for the morning session, we finished 4th overall. Well done, to those children who represented the school so admirably on what was a very cold day.



ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES - NOVEMBER 2021

R3 - Reception The Peter Rabbits	R4 - Reception The Terrific Tigers	R5 - Year 1 The Claudes	R6 - Year 1 The Squishy Mcfluffs	R1 - Year 2 The Narwhals	R2 - Year 2 The Zogs
92.85	94.43	96.13	93.34	94.44	97.28

B3 - Year 3 The Mechanics	B4 - Year 3 The Paddingtons	B1 - Year 4 The Butterfly Lions	B2 - Year 3 The Firebirds
93.93	97.03	97.12	90.94

H3 - Year 5 The Percy Jacksons	H4 - Year 5 The Huckleberry Finns	H1 - Year 6 The Joeys	H2 - Year 6 The Malkins
94.28	96.86	94.90	94.24

The teacher whose class achieved the highest attendance level for the month of **November 2021** is **Miss Brain - R2, Year 2 - The Zogs**, who will be given £50 to spend on new books for the classroom

WELL DONE!

Diary Dates for Remainder of Term 2: 2021/2022

TERM 2 Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 1 st December	By Midnight	Online Consent or refusal of Flu Immunisations
Thursday 2 nd December	Morning	Tour of the School for Reception Parents and Carers
Friday 3 rd December	Morning	Tour of the School for Reception Parents and Carers
Monday 6 th December	All Day	Whole School Flu Immunisation Programme
Wednesday 8 th December	Morning	Christmas Presents for Parents and Carers
Friday 10 th December	All Day	National Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 13 th December	Online	Festive Online Performance for Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6
Tuesday 14 th December	4.30pm	Choir at Bluewater Shopping Centre from Year 4.
Wednesday 15 th December	Lunchtime	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 16 th December	Online	Nativity Online Performance for Reception, Years 1 & 2
Friday, 17 th December	All Day	Last Day of Term 2: Non-uniform Day for all Children

Fond Farewells to Mrs Gorin and Mrs Norman

We would like to wish Mrs Gorin, our Office Manager and Mrs Norman, our Data Manager, a fond farewell. Mrs Norman has left the school to begin a well-deserved early retirement and Mrs Gorin has moved to a new role within Cantium, Kent County Council. We would like to thank both Mrs Gorin and Mrs Norman for all their hard work and dedication and wish them both the very best for the future.



Academic Term Dates for 2021/2022

AUTUMN TERM 2021

INSET DAYS	Wednesday 1 st , Thursday 2 nd and Friday 3 rd September
Term 1	Monday 6 th September - Friday 22 nd October
HALF TERM	Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October
Term 2	Monday 1 st November - Friday 17 th December
CHRISTMAS BREAK	Monday 20th December - Monday 3rd January

SPRING TERM 2022

INSET DAY	Tuesday 4 th January
Term 3	Wednesday 5 th January - Friday 11 th February
HALF TERM	Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February
Term 4	Monday 21 st February - Friday 1 st April
Bank Holidays	Good Friday 15 th April and Easter Monday 18 th April
EASTER BREAK	Monday 4th April - Monday 18th April

SUMMER TERM 2022

Term 5	Tuesday 19 th April - Friday 27 th May
Bank Holidays	Monday 2 nd May
HALF TERM	Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June
Jubilee Bank Holidays	Thursday 2 nd June and Friday 3 rd June
INSET DAY	Monday 6 th June
Term 6	Tuesday 7 th June - Thursday 21st July*

*** Please note that due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, the end of the academic year for 2021/2022 will now be Thursday, 21st July and not Friday, 22nd July as previously communicated.**

