

# NEW ASH GREEN SCHOOL NEWS



**Merry  
Christmas**



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**DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER**  
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Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to our festive newsletter for December 2023. We really hope that everyone has been able to enjoy all of the many festive events, which have been taking place at the school recently. Our wonderful Christmas performances were a pleasure to see. We were also delighted to hear our Choir singing at the Christmas Fair last Friday. Since then, they have also sang at the Bluewater Shopping Centre and to our retired community at the local Youth Centre. We are very proud how the children have worked incredibly hard with these events, so we do hope that you have enjoyed them all. As we finish Term 2 and head into the festive break, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing all the children return for the start of Term 3 on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Mrs C.A. Cain, Headteacher



**Our School Choir Last Week at Bluewater**  
Well done to all the children who took part  
in this very special event!



Many congratulations to all of the children for their magnificent performance at the Bluewater Shopping Centre last week. It was a delight to see so many of the shoppers stop to listen to their festive singing, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone there. Thank you and well done to all involved.



Some of the Children from this week in their Nativity Costumes.  
We hope you enjoyed all the festive events!



KS1 Nativity - Children from some of our Year 2 classes.



Bramleyham Christmas Showcase - Around the World Assembly: Our Years 3 & 4 children brought a sprinkling of festive cheer by singing in different languages. The picture above shows some of our Year 4 children singing Christmas songs in French! Well done.



## A Thank You to Our School Community for Your Generosity!

A huge thank you for your amazing generosity over the festive period.  
We have had a number of fund raising events and so appreciate all your support.

Thank you very much for your kind donations, which raised a very generous **£568.53** in support of **The Community Cupboard**. Your generosity has enabled families in the local area to be supported by this very worthwhile charity.

We are also very pleased to confirm that **Mr Nurdin** was able to raise over **£200** for The Community Cupboard following his festive reading of A Christmas Carol, which took place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you once again for your support.



Thank you once again for your generous support for this year's Amazon Book Wishlist Appeal for our school. Your kind donations have ensured that our school library will benefit hugely from these extra books and so we would like to thank you very much for taking the time to purchase a book from our approved reading list. To date, we have received over **30 books** for the school, which is an amazing amount. Thank you.



### New Ash Green PTA - Funds Raised - Thank You!

Thank you very much to all of our school community for supporting our festive events which have been organised by our PTA. Through your incredible support, we have been able to raise a total of **£2,369.43** from all of the recent events as listed below:

- **Presents for Parents = £420.99**
- **My Child's Art Christmas Card Project = £357.35**
- **Christmas Fair = £1,591.09**

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our Christmas Fair last week. From your incredible generosity, you can see what an amazing amount was raised. This is hugely appreciated for not just the funds raised at our Christmas Fair, but also for your support with the other festive events the children were also able to enjoy. Thank you, once again.



### Thank you for the support from the local community

Thank you to the company, ADY-HV Ltd who very kindly provided Christmas Crackers for the children's special festive school dinner last week. The children and the school were delighted with them.



We would also like to thank all of the other companies who supported our Christmas Fair with their stalls and donations. The Christmas Fair was a huge success, which would not have been possible without the support from our local community.

## New Ash Green Primary School: Key Sporting Achievements for December 2023



We are delighted to confirm that **Jax (B4)** was chosen to represent Dartford District against Tottenham Academy. Well done Jax! Many congratulations also to **Oscar (B4)**, **Nico (B1)**, **Bobby (B1)** and **Eddie (H3)** who were chosen to represent Dartford against Charlton Academy in the Years 4/5 and Year 5 teams. Well done to all of our budding footballers!



On **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023**, our Year 6 Netball Team took part in their first netball league game against Hextable Primary School. Despite it being a very chilly evening, the whole team played fantastic netball. Initially, we were losing 2-0 but after some super goals by **Stanley**, **Leo**, **Noah** and **Sienna** who are all from **H2**, we managed to win the game 6-4. We are so proud of our netball team and look forward to our next league game!



On **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December**, children in Years 1-5 took part in an 'Elf Fest' where 10 children from each class were invited to take part in games such as 'Feed the Reindeer', 'Elf Express' and 'Decoration Dash'. A huge thank you to our Year 6 Sports Leaders for organising and running this event. We hope everyone enjoyed it.

On **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**, 7 children from Years 3 and 4 attended the Active Stacking Festival at Cobham Hall School. We had a brilliant morning involving fun speed stacking activities and races. Our fantastic team even made a tower of 12 cups stay standing for 5 minutes! Well done to **William**, **Poppy**, **Hattie**, **Kyran**, **George**, **Poppy H** and **Jakob** for taking part.

## ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES - DECEMBER 2023

|   |  |                                       |  |  |  |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>R3 - Reception<br/>Shining Stars</b> | <b>R4 - Reception<br/>The Dolphins</b> | <b>R5 - Year 1<br/>The Buccaneers</b> | <b>R6 - Year 1<br/>The Earth Explorers</b> | <b>R1 - Year 2<br/>The Chrononauts</b> | <b>R2 - Year 2<br/>Planet Protectors</b> |
| 94.91                                   | 88.99                                  | 87.23                                 | 89.55                                      | 87.69                                  | 97.18                                    |

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|--|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>B1 - Year 3<br/>The Antarctic Adventurers</b> | <b>B2 - Year 3<br/>The Perceptive Pharaohs</b> | <b>B3 - Year 4<br/>The Chameleons</b> | <b>B4 - Year 4<br/>The Asgardians</b> |
| 92.73  | 94.22  | 92.61                                 | 93.84                                 |

|                                   |                                      |                                      |                                       |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>H3 - Year 5<br/>The Titans</b> | <b>H4 - Year 5<br/>The Olympians</b> | <b>H1 - Year 6<br/>The Sherlocks</b> | <b>H2 - Year 6<br/>The Churchills</b> |
| 97.73                             | 89.20                                | 92.32                                | <b>97.88</b>                          |

### A Thank You to the PTA

We would like to thank the PTA for all of their hard work and support towards the school this year. The Christmas Fair, in particular, was a huge success, along with the many other festive events which were all superbly organised. Thank you very much to all of the PTA Team.

### A Fond Farewell to Miss Briscoe and Mrs Brogan

We would like to extend a fond farewell and a thank you to two members of staff at the school, Miss Briscoe and Mrs Brogan who held Teaching Assistant posts in our classes. We wish them both the very best for the future.

### Reminder: Next Parents and Carers' Well-Being Meeting

We would like to remind all parents and carers that you are very welcome to attend the next Well-Being Meeting at the school, which will be supported by the Emotional Well-Being Team (EWT) on: **Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 at 9:15am to 10:15am.** We look forward to seeing you there.

The teacher whose class achieved the highest attendance level for the month of **December 2023** is

**Mrs Nurdin - H2 Class - Year 6**

**who will be given £50 to spend on new books for the classroom**

## WELL DONE TO H2 CLASS!

### Unwanted School Uniform & Cooking Utensils for Children in Reception, Years 1 & 2

We would be very grateful for any donations of school uniform that your older children may have outgrown, such as any unwanted trousers, skirts or dresses that you no longer need and would fit children in our Roundwood classes.

Our Reception classes would also love any second hand pots, pans and cooking utensils which are due to be thrown away or recycled. If you have any of these items, please pass them to your child's class teacher.

Thank you.

### Support for Parents and Carers: Children Being Safe Online Over the Christmas Break

We would like to share some online guides that have been passed to us from Kent Police, relating to popular Christmas presents, which children may receive over the Christmas break. We hope these support you.

[Home \(lgfl.net\)](http://www.lgfl.net)

<https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Support/Parents/Parents-642522.html>

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/psn-safety-parents-guide/>

<https://support.xbox.com/en-US/help/family-online-safety/browse>



# New Ash Green Primary School

## Academic Term Dates 2023-2024



### AUTUMN TERM 2023

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <b>INSET DAYS</b>      | Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September and Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September  |
| <b>Term 1</b>          | Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October    |
| <b>HALF TERM</b>       | <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b> |
| <b>Term 2</b>          | Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December     |
| <b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b> | <b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January</b> |

### SPRING TERM 2024

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| <b>INSET DAY</b>     | Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January              |
| <b>Term 3</b>        | Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January - Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February         |
| <b>HALF TERM</b>     | <b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>   |
| <b>Term 4</b>        | Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February - Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March         |
| <b>Bank Holidays</b> | Good Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March and Easter Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April |
| <b>EASTER BREAK</b>  | <b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>         |

### SUMMER TERM 2024

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|----------------------|--|
| <b>Term 5</b>        | Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May    |
| <b>Bank Holidays</b> | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May and 27 <sup>th</sup> May            |
| <b>HALF TERM</b>     | <b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b> |
| <b>INSET DAY</b>     | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June                                    |
| <b>Term 6</b>        | Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June - Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July   |

**INSET days:** In-Service Training Days when children do not attend school

