



ASHBROOKE HOUSE SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 3 TO 11

Ashbrooke House School Newsletter

April 2016

Please make a careful note of all forthcoming events in your diaries – it is a very busy term!

THANK YOU

You may have noticed the wonderful Rainforest displays around the ground floor corridor; the Henderson family have generously put their artistic talents to use to support the Lower School 'Walking through the Jungle' topic. We hope it will inspire the children throughout the school to discover more about this endangered part of our planet.

Special thanks also go to the Sparey Family, especially Mr. Sparey and his son Zac in the Reception Class who volunteered to assemble all the donated milk cartons into an igloo in the back garden. This was a rather daunting task and took several weekends to complete. The children really enjoyed their new play space at the end of last term.

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to Frankie Hopkinson Spark in Class 1 and Patrick Culea, Eleanor Johnson and Ryan Downes who have started in Ashbrooke Little Acorns Nursery. We hope they will all enjoy a happy and successful time at Ashbrooke House.

ARRANGEMENTS AT THE START AND END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

We request that parents and carers walk with their children to the school door in the morning. At the end of the school day we would ask that parents and carers wait inside the school gate for their child's class to be led out by the class teacher. Please inform the school if another person that may not be known to the staff is collecting your child from school.

SCHOOL FINISHING TIMES

We are aware that many children have to wait outside with their parents after school for older siblings to finish at 3.45pm or 4.00pm. We would like to offer a free After School Club service for these children until the older sibling finishes class. If they are going to attend After School Club until a later time, the younger siblings will only be charged from the time the older sibling starts their After School Club session.

BREAKFAST CLUB

There are spaces available and children may also 'turn up' on the day without booking a place. Please note that children arriving at school before 8.30 am and not part of Breakfast Club are charged at a rate of £2.50 per half hour or part thereof.

ROCKET SCIENCE

Reception, Class 1 and Class 2 are eagerly awaiting rocket seeds that have been on the International Space Station in the tender care of British astronaut Tim Peake. We are taking part in a nationwide experiment to grow these seeds alongside seeds that have remained on earth to investigate the effects of low gravity and light levels on developing seedlings.

CLASS 3 VISIT

Class 3 will be visiting Leigh Woods on Wednesday 27th April to learn all about life in the Iron Age.

GARDENING CLUB

The children in Gardening Club from Upper School have been invited to attend a 'Go Potty' event at Weston Rugby Club on Friday 29th April. This is to celebrate the Visit England Year of the English Garden and the anniversary of Capability Brown.

HILL HOUSE

Classes 5 and 6 will be going on a residential activity week to Hill House near Bridgwater accompanied by Miss. Wallington, Mrs. Ducker, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Miss James and Mrs. Gifford. They will be taking part in various outdoor activities. Mrs. Ball will be in overall charge of the school that week.

PTA AUCTION OF PROMISES

Don't forget this fun evening on Friday 29th April.

WESTON JUNIOR ARTS

The choir classes are being held on Friday 13th May at Victoria Methodist Church. All children from Class 1-4 will be taking part. Parents are welcome to come along and support us. More details of timings will be given to you nearer the date.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH

The whole school photograph will be taken on Friday 20th May at 9.30am. Nursery children who do not normally attend on that day may be brought in just for the photograph. Please remember to be in the correct school uniform with neat and tidy hair! The sample copy will be available to view in school and you will receive an envelope for your orders.

SUMMER SAFETY

The children need to have their sun hats in school this term. They are worn at playtime on sunny days and must be worn for all school trips. They are available to buy from the School Office for £3.50. Please also supply a bottle of sun-cream with your child's name marked on, to keep in the classroom ready for those hot, sunny days to come! If your child wants a bottle of water to have on their desk, please ensure that this is in addition to their lunch time drink.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to the following that have all passed their ABRSM Piano exams.

Ewan Williams	Preparatory Grade
Warren Gifford	Grade 1
Amelia Briffitt	Grade 2
Elizabeth Unwin	Grade 1 with Merit

Elsie Cooke passed her step 2 Piano with Merit and Step 2 Music Theatre with Distinction, awarded by the London College of Music Examinations.

FEBRUARY HOUSE POINT CHAMPIONS

Reception	Bella Vann/ David Chisalita
Class 1	Amelie Johnson Carson/ Alfie-Beau Guest
Class 2	Hector Keating
Class 3	Patrick Orr/ Danillo Farinha
Class 4	Dylan Munro/ James Powell
Class 5	Katy Brown/ Scarlett Johannsen
Class 6	Aya Keating/ Hannah Fellows