



ASHBROOKE HOUSE SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 3 TO 11

Ashbrooke House Newsletter

November 2016

Christmas Play rehearsals are going well and the children are looking forward to presenting them to parents, grandparents and friends. Please check dates and times included in this letter.

UNIFORM

We apologise again for the circumstances that have made it necessary to change our uniform supplier. From Monday 14th November all uniform will be available from NK Sports in Worle. As the weather is getting colder please ensure your child has a school coat in school (either the new green one or the old blue one) and a school beanie hat. Thank you for your understanding.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING

Last half-term we raised money for several worthy causes.

We raised £290 for MacMillan Cancer Support at our coffee and cake afternoon.

You generously donated 238kg of food for Weston-super-Mare Foodbank at our Harvest Festival and the collection at the end raised £134 for the Foodbank

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 18th November we will be raising money for Children in Need - the children should bring in at least £1.50 - £1 to wear SPOTTY CLOTHES and 50p to have a cake and decorate it. There will also be a 'bucket collection' at the end of the school day. Please be as generous as possible to support this worthy cause. Last year you raised over £200.

Thanks to every one of you for donating so generously to all of these charity events.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our school choir have once again entered the Grand Pier Christmas Carol Competition. They have been selected to sing in the final on the evening of Wednesday 30th November. Further details will be sent out to choir members. Parents, friends, family and teachers are all welcome to attend the final; tickets available in advance from the Grand Pier website, the retail shop on the first floor of the main pavilion or by calling the Box Office on 01934 646155. Tickets will be available on the night, subject to availability.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Many thanks for your support at the school book fair, it was a great success, giving the school £313 to spend on books.

REMEMBERANCE DAY

On Wednesday Lower School walked to Grove Park to see the War Memorial, whilst they were there they were fortunate enough to be invited into the Mayor's Parlour to see the poppy wreaths being prepared.

On Friday 11th the whole school (including Nursery children) came together in the school hall to observe 2 minutes silence - all the children were impeccably behaved, we were very proud of them all.

MATHS CHALLENGES

Benjamin Fellows and Hector Keating in Class 3 have been chosen to go on an exciting Maths Day on Saturday 12th November at Colston School. We hope they have an enjoyable day and share what they learn with their classes. On 26th November a team of children from Classes 5 and 6 have been invited to attend a Maths Challenge morning at Wellington School; more details to follow.

CLASSES 5 AND 6 VISITS

As part of their topic on Victorian Britain Classes 5 and 6 will be taking part in various activities. On Tuesday 29th November they will be experiencing a Victorian Christmas at Tyntesfield. They will also be having a walk around Weston identifying Victorian architecture and, towards the end of term, they will be having a Victorian Day, when they will dress in Victorian costume and experience life as Victorian school children.

CAROL SINGING

The choir will be bringing Christmas cheer to the residents of some local old people's homes when they visit and sing Christmas carols.

YEAR 5 - PAINTPALS

Last year Class 5 were involved in an art project called Paint Pals which involves working and communicating with some residents of a local care home; it was such a success that the pupils in year 5 this year will be continuing the project. On Monday 5th December they will have their first visit to the care home, Innisfree, where they will work with some of the residents in an art workshop.

CHRISTMAS PLAYS

We would ask once again that children under the age of three are not brought along to our main Christmas performances. We understand that it is often difficult to find a baby sitter on these occasions, so young children and babies are welcome to be brought along to the Dress Rehearsals when we perform our plays for the rest of the school. Please note the times and dates that follow. All Dress Rehearsals and performances are held at Clarence Park Baptist Church.

LOWER SCHOOL - 'CHRISTMAS WITH THE ALIENS'

Dress Rehearsal - Friday 2nd December at 11.00am

Main Performance - Friday 2nd December at 2.00pm. Doors open at 1.30pm.

UPPER SCHOOL - 'THE MAGICAL CHRISTMAS JIGSAW'

Dress Rehearsal - Thursday 1st December at 2.00pm.

Main Performance - Thursday 1st December at 7.00pm. Doors open at 6.30pm.

There will be a collection at the end of the performances for Jwan Jyoti, the orphanage in Nepal that we support.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

You should have already received a letter from the PTA about this event. Please come and join us at 6.30pm on Tuesday 6th December for this very festive occasion. This year there will be a Christmas Fair, with Santa as well as carols and all the festive food and drink. Admission will be £1/adult and free for children.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY

Our school party day is on Wednesday 7th December. The children play party games in the morning, have lunch all together and then watch a film. The children may wear their party clothes to school and bring festive food on a paper plate, which will be provided closer to the date; the school will provide cartons of juice.

REPORTS

Short, interim reports will be sent home on the last day of term. These will report on your child's progress, attainment and attitude to learning during this first term. The progress relates to the individual child's progress, whereas the attainment is based on government guidelines, therefore a child may achieve 'higher than expected progress' but 'expected' or 'below expected' standard, this is because the child has achieved beyond his personal expectations, but is still below the national expected level. Alternatively a child could be at the 'expected national standard', but not working as well as they can in class, so would be deemed to be making progress 'below expected'.

HOUSE POINT CHAMPIONS

September/October

Reception	Evangeline Jeffries Andrew Georgiou
Class 1	Eleanor Keight Callum Lowe
Class 2	Bella Whiting William Whiting
Class 3	Daniel Johannsen
Class 4	Dominique Pelican Indya Barton
Class 5	Elsie Cooke Charlie Vann
Class 6	Katy Brown Scarlett Johannsen

SCHOOL TIMES

School starts at 0850, please ensure that your child is in school by this time, registration is at 0855, if your child is not in class for this they will be marked as late. It is very disruptive when children come late into assembly; also, Classes 5 and 3 have French lessons starting at 0850.

END OF TERM

School closes for the Christmas holidays on Thursday 8th December. Lower school finishes at 12.00pm and Upper School at 12.15pm.

Please support 'Save the Children' on the last day by bringing in £2 and wearing a Christmas jumper.

Next term starts on Thursday 5th January.

During the Spring Term Classes 3,4,5,6 will be going swimming on a Friday afternoon; letters to follow.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.