

Ashton Keynes C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

I am sure that you will be interested to know that our recent data from internal assessments shows the majority of children are making expected progress and some are making more than expected. Well done to all.

Several children have benefited from One to One tuition and also all the small group work which has been taking place. There has also been support from Bradon Forest school for a higher ability writing group. In school we continue to offer extension groups for other subject areas.

Child Safety

As you know we want your child to be as safe as possible when in school.

Therefore as part of our continual review of this we are asking that if you arrive with your child later than 9.00am, you and your child need to go through the main door into school and sign the late book in the office - then your child can go through to their class.

E-safety

There are a couple of useful internet sites which are worth looking at from the NSPCC and also www.orange.co.uk/education.

Secondary School appeals

Parents will soon be notified of which secondary school their child has been allocated. There is information about appeals guidance in the office if you are unhappy with the school allocated.

Library

Our new library is opening soon and many people and children have been working very hard to make it a special place to learn. The grand opening is on Friday 4th March.

A big thank you to the Friends of Ashton Keynes School who have worked so hard recently on the library and other projects, the enthusiasm is great.

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Training

All staff including teaching assistants have recently had training on dyslexia which is part of the staff's continuing professional development.

This will better enable all staff to identify dyslexic tendencies and put in place appropriate strategies to further support learning.

Staff information

We are pleased to have appointed a new Teaching Assistant/Mid-day Supervisory Assistant, Mrs Rebecca Barrett, who will start after half-term. Mrs Nicholas has been called to jury service initially for two weeks straight after half-term. Mrs Heath will deputise during her absence.

School Trips and Website

Class 2 have had a very successful trip to the Roahl Dahl museum in Great Missenden. Class 3 enjoyed a visit from Jill Bewley telling them all about the prehistoric creatures that once lived in the Water Park.

Don't forget to take a look at the new school website which is constantly being updated, at least once a month by classes.

Clubs

The after-school and lunchtime clubs run by the staff and outside providers have been very popular and we are pleased with the number of children attending the various activities. There are spaces in music lessons for violin, guitar, drums, brass and woodwind - please ask in the office or see Mrs Heath.

Appointments

As you will be aware the beginning of the day is a very busy time for teachers who are preparing for the school day. If you wish to see your child's teacher please make an appointment for the end of the following day (unless, of course, it is an emergency). Thank you for your understanding.

Parents evening

Parents' evenings are being held on Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th March. (see below for times). As previously, please look out for a form on the classroom door to sign up for an appointment. A form will be sent home with the Leigh bus children to enable their parents to make an appointment.

Headlice

We are still getting repeated occurrences of headlice! The problem can only be solved if all parents regularly check and treat their child's hair. Thank you for your co-operation.

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And finally

Our 'Value' for next term is Humility which leads us appropriately to Easter celebrations. The school will be involved in a joint reflective activity with the church leading up to Easter.

Please let your children give forms (e.g. dinner, trip, sporting activities etc.) to their class teachers who will forward them to the office - this will help reduce the crowd in the mornings.

Red Nose day will take place on Friday 18th March and a variety of activities are being planned. Noses can be purchased at Sainsbury's.

We are continuing to improve our international links - a Uganda assembly is being held shortly and we will be welcoming the French children on the village twinning visit into school.

Dates to remember

Friday 18 th February -	Teacher training day - school closed
21 st -25 th February -	Half-term holiday
Wednesday 2 nd March 6pm	Numeracy workshop for parents
Thursday 3 rd March -	Swimming restarts for Class 4
Friday 4 th March -	New Library launch day
Tues 15 th March 5-7.30pm	Parents' evening
Thurs 17 th March 3.30-6pm	Parents' evening
Friday 18 th March -	Red Nose Day
Thursday 7 th April -	Dressing Down Day
Friday 8 th April -1.45pm	Easter service in Holy Cross Church
Monday 11 th -Monday 25 th April -	Easter Holiday
Tuesday 26 th April 8.55am	Summer Term Begins.

HAVE A GOOD HALF-TERM HOLIDAY