



Ash class newsletter

2018 second half Autumn term

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our topic for the second half of this term is:



Celebrations.



With the use of stories, we will explore Bonfire night, birthdays and weddings before moving on to Christmas. As usual, the topic will remain flexible enough to incorporate the interests and needs of the children, whilst pinpointing key skills to develop across the curriculum. This half term, we are especially focusing on the Communication and Language skills of **listening and attention**. A simplified guide to the progression of these skills is attached, alongside ideas on how to support your child at home, but please do ask if you have any queries or concerns.

There are lots of dates for your diary this half term:



A Reception **welly walk** will visit the field from 2.15pm this **Friday (2nd November)** - please let me know if you can come along with us. Don't forget wellies and waterproofs please.

Come and find out how we teach reading and spelling at the **Letters and Sounds workshop** for parents and carers in Ash class from **6-7pm on Thursday 8th November**.



Story and rhyme time for Ash class and any younger siblings or friends will be held from 2.45pm to 3.10pm on **Thursday 15th November**. Please do spread the word and encourage new faces to join us. Thank you.

For **Children in Need** on **Friday 16th November** we will all dress in a Topsy Turvy way in exchange for a donation to the charity.



Our **SCHOOL OPEN AFTERNOON** is from 1.30pm on **Thursday 22nd November**. Everyone is welcome, including potential new families.



The school **Christmas Craft Afternoon** is from 1.45pm on **Tuesday 4th December**. Come along and join in the fun!

Ash class **Nativity** will be in the village hall from **9.30am on Tuesday 18th December**. Details of other Christmas based activities will be sent home nearer the time.

Applications for admission to our **reception** class in **September 2019** open from **November 15th** and close on **January 15th**. Please do spread the word! Thank you.

We would really welcome donations of small scale junk for model-making (as you know, we get through a lot!), used birthday cards, wrapping paper, cake candles and ribbons or bows, to help us with our topic work. Thank you.

We would also love to 'borrow' any **photos of weddings** that you may have (any religion) so that we can photocopy them and return them safely to you. It may be photos of the wedding guests, the 'happy couple' or bridesmaids/page boys. It would be interesting to find out how many of our children have been to a wedding. Many thanks.

Please keep sharing those magical 'wow' moments from home, when your child masters a new skill or surprises you with a comment or action. It is lovely to have observations from home added to our Tapestry Learning Journeys and the children always love sharing these records with adults at home and in school. Thank you.

We look forward to a busy and VERY exciting half term!
Yours sincerely,