

ASH GROVE ACADEMY



Events this week in school w/c 06/11/17

- * Parents took part in a Room on the Broom story morning in the Year 1 class.
- * Activities to mark Remembrance have taken place across school this week. Thanks to all who bought a poppy to support the Royal British Legion.
- * Successful craft workshops with parents and children making memory stars for the 'Tree of Light' carol service in town on Dec 7th
- * Year 5 enjoyed an informative and interactive visit from the Cheshire Fire and Rescue team about fire safety
- * Year 3 went on a fantastic trip to Congleton Museum. Thanks to all parents and children for making a fantastic effort with evacuee costumes!

Please check out the Ash Grove twitter feed @ashgroveacademy for updates and photos from all classes across the week.

Letters sent out this week

- Trip letter Y6 – Manchester People's Museum
- Trip letter Y5 – Safety Central in Lymm
- Cancellation of Debating Club for next week
- Data Collection sheets Y1 – Y6

Data Collection Sheets

This week, data collection sheets have been sent home for children in Years 1 – 6.

Please read and check the information provided, make any necessary corrections, SIGN THE FORM and return to school as soon as possible.

Events for next week

National Anti-Bullying Week – a range of activities will be taking place in classes throughout the week.

Monday

KS2 PE Club

Tuesday

'Millie's Trust' first aid workshops for Y5 & Y6

Wednesday

Y3 & Y4 children to Robin Wood Activity Centre

Thursday

Teacher Clubs
Year 2 Multiskills at TMA (afternoon)
Year 4 Swimming

Friday

Y3 & Y4 children return from Robin Wood Activity Centre

Come in and join us every Friday from 8.30am for Feedback Friday. Find out all about what your child has been learning in class.

Autumn Half Term 2 Diary Dates

21st November – Red House trampolining at TMA 9.30am

28th November – Anti Bullying Workshops

29th November – Able Writers' Day Year 5 & 6

6th December – Parent Council Meeting 5.30pm

8th December – Christmas Fair 3.45-5.45pm

12th December – Pantomime

18th December & 19th December – EYFS and KS1

Christmas Productions and KS2 Musical

Production

20th December – Last Day of the Autumn Term

New website

Check out the new Ash Grove website, which features all of our latest curriculum information.

<https://www.ashgrove.cheshire.sch.uk>

Local Academy Committee Meeting

Last night, the LAC meeting took place at school and the following points were shared:

- * Discussion and feedback around National Curriculum Standards and the good progress that the children at Ash Grove Academy are making, including praise and recognition for the hard work put in from all members of the school community.
- * Feedback from Parent Governors regarding the success of the new Parent Council initiative.
- * An overview was shared from the Autumn Term of all the wider opportunities and extra-curricular experiences enjoyed by the children who attend Ash Grove.
- * Governors acknowledged the priority given to keeping children safe at Ash Grove, including upcoming workshops and experiences around anti-bullying week and staying safe online.

Attendance

Whilst attendance remains good at Ash Grove, we have dipped slightly from this time last year. Our aim is to work with you to help raise attendance to 97%. Working together, we believe we can make this happen.

- * We continue to offer a free Breakfast Club from 7:45am, available to all.
- * Walking Bus runs every morning. School staff will collect your child/ren from home and bring them to school in time for morning registration. If you would like more details on the area covered by the Walking Bus, please speak to Mrs Finnegan or Mrs Veale.

Should your child be off school, it is essential that parents please call school on EVERY DAY of absence. Thank you.

Teacher Clubs

Teacher clubs will continue on a Thursday and the last club for this term will be on Thursday 30th November. New club choices will then be available in the spring term.

Please note:

- * due to staffing issues, **Debating Club is cancelled for next week (16th Nov)** but will resume as normal on Thursday 23rd November.
- * Year 6 children will NOT be able to walk home without adult supervision after Thursday clubs from next week due to the nights drawing in.

New Ash Grove library!

Thanks to Miss Roberts, Miss Lucas, and the rest of the team who have worked so hard to set up our new library area. It looks amazing and is full of exciting, interesting and engaging new books. The children can't wait to start using it! The library will be open from next week for the children to start coming in and choosing books to borrow and take home.

If your child does choose a book from the new library area, please make sure it is cared for and returned. Thank you.

Congratulations!

Warm congratulations to Miss Lucas, who has passed her National Professional Qualification for Middle Leadership. Miss Lucas is Literacy Lead at Ash Grove, and in her feedback report it stated that she has "demonstrated strength in modelling excellence in the management of teaching and learning", as well as describing her as "an inspirational teacher, leader and colleague."

Well done, Miss Lucas!

Scout Volunteers

The local Cubs and Scout group are looking for volunteers to help support them. If you are interested, please come in and speak to the Office for more details.

A Fond Farewell

Mrs Rudge, who has worked at Ash Grove for 6 years, will sadly be leaving us on Wednesday 15th November. Mrs Rudge has been based in Early Years for much of her time with us, but more recently she has led Speech and Language interventions across all Key Stages. Her hard work and dedication to the children of Ash Grove has been invaluable, and she will be greatly missed. She will be moving up to Scotland with her husband to start some new adventures, and we wish her every happiness for the future.

Panto Reminder

Ash Grove will be going to the Pantomime in Buxton on 15th December. Come to the office to purchase your ticket. They are selling out fast!