

ASH GROVE ACADEMY

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Events this week in school w/c 30/10/17

*Breakfast club organised a fantastic Halloween party.

*PCSO Luke has talked to the children about safety on Bonfire Night.

*The Safeguarding ambassadors from year 5 and 6 attended a safety conference at Park Royal led by Cheshire East safeguarding team.

*A sterling performance by the Y 5& 6 football team who lost 4-2 against Nether Alderley. It was a close match and we hit the cross bar twice! Well done to **Jason Bramwell Rowe**, our Man of the Match.

*The Year 5 & 6 girls' football team took part in a football competition at TMA and came second. Well done girls.

*The Nursery children and parents attending a Room on the Broom Real Event organised in conjunction with the Children's Centre.

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

Letters sent out this week

- Pantomime letter
- Year 1 parental engagement letter
- Medicine policy to all Y1 parents
- PE Club letter for children in Years 4-6

New website

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

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

Events for next week

Monday

KS2 PE Club

Tuesday

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Fire Safety Talk Y5

Wednesday

Tree of Light Stars Workshop 3.30-4.30pm

Thursday

Y3 trip to Congleton Museum

Teacher Clubs

Year 4 Swimming

Friday

Tree of Light Stars Workshop 8.50-10am

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

9th November – Local Academy Committee meeting after school

15th-17th November – Y3 and Y4 at Robinwood

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

Parent Council Meeting

We met before the half term and the following actions were agreed:

- *To look into Tesco and F&F as a distributor of uniform and for us all to consider the feasibility of a uniform swap particularly of kilts in the summer term.
- *School to consider separate entrances one at front and one at back of new build for Y1 and Reception due to morning and evening gridlock on narrow pathways to the doors. LF to feedback at the beginning of the new half term.
- *School to look into feasibility of installing lockers instead of coat pegs in school to reduce amount of lost property and to ensure cloakrooms and corridors are tidy. LF to feedback. School to also look into supply of new book bags and PE bags.
- *LF to ensure teaching staff allow time at end of day for parents to enter classroom (with teacher supervision) to search for lost belongings.
- *Parent council in future meetings to agree on 1-3 ☺ charitable partnerships over the course of the year to ensure focussed, meaningful and purposeful fund raising.
- *LF to feedback to site maintenance team on lighting for pathways and quad in light of new collection and drop off arrangements over winter months as well as addressing the quagmire that has developed on entrance into school path near astro.
- *Finance team to look into costings of Arbor for comms and payments for next academic year. Finance to clarify why payments cannot be made in bulk and to increase amount that can be paid for on parent pay. LF to feedback to parent council.
- *LF to raise with teaching staff the need to address any misconceptions or inappropriate comments children may hold based on chosen snacks. LF to reiterate the importance of educating all of our children of the need for a nutritional and balanced diet in line with national curriculum requirements.
- *LF to communicate to EYFS and KS1 parents our medicine policy in line with current safeguarding regulatory procedures.
- *LF to look into feasibility of keeping an outside notice board up to date with the latest letters.
- *For Y1 staff to host a parental engagement session in Autumn 2 - ideas to be communicated in due course.

Most of these actions are now in the process of implementation and we will keep you posted on further outcomes in due course. In the meantime, if you have anything general you would like to raise, please feel free to contact your class reps. If it is something specific to

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.

PE club on a Monday has now finished for children in Years 1-2 and will commence next week for children (who have already received letters) in Years 3-6.

Poppy Appeal

To support the British Legion's annual Poppy Appeal, we will be selling poppies in school next week. Donations will be taken for stick-on poppies by members of the School Council at morning break times, and poppies with pins will be sold in the quad at home time.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair this year is on Friday 8th December from 3.45-5.45pm. We are in desperate need of volunteers to help and manage stalls on the evening as well as support with the organisation. I will ask the PTA to draw up a list of jobs, which will be published in next week's newsletter. Please email me directly with any offers of help. All monies raised directly enriches the experiences of the children.

Principal@ashgrove.cheshire.sch.uk

Tree of Light Stars Workshop

Macclesfield Town Council are holding a 'Tree of Light' carols around the tree concert in the Market Place on 7th December 5:30pm-6:30pm. The service is to be held in memory of loved ones, and there will be a tree covered in memory stars created by the Macclesfield community.

We are hosting two parent drop-in craft workshops to give our school community the opportunity to create their own memory stars. If you would like to take part in this initiative, please do come and join us:

- * *Wednesday 8th November 3:30pm – 4:30pm*
- * *Friday 10th November 8:50am – 10am*

Vacancy – Kitchen Assistant

Kitchen Assistant required. Approximately ten hours a week (mon-Friday) over lunch times. General duties and wash up, however no experience necessary as there is no cooking required for this position.

Call 07841 913 400 or ask to speak to Katie at schools reception. If available, immediate start required.