

ASH GROVE ACADEMY

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Events this week in school w/c 20/11/17

- *Year 4 visited Bramall Hall as part of their topic on The Tudors.
- * Class 5 & 6 took part in Digital Resilience workshops.
- * Mrs Finnegan and Miss Lowe presented a mastery maths course at Ash Grove for teachers from across the trust and the local area.
- *Stella (our therapy dog) began working with some of the children in Reception and Year 1.
- *Children from the red house had a fantastic morning learning different styles of jump on the trampolines at The Macclesfield Academy.
- *Year 5 spent the day at Safety Central – an interactive life skills centre managed by Cheshire Fire and Rescue.
- *Our nursery children have taken part in World Nursery Rhyme Week this week. They have learned the rhymes Bobby Shaftoe, Lavender's Blue, Hickory Dickory Dock, Wind the Bobbin Up and Old King Cole.

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

Events for next week

Monday

- Year 2 visit to Jodrell Bank (children to wear school uniform please)
- KS2 PE club 3.30pm

Tuesday

Anti-Bullying Theatre Performance Y2 – Y6

Wednesday

Able Writers Day for Y5&6

Thursday

The last teacher led club session for the term.

Friday

Pennie and Stella (therapy dog) 1-3pm

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

Please note additions in bold from previous diary date reminders

- 28th November – Anti Bullying Production Y2-Y6
- 29th November – Able Writers' Day Year 5 & 6
- 6th December – Parent Council Meeting 5.30pm
- 8th December – The Elf Run (East Cheshire Hospice)
 - Christmas Fair 3.45-5.45pm
- 12th December – Pantomime
- 13th December – Nursery Nativity 2pm & 6pm
- 13th and 14th December – Ash Grove choir singing in venues across Macclesfield**
- 15th December – Progress Cup Assembly 9.30am
- 15th December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day**
- 18th December – Reception and KS1 Nativity 2pm & 6pm
- 19th December – KS2 Christmas through the Decades songs and carols 2pm and 6pm
- 20th December – Last Day of the Autumn Term including class Christmas parties.

Charity Fundraising at Ash Grove

***The NSPCC** was back in school this week to count and collect the total raised from the Dance-a-thon. They were blown away by the generosity of our parents and carers and said that there was more raised per envelope than from any other school they have visited this year. The total amount raised was an incredible **£282** and well done to our families in Nursery, Year 2 and Year 6 who returned the highest amount of envelopes. They have asked me to pass on their sincere thanks.

***Tree House Food Kitchen** is a local charity in Macclesfield, which provides over 100 Christmas dinners to the homeless and socially isolated. They also provide everyone with a stocking which includes a selection box, chocolate orange, bag of chocolate coins, box of mince pies, Christmas socks, hat, gloves, scarf and a selection of toiletries. Louise Williamson (the founder of Tree House) is an incredible person and is held in high esteem by many of our families because she is from our community. With your support, I would like to devote our Christmas jumper day to fundraising for Tree House. The suggested donation will be **£1.00**. All staff will also be participating.

***The Elf Run** in aid of the East Cheshire Hospice is back on the agenda again this year and is due to take place on the 8th December, which is the day of our Christmas Fair. Parents will also be very welcome to take part.

*Thank you to Josie and Robert Rosenberg for organising a cake sale in aid of **Children in Need**. The children took the initiative and managed this all by themselves. I am always happy to hear from any families who are keen to run similar fund raising activities. A letter has also gone out this week regarding donating any old £1 coins to Children in Need.

Please note all fundraising efforts are voluntary. There is absolutely no expectation for families to donate unless they wish to do so and no child will ever be made to feel singled out; for example, all children are welcome to participate in Christmas Jumper day irrespective of whether a monetary donation is made.

Christmas Light Switch On

This will be taking place in town this Saturday and there will be a Santa's Grotto in St Michael's Church from 12-4pm. You are welcome to take your children along to receive a gift from Father Christmas.

And finally.... I have sent a letter this week to Chief Inspector Rob Dickinson from Macclesfield Police requesting that they reconsider the decision to reduce the number of PCSOs who patrol the Moss Rose Community from two down to one. He has acknowledged my letter and is raising the issue further at force level and I will notify you if I hear anything further.

Robinwood Residential

Yet again, the Year 3 and Year 4 Robinwood residential was a huge success. All children (and adults!) faced their fears, tackled new challenges, and had an amazing time. The children were fantastic and were a real credit to the school. Well done!

