

ASH GROVE ACADEMY

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Events this week in school w/c 29.1.18

* Children from Class 1 and 2 had an awesome two days at Delamere and learnt all about Jack and the Flumflum Tree in school.

*Class 5 delivered a super class presentation on Earth, Space and the Solar System.

*The parent council had a very productive meeting with Mrs Finnegan on Wednesday.

*Class 3 and 4 enjoyed their Clonter Opera workshops on WW1 set design.

*Class 5 learnt all about the heart and lungs during a practical science lesson at Macclesfield Academy.

*Class 4 had a brilliant day at Chester Zoo.

*Class 1 started the week with a visit from Barnaby Bear from Love Music Trust.

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

Events for next week

Monday

KS1 PE Club

Safer Internet Day – PCSO Luke Burns

Tuesday

Class 2 Presentation 2.45pm

Wednesday

Staff Swap Morning

Class 2 Science at Macclesfield Academy

Thursday

Teacher clubs

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.

Spring 1 Diary Dates

5th February – Safer Internet Day

5th and 7th February – Reception class parents evening

6th February – Class 2 Presentation

7th February – Staff Swap Day

13th February - Nursery Presentation

13th February – School Nurse in for Reception

14th February – Valentine's Day Disco

16th February – School closes for half term.

Run a Mile

Run a Mile will commence again next week and will be organised by Class 5 and Miss Williams. The children have opted to 'run to Moscow' in build up to the World Cup this summer. Each class will keep a tally of the amount of miles run and Class 5 will keep the cumulative total of miles run across school.

Parent Pay

The office have asked parents who use parent pay to use parent pay only for lunch payments and not bring in cash payments. It is proving to be very difficult to manage cash payments for lunches, which then have to be manually reconciled against electronic parent pay accounts. We thank you in advance for your assistance with this.

Parent Council Meeting

The parent council reps met with Mrs Finnegan on Wednesday evening and the following was agreed:

*Run a Mile will be reinstated across school.

*All agreed for Emma Edwards to put school in touch with her recommended dance/gym teacher to run an after school club.

*A need to increase the amount of competitive sports against other schools was discussed since this had been raised by one parent on the parent survey. All present agreed there is a good range of inclusive sports and sports clubs on offer at school and the attitude to sport and fitness was a positive one. It was felt there was no need to expand this further and the children were able to compete against other school through the Academy organised inter school events. Football fixtures have also been organised within the small schools league for spring 2.

*The national charity which school are to support is **NSPCC** and the local charity is **Visyon**, which is a children's mental health service operating in Congleton and Macclesfield. These are our main charities for this academic year although others will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

*Ideas for Community Week in spring 2 were discussed and proposals were put forward including engagement with emergency services, animal workshop at Pets at Home, trip to Pizza Express, Tesco Farm to Fork Initiative, trip to Henshaws, trip to a bank, support from Peaks and Plains in terms of workshops.

*Aisha (reception rep) has agreed to contact Tesco's and Finesse to assess viability of using them as uniform suppliers and will feedback at the next meeting.

*Homework was discussed and LF stated that there is currently a review of our homework policy in light of UK wide research on impact and effectiveness. Following the review, the new policy will be brought to the Parent Council and Local Academy Committee for consultation in spring 2.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14th March at 5.30pm.

Staff Swap Day

Class teachers will be swapping classes from 9-11am during the morning on Wednesday; this is a great initiative, which enables our children to work with different teachers and it allows our staff to gain experience of different year groups. There are many exciting activities planned for the children.

Mrs Hastings will be in Nursery

Miss Clare will be in Reception

Mrs Wolvin will be in Class 1

Miss Harris will be in Class 2

Miss Williams will be in Class 3

Miss Lowe will be in Class 4

Mrs Ceuppens and Mrs Finnegan will be in Class 5

Miss Lucas and Mrs Veale will be in Class 6