

# ASH GROVE ACADEMY

## ASPIRE

### **Events from this week w/c 21.1.19**

*\*Thank you to Reception Class for their wonderful class presentation. Thanks to all parents and carers who came into school to support the children.*

*\*Class 2 enjoyed a visit from Animal Magic who delivered an African animal workshop.*

*\*Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us in school for the Love Reading Café on Friday morning.*

*\*Family Circuits Training is still running every Wednesday at 3.45 for only £1.00 per session. Please do join us.*

*\*The parent council met on Wednesday evening to discuss a range of initiatives.*

*\*Becca Smith ran a Chinese Art Workshop with children from Y5&6*

*\*A group of Ash Grove children took part in a Change4Life Sports Event at Tytherington High School.*

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

### **What's on next week w/c 28.1.19**

#### **Monday**

Rec-Y3 PE Club  
Singfest Rehearsal Macc Academy Y4&5

#### **Tuesday**

Y1 Class Presentation 3pm  
Y3 Trip to Pooles Cavern  
After school football coaching

#### **Wednesday**

Y1&2 Residential trip to Delamere  
Y4 science session at Macc Academy  
Sale Sharks Y4&5

#### **Thursday**

Y4&5 Trip to Kingdom Hall  
Y1&2 Residential Trip to Delamere  
Rec-Y2 Open the Book Assembly 9.45am  
Teacher Clubs

#### **Friday**

**Feedback Friday**

### **Spring 1 Diary Dates**

**5.2.19 NSPCC Number Day**

**5.2.19 Able Maths Day Y3-4**

**5.2.1.9 Y6 Class Presentation**

**5.2.19-6.2.19 Level 2 Bikeability – Y5**

**6.2.19 Y2 Pizza Express trip**

**6.2.19 Moss Rose Partnership meeting 4.30pm**

**7.2.19 Level 1 Bikeability Y4**

**7.2.19 Level 3 Bikeability Y6**

**7.2.19 United Utilities Workshop Y4 and Y6**

**12.2.19 Y4 Formal Debate Presentation**

**13.2.19 Y6 Science at TMA**

**13.2.19 Last Family Circuits session**

**14.2.19 PTA Valentine's Disco**

## Bird Box Project

Councillor Neil Puttick has requested support from the community for the **Big Build: Making a Mini Bird Box Macclesfield**. The event is taking place today and again tomorrow (Saturday) between 9 and 3pm at Macclesfield Community Art Space, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Sutton Mill, Heapy Street, SK11 7JB.

If you are good at making things and would like to work together on a project for the community, you are welcome to join the team to construct 60 bird boxes. Once completed the bird boxes will be given to pupils here at Ash Grove. The children will then decorate them to make them look like their own homes. All materials are being provided by Macclesfield Town Council and Peaks and Plains. For more information please contact [neil.puttick@macclesfield-TC.gov.uk](mailto:neil.puttick@macclesfield-TC.gov.uk)

## E-safety Resources for Parents

Thinkuknow.co.uk has published two very useful documents to inform parents on how to keep children safe online. The first one is about how to set up parent controls on your child's devices.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parent/articles/Parental-controls/> .

The second one is about keeping your under 5 child safe online

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parent/articles/keeping-your-under-five-safe-online>

It is **Safer Internet Day** on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February and PCSO Luke will again be talking to the children throughout school about they can keep themselves safe online.

## Parent Council Meeting

The Parent Council met on Wednesday evening and a number of initiatives were discussed:-

\*Consultation was sought on the new PSHE curriculum.

\*Karen Bruce from Macclesfield College joined us to talk about ideas for free workshops and courses we could run here at Ash Grove for our parents and the wider community.

\*The EEF (Education Endowment Foundation) document *Working with Parents to Support Children's Learning* was distributed. In the next meeting, the parent council will discuss which recommended initiatives to implement here at Ash Grove. If any parents would like a copy of this, please pop into the school office.

\*Parents raised a specific concern regarding payment for trips and external visitors. It was highlighted by the council that there is a very small minority of parents (who by their own admission) refuse to pay for any trips or visits and this is causing some frustration amongst parents who diligently make every effort to contribute.

Ash Grove is extremely proud of our enriched curriculum and we believe it is through experiences that our children learn best. Without parental contributions, these trips cannot go ahead. Ash Grove operates on an extremely tight budget and we do rely on parental support to ensure we can provide our children with the very best education. However, Ash Grove also funds a number of these experiences. Just one example of this is the KS2 trip to Paris where each child is receiving a £100 discount from the overall cost.

We also take into account extenuating circumstances when parents are unable to pay for specific reasons and we are extremely grateful to all of those parents who come into school to explain this to us in person.

As a result of a direct request from the parent council, the senior leadership team will consider a revised policy to account for the very small minority parents who consistently refuse to contribute towards these experiences without explanation. The policy will be devised and taken to the next meeting for further consultation.