

ASH GROVE ACADEMY

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Events this week in school w/c 30.4.18

* The Red House enjoyed a Bouncy Castle Fun Day as a special reward for winning the Spring Term House Competition.

*Year 2 had a wonderful time on their Titanic Dressing up Day. The hall was turned into a ship for the day. They also enjoyed a special visit in class from Mr Broomhead who shared his passion for all things related to The Titanic. Thank you Mr Broomhead.

*Reception have been learning all about Castles and Giants.

*Year 1 enjoyed a crafty afternoon taking part in the 'One House for All' Competition.

*Class 5 have had a brilliant week learning all about the United States of America.

*Class 4 are enjoying their topic about electricity.

*Nursery children are enjoying their new Supermarket Role Play Area. Many thanks to all of the parents who have contributed resources.

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

Events for next week

Monday

Bank Holiday

Tuesday

Y1 Pets at Home trip
Class 3 presentation

Wednesday

Y3 Forest School

Thursday

Teacher Clubs
Kwik Cricket Tournament

Friday

Year 5&6 Football Match v Hurdsfield (away)

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.

Diary Dates for this half term

8.5 Y3 Class Presentation

9.5-23.5 Three Wednesdays Y3 Forest School

10.5 Year 5 Kwik Cricket

11.5 Year 5&6 Football Match away v Hurdsfield

14.5-17.5 KS2 SATS

15.5 Class 5 Presentation

16.5 Year 1 Visit to Pizza Express

17.5 Parent Briefing on Residential visit to Paris

18.5 Royal Wedding Garden Party & Football Celebration afternoon

22.5 Year 2 Class Presentation

22.5 Y3&4 and Y5&6 Football v Adlington (Home)

23.5 Parent Council Meeting 5.30pm

24.5 Quad Kids Year 6

25.5 Warburtons' Visit to Year 3

25.5 School closes for half term

School Garden

Allan Knapper one of our reception parents has kindly offered to inject some new life into the school garden. He is in the process of clearing the area of weeds, which will eventually mean each year group will be able to tend its own vegetable patch. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Allan for offering this voluntary commitment. The children throughout school will benefit enormously.

Two-Year Old Provision

From September 2018 Ash Grove Academy are able to offer 2-year old places for the 15 hours free childcare per week. Children are able to join our nursery the term after their second birthday. If you are interested and think you may be eligible to receive the funded 15 hours, you need to contact the Cheshire East Family Information Service (FIS) either online at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/FEEE or by calling 03001235033. You will need parent and child's date of birth, together with the parent's National Insurance number. You will then be provided with a letter confirming that you have met the criteria, which you need to bring into school.

Attendance

Year to date overall school attendance is now 96.1%. Our target for this year is 97%.

As explained in a previous newsletter the educational welfare officer visited school last term and required a list of families taking term time holidays. The school is under a legal obligation to provide the local authority with this information and it is the local authority who make the decision to fine and not the school. The school has received a significant number of verbal and written requests for holidays, which will have an effect on our overall attendance rate.

The only way to guarantee avoiding a fine is to not book a term time holiday.

The office staff and the leadership team do not make this decision to fine and therefore staff will not be subjected to verbal abuse of any nature. Any parent, who acts in this way, will be reported to the police.

Thankfully, this applies only to a very small minority and we continue to be grateful for all of the parents who treat Ash Grove office staff with respect and professional courtesy.

