

ASH GROVE ACADEMY

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Welcome back to school everyone and a very warm welcome to all of our new starters. We are so proud of our Reception children who have settled in so well. Schools feels calm, purposeful and there is a real buzz about the new academic year. This term is going to be an exciting one culminating in a whole school production of Elf at Christmas and not to forget our whole school trip to Blackpool Illuminations on October 25th. All of the staff are looking forward to working with you all. If you feel you would like to help in anyway – supporting children with learning, helping on educational visits, raising funds for the PTA - then please feel free to get in touch.

Events from the this week w/c 5.9.18

**Year 4 have started their Topic on The Tudors and have been making Tudor Roses.*

**Year 2 have been taking part in some team building activities, working together to make a castle from Lego.*

**Reception class have been sharing books this week and making lots of new friends.*

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

What is happening next week?

Monday

Two head teachers from Australia will be in Ash Grove on Monday morning understanding more about how we use the latest educational research to inform our teaching practise.

Thursday

St Barnabus' Church free Health Check.

Friday

Come into school at 8.30am every Friday morning to find out what your child has been learning over the last week in school.

Diary Dates for Autumn 1 2018

19th September - Y6 football match v Hollinhey at 3.45pm at AG
19th September – Y5 Forest school
20th September - Teacher Clubs start
24th September - Recycling Week
27th September - Harvest Festival at St Barnabus' Church
28th September - Bingo fundraiser in aid of Katelyn Havard's aid work visit to Vietnam – 6pm-10pm
1st October - Singfest Rehearsal at Macclesfield Academy
2nd October - Class 4 presentation
3rd October - Year 5 and 6 Able Writers Day
3rd October - Parent Council Meeting 5.30pm
9th October - Class 1 presentation
16th October - Reception presentation
23rd October - Class 6 formal debate presentation
16th October - Fluenz for children in Y1-5
23rd October - Parents' evening
25th October - Blackpool Illuminations Trip
26th October - Half Term

St Barnabus Church Free Health Check

Free blood pressure checks, health & lifestyle advice and free passes to Everybody Leisure Facilities will be available at St Barnabus Church between 1 and 4pm on Thursday 13th September. This will be a free drop in service. Please do take advantage of this fantastic community service right on the doorstep.

Blackpool Illuminations

Tickets are selling fast for our school trip to Blackpool. The coaches will leave at 2pm on Thursday 25th October. Coach seats are £7.50 each and can be purchased from the school office or via parent pay. Book now to avoid disappointment.

Achievements out of school

Please let Mrs Veale know if your child has achieved a certificate or an award out of school so that we can share it on our Ash Grove News Board outside the hall.

After School Club

Please ensure you collect your child no later than 5.30pm from after school club. Mrs Rutter is often left waiting after 5.30pm. Please also ensure all payment is made in advance. Your child cannot attend After School Club without advance booking and payment.

School refurbishment

School is looking fantastic. Mr Broomhead and Mr Bennett have worked tirelessly over the summer to ensure our staff and children have the outstanding environment and provision they so deserve.

- Every child in KS2 now has a locker within which to store the personal possessions; this should significantly reduce the amount of lost property.
- We now have a designated SEND and Interventions Zone staffed by Mrs Lisle and Mrs Roberts.
- Class 5 and 6 have been redecorated with new carpets and blinds.
- A partition wall in the new build will ensure class 1 and Reception have their own designated provision.
- We now have a state of the art fire alarm system with new fire doors on all classroom and automatic closure of all corridor-doors.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival this year will take place on Thursday 27th September at St Barnabus' Church. The service will be conducted by Vicar Andy Williams. We will be asking for voluntary non-perishable food donations nearer the time, which will pass on to the Food Bank for distribution. More information to follow.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 23rd October; this will give you the opportunity to find out how your child is performing in school and will provide you with an outline of their academic progress and attainment.