

# ASH GROVE ACADEMY

## ASPIRE

### **Events from this week w/c 17.9.18**

*\*Year 3 had a wonderful time at  
Clonter Opera*

*\*Year 5 & 6 football team played a nail-  
biting match against Hollinhey, which  
ended up in penalties. Sadly we lost,  
however there were some amazing  
displays of teamwork and some stunning  
individual performances from Rhys and  
Alex.*

*\*Year 5 loved Forest School this week.*

*\*Congratulations to Kacey Brooks and Alex  
Wilson who are the new Head Girl and  
Head Boy. Thank you sincerely to all  
parents of Year 6 children who attended  
the Ambassador Assembly this week.*

*\*Reception Class have welcomed Shelly  
and Sheldon into school – their new pet  
snails!*

*\*Class 4 have been learning all about Islam  
and were able to sample some real Islamic  
prayer mats courtesy of Ms Khan.*

**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**

Start of Recycling Week  
Spanish Day  
Y1-3 PE Club

#### **Wednesday**

Year 5 Forest School

#### **Thursday**

Recycling Assembly  
Harvest Festival for Y1,2 and 4 at  
St Barnabas' Church 2pm  
Year 3 swimming  
Teacher clubs 3.30-4.30pm

#### **Friday**

MacMillan Coffee Morning 9-10am  
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**

1<sup>st</sup> October - Singfest Rehearsal at Macclesfield  
Academy  
2<sup>nd</sup> October - Class 4 presentation  
3<sup>rd</sup> October - Year 5 and 6 Able Writers Day  
3<sup>rd</sup> October - Parent Council Meeting 5.30pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> October – Year 5 & 6 Football match v Adlington  
9<sup>th</sup> October - Class 1 presentation  
10<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5 & 6 Football v Nether Alderley  
(away)  
16<sup>th</sup> October - Reception presentation  
23<sup>rd</sup> October - Class 6 formal debate presentation  
16<sup>th</sup> October - Fluenz for children in Y1-5  
23<sup>rd</sup> October - Parents' evening  
25<sup>th</sup> October - Blackpool Illuminations Trip  
26<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term

## **Update from the Aspire Educational Trust**

\*During the last Academic year, the Trust successfully bid for a Strategic School Improvement Fund grant to lead a writing transition project (*Write Across*) across 31 schools with all Y5-Y8 teachers involved. This is now well underway and forms a focus for the teaching of writing at Ash Grove as well as Macclesfield Academy.

\*In 2017-2018 the Aspire Educational Trust welcomed Puss Bank and Wilbraham (Manchester). The Trust now consists of eight primary academies. Hollinhey, Holmes Chapel Primary and Parkroyal will also join this term.

\*The CEO of the Aspire Trust is Kevin Simpson (previous Head of Ash Grove). He continues to be based at Ash Grove and is a friendly, familiar face around school and is well known to many pupils, parents and staff.

### **Harvest Festival**

This will take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm at St Barnabas' Church. Reverend Andy Williams will lead the service. Because of capacity and seating, we are limited with the number of parents and children the church can accommodate. All children from classes 1,2 and 4 will walk to and from the church. We welcome any food donations of non-perishable items. These will be passed on to Cre8 for distribution. If you would like to join us for the service, please inform your class teacher. We are limited to 30 adult places.

### **MaccPeaceFest 2018**

Ash Grove children have created some stunning artwork for the MaccPeaceFest this weekend. Please do head down with your children to Christchurch in town from 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> September. The exhibition is incredible.

### **Spanish Day**

Come dressed in anything Spanish, or in red and/or yellow (the colours of the Spanish flag) on Monday for a £1 donation. Children will be taking part in Spanish dancing, Spanish yoga and will be sampling Spanish food as part of our Modern Foreign Languages Day. Parents are welcome into class from 3.15pm to learn all about the activities taking place throughout the day.

### **Blackpool Trip**

Tickets still available from the school office or on parent pay. £7.50 per seat. Come along and see the lights on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October!

### **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

All cake donations gratefully received. We look forward to welcoming you into school next Friday (28<sup>th</sup> September) between 9 and 10am. Come and have a brew and a cake with your children. All for a good cause.