

ASH GROVE ACADEMY

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Happy New Year and Welcome back!

It has been fantastic to see the children back in school today; bright, enthusiastic and ready to learn.

We have an exciting half term ahead with plenty of enrichment opportunities, trips and visits.

Yesterday we launched our UNICEF Rights Respecting Initiative. You will hear more about this in the coming weeks and months.

The half term will culminate with a focus on Science and Technology during STEM week. This week will include plenty of opportunities for the children to learn more about computing, science, engineering and mathematics. Trips and visits are planned and Ash Grove will be hosting an Aspire Trust Maths Challenge.

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

Diary Dates for the Half Term

13.1.20	UNICEF Rights Respecting Assembly Year 5 at Macclesfield Town for Health and Wellbeing Workshop
14.1.20	Railway Art Day. Visiting artist Tim Davies working with Y5&6
15.1.20	Able Writers Day Year 3 & 4 Y3 Library Trip SEND Breakfast Event
16.1.20	EYFS Parents Feedback Day Year 3 swimming
17.1.20	9am UNICEF steering group meeting – pupils 9am
20.1.20	Year 4 at Macclesfield Town for Health and Wellbeing Workshop 4pm Moss Rose Partnership Meeting PE Club Y1-3
21.1.20	Christie's Spelling Challenge Assembly 9.15am Y5 and Y6 Netball Tournament at TMA Reverend Andy visit to Year 4 Reception Class Presentation 3pm Football Club Starts
22.1.20	Parent Workshop UNICEF Rights and Refreshments 9-10am
23.1.20	Open the Book Assembly with Rec-Y2 every Thursday 10am Teacher Clubs start
24.1.20	Change4Life SEND event at Tytherington
27.1.20	Year 6 at Macclesfield Town for Health and Wellbeing Workshop
28.1.20	Year 1 Danes Moss Canal Walk Y2 Class Presentation 3pm
29.1.20	Parent Council Meeting 5.30pm
30.1.20	Y1 & 2 Delamere Residential 30.1.20-21.1.20
4.2.20	Year 6 Class Presentation 3pm
10.2.20	STEM Week Year 5 Road Safety Session
11.2.20	Safer Internet Day Aspire Trust Year 5 Maths Challenge
12.2.20	Year 2 at the Lowry Year 4 & 6 at Tatton Park for Anglo Saxons and Vikings Year 4 Class Presentation 3pm
13.2.20	Valentines Disco 3.30-4.30pm
14.2.20	End of half term.

Parent Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who completed the Parent Survey. We had a massive response, in fact the highest ever recorded.

***99% said their child is happy at school.**

***99% said their child feels safe at school.**

***97% said they would recommend the school to another parent.**

Nobody disagreed with the following statements:

***The school has high expectations for my child.**

***My child does well at school.**

***The school lets me know how my child is doing.**

***There is a good range of subjects available to my child.**

***The school supports my child's wider personal development.**

Of those who expressed an opinion 99% agreed with the following statements.

***The school makes sure pupils are well behaved.**

Thank you for your continued support. As always, if you have anything you would like to raise, please feel free to speak to your class teacher or directly with Mrs Finnegan, Mrs Veale or Mrs Ceuppens.

Some of the many wonderful quotes from the parent survey

**My child has had another amazing year; he is becoming an intelligent young man defining his future, ably supported by this amazing educational oasis.*

**My daughter recent moved from another school to this one and dearly loves this school. The head teacher and teachers have also made me as a parent very welcoming to the school. Also, the significant level of the highest daily standards that I see from the school and hear from my daughter is extremely impressive.*

**My Son is very well supported at Ash Grove. All the staff are supportive and meet all the needs for my child. I couldn't ask for a better school. A wide range of opportunities and trips are also available.*

**Brilliant school; fabulous staff who make learning fun so that children engage really well. Lots of extra-curricular opportunities and most of all staff who genuinely care about the children and want them to succeed. I wouldn't send my girls anywhere else and am proud to say they attend Ash Grove.*

** My children are very happy at Ash Grove. They are always pushed to better themselves and the teachers work very hard to give all children any support they need.*

**This school has helped my children fit in and open up and become more confident. They are always at hand to help. The staff go above and beyond to deal with any issues that may occur. And children feel safe and able to talk to any member of staff, Amazing school, staff and outstanding teaching at all levels SEN and greater depth.*

** Great school. I will be sad to see my child leave next year for high school wish he could start again at Ash Grove.*

**Amazing school with lovely supportive staff and I'm proud to say my child goes to Ash Grove.*

** The school not only support my children's educational development but also offers a wide range of interventions to support their emotional wellbeing. As a parent, I find the school nurturing and I feel my children are not only safe but feel valued and respected as part of their school community. The school always encourages parental involvement and I find operates with an 'open door' policy meaning I'm well informed with regards to my children's life at school. I find the staff go above and beyond; and not only for the children but for the families within school and the local community.*

Barrie Hardern

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Barrie Hardern shortly before Christmas. Barrie, as you may know was instrumental in ensuring Ash Grove fought off the threat of closure over ten years ago. He has been a valued and pivotal member of our school community for many years, many of which, were spent as a committed governor and a member of the board of trustees. Barrie was pivotal in securing the future success and sustainability of the school and he will be greatly missed.