



Joke

Q: Why was the broom late?

A: It "over swept"

This is the last Newsletter of the academic year. As you can see it is number 20 so I have managed to keep in line with my ambition of it becoming a fortnightly occurrence. Families will have many extra attachments to the Newsletter today as there is information about a number of items with it. For example, activities which are happening in the holidays and information which is relevant to school age children.

Leavers Service

School finishes after the Leavers Service in Church on Friday 17th July, starting at 1.15pm, (lunch in school as usual). Everyone is welcome to attend. We expect to have finished between 1.45pm—2.00pm. All children are to go home from Church. Please assist us in this by sending your children with the minimum of belongings on that day, we will aim to have sent home all work, P.E kits etc before then. The children will however, need waterproof coats and sensible footwear for walking down to the Church.

"Welly Walk" and Mufti day

On Thursday 16th July the whole school will be going on a walk in woodland in the village. They will all need their wellies—whatever the weather. They are going to have some fun activities to do when they are out, they will be back in time for lunch. As PTFA are holding a stall at the Village Show on Saturday 5th September we would like to make the Welly Walk an opportunity for a Mufti day too. The children can wear their own clothes—which are appropriate for a woodland walk. To "pay" for this privilege PTFA would like donations of bottles for the tombola stall.

Ashleworth's Got Talent

A reminder that on Wednesday 15th July the children have a chance to showcase their talents. It will be held at the Village Hall from 1.30pm. All children will be watching, even if they are not taking part, please pick your children up from the Hall at 3.00pm.

PGL photos

Those of you who ordered a copy of the photos from our recent residential will be able to get them from the office now, priced £4.00 each.

Before and After School Care

Starting from September we will be offering "wrap around" care between 8.00am—4.30pm. Please contact the office for more details.

Swine flu—message from the County

The County are aware of anecdotal evidence and some press reports that a few families are intending to hold "swine flu parties", in order to expose their children to the swine flu virus while it is "mild" to attempt to inoculate them from future, more severe strains. Health professionals are advising against such practices for a number of reasons:

- Whilst most people make a full recovery from swine flu at present, any form of flu is an unpleasant illness with symptoms that are more severe than that a normal cold
- There is always a chance that a child may have an underlying illness that could make contracting swine flu more complicated and potentially dangerous
- There is no guarantee that if the current strain mutates, that anyone previously exposed would be automatically immune
- Holding such gatherings will speed the spread of the virus and potentially put more vulnerable people at risk and increase the chances of the virus mutating



Stranger danger

With the Summer holiday coming up we are reminding parents and carers and children of the importance of the “Stranger danger” message. Key Stage 2 pupils have made some posters for Reception / Key Stage 1 about who you could approach if you are lost. The County periodically send out information about incidents which have happened and if they applicable to our situation it is passed on. It is better to be aware of potential dangers, especially when children are outside more in the Summer months.

Printer

We have a printer for sale. It is an HP Laserjet 1200 series printer. It prints only in black and white but apparently has a few years more life in it! We would like £15.00 for it.

Learning Themes

Our “Splash” theme is coming to an end and we are now thinking of the Autumn! The whole school focus will be on “Where we live”, with the main elements of learning being about Ashleworth. We will be researching the geography and history of the village and are looking for people who may have items and / or memories they can share with us. If you have an artefact—picture, photograph, piece of literature etc which you think we may find useful please let us know. We would also like to listen to or interview people who have memories about how Ashleworth has changed over the years. Please let us know if you are able to help in anyway with our new theme.

End of another year!

As we come to the end of an academic year I would like to say a great big thank you on behalf of the school for all the help and support we have received this year. There are too many people to name individually, but you know who you are! People who give up their time, in many different capacities in order to ensure that the school achieves its aims of being a thriving church school, at the heart of the community, where all children can realise their potential.

We also say goodbye and good luck to Charlie, David and Holly as they start their new adventure into their secondary education and think of all our children as they prepare to go into a new year group in September. We are looking forward to welcoming 7 new children into Reception in the Autumn and hopefully lots of new developments which are planned should have happened over the holidays.

Have a great holiday, enjoy yourselves, children please read (join the library quest) and we will see our pupils back in school on Monday 7th September.

Sarah Bunce