

# Ashley C of E Primary School

Newsletter Spring Term – No.6 – w/e 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Our value this half-term is: being kind  
*'At Ashley School we want to show kindness'*



## 'Battle of the Books'

Last Friday, a group of four Year 4s travelled to Burhill Primary School for an event called Battle of the Books. The event involved a number of primary schools from around the area and celebrated a diverse range of books from around the globe. The children came prepared with some incredible performance pieces. Ashley's Year 4s focussed on a short, traditional tale from Native America. Congratulations to the children that participated as, out of all participating primary schools, we were judged the winners of the competition!



## Stars of the School last week

Key Stage One: Isla B-C  
Lower Key Stage Two: Bradley W  
Upper Key Stage Two: Edward I

## Safer Internet Day

Tuesday was Safer Internet day, so today our Digital Leaders led a confident assembly to the whole school. Their message was all about 'identity' and being proud of who we are. They played a quiz with the children, reading messages and looking at images online to decide if they were a true identity or not. Their final message was, if you are worried that someone online might not be who they say they are, to tell someone you trust, never reply and don't close or delete the image or message as it may be evidence of someone who is using a false identity.

## Tech Days and Competition

When we return to school next half term the children are going to take part in their 'Tech' days. We have various visitors coming in to talk about animation, coding, TV presenting, games design and music technology. Each class will also have the chance to use virtual reality (VR) headsets, kindly loaned to us by Cleves school. What an exciting start to our term!

Don't forget to enter the Online Safety Song competition which needs to be in by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. You can write your lyrics and hand them in or create a video of you singing your song and send us a link. This can be done on your own or in groups. We have some exciting prizes on offer which have been kindly purchased by the FOA.

## **Ashley Parent Partnership (APP)**

The deadline for nominating yourself as a year group representative or the secretary is 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 5pm.

There's a simple online form for you to apply at [bit.ly/20ash23](https://bit.ly/20ash23)

## **Friends of Ashley update**

### **Family Bingo**

Thank you to everybody who came to family bingo on Saturday. We hope you all enjoyed it - we had a great time. Thank you to the many people who helped make it all happen and especially Tracey for organising the event. Thank you also to Chris for being our resident bingo caller!

We can advise that together we have raised £1,500 from the event, which is fantastic!

### **Circus**

Circus tickets will be going on sale after half term. Watch your e-mail and Facebook updates. Ticket prices will be as follows: £10 for adults, £8 for children or £32 for a family of 4 ticket.

### **Save the date**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April will be movie night for the children, on the last day of term. More details to follow in due course.

## **Coronavirus: latest information and advice**

The Department for Education has updated guidance for schools and added the list of countries affected by Coronavirus. However, the message remains the same – promote basic hygiene practices and call NHS 111 if you are concerned.

Further information at [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

## **Half-term next week**

Children finish at the normal time on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February and return to school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

## **Thank you for all your support**

We do appreciate all the conversations, messages of support and acts of kindness you have shown to staff. We look forward to a great rest of the term as we head towards Easter.