

Ashley C of E Primary School

Newsletter Autumn Term – No.05 – w/e 6th November 2020

Our value this half-term is: respect
'At Ashley School we are learning to be respectful'



Romans 12:10 "Love each other as Christian brothers. Show respect for each other".

Children in Need



We will be supporting and raising money for Children in Need as our main charity this term. The focus is on Mental Health and Wellbeing, so we are inviting all children to wear something to cheer themselves and each other up. The list could be endless, including creating an outfit from what you have at home just for the day. This is not compulsory.

Our day is **Thursday 12th November** (as Friday is photo day for those in school).

Please donate if you can:

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

- Donating online means we are not handling money. However we will, of course, accept any cash on the day.

COVID-19

You may have read that government guidelines for schools require all after-school activities to close during lockdown, unless these provide a childcare function for working parents. We know that a number of our parents work and therefore will confidently argue that they are for that purpose. Our procedures, keeping children in bubbles, all clubs being run by school staff, etc.) ensure that after-school activities are no different from procedures during the school day. However, individual parents may take their own decision not to allow their child to attend after school activities.

Ventilation

Guidance states that we must ensure rooms are well ventilated. This means that we have windows open in all classrooms even though it is getting colder outside and the heating is now on in school. We know that our gas bill will be significantly increased this year.

Please ask your child if they are getting cold at school and adjust their clothing appropriately. Extra layers may be in order, and we will not mind if some items are not school uniform, although please do your best to maintain smart school uniform as much as possible.

Harmony - Learn the Principle, Live the Principle

As you already know, at Ashley School we use nature's seven principles of Harmony to provide a context for our pupils' learning which we hope will enable them to see our world in a new way. Every year group focuses on one of the following six principles each half term: oneness, health, adaptation, cycle, diversity and interdependence. The principle of Geometry is a constant theme running throughout the year. Please visit the Harmony page on our website to find out more.

<https://www.ashleyschool.org.uk/eco-school/harmony>

To ensure that we are living these principles as well as learning them, we will regularly provide a short reminder of each principle.

One of nature's principles of Harmony is 'Health' and this half term Reception and Year 1 have this as their focus principle.

As we begin another national lockdown and with one of our year group bubbles in self isolation, it is more important than ever that we consider and prioritise our own health and wellbeing. Look after yourselves and those around you. Spend time with nature (when possible) and remember 'the greatest wealth is health'.

Together we can thank God for those of us in good health and please bring strength to those with health problems at the moment.

FOA Christmas!

We have been busy planning away to ensure the children still get a jolly festive time at school and also plenty of fun for the parents to enjoy too.

Sadly, we cannot hold the usual Christmas Bazaar at the school, however, we will be having a virtual one! We are sure many of you will have heard from your class reps that we will be having the usual hampers and silent auction, which will take place on Facebook. We have now launched a new Friends of Ashley page called 'Friends of Ashley 2020' which we will be running the bazaar on. Please do join it.

The usual art and bake-off competitions will be taking place and more details will follow on these shortly. We will also be adding a new competition which is 'festive pets!' So start planning your family pet's Christmas outfit! We will also run a raffle as usual but this time a paperless one. Look out for information on that.

Just to keep you up-to-date with the children's festive fun, we are arranging for each class to be provided with a 'Party in a box', where they will get to have a party in class nearer Christmas and also the usual bazaar fun zone will be taking place in class, with the fabulous teachers organising

this, and the children creating their own games to play amongst their year group.

We are also organising a virtual visit from Santa for each class and a gift for each child. However please don't let that slip to the children as it will be a lovely surprise for them.

You will have already seen we are selling Elf Workshop Goodie Bags for £5 each and the deadline for orders is 13th November so don't delay in getting your form in.

We will also be selling mince pies freshly baked by the very local Gingerbread Man bakery. The order form will be coming out this week. Both of these sales will help raise funds for the FOA.

Remembrance

All classes will be involved in Remembrance in some way on 11th. We will, most likely, be having our Y6 service in the hall, rather than at the memorial.



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