

ASH GREEN WEEKLY NEWS



We have had a wonderful week at Ash Green full of fun and KINDNESS as we celebrated Anti-Bullying Week by showing kindness to others and ourselves. We have also had an Assessment Week where our children have taken a series of 'light touch' tests to gauge their progress. Next week we celebrate 'International Week' where children will sample French food and learn lots of fun things about France, the country we study in our Modern Foreign Languages lessons. Here's to a restful weekend for everyone- please take care and be Covid aware, this week we have had several cases across school and in families and it is clear that we all need to be very vigilant against this terrible virus.

Calderdale Council

SURVEY OF PARENTS/CARERS

If you have children under 8 years old or are currently expecting a child, Calderdale Council would love to hear your views! You have the chance to be entered into a free prize draw to win one of three prizes of high street vouchers before Christmas. Calderdale Council as a local authority are responsible for commissioning and delivering public health services for children aged 0-5 years. As part of the local Starting Well Strength and Needs Assessment Calderdale Council are asking parents and carers to complete a survey about services for 0-5 year olds and their families locally. They would like to know what families consider the strengths of local services to be, and what needs improving. QA research are managing the survey for Calderdale Council. You can complete the survey on: <https://surveys.qaresearch.co.uk/Calderdaleparents.asp> The survey will be open until 5th December to give your views.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER

Look out for details over the next couple of weeks as we prepare for Christmas Jumper day on 10th December where we will raise money for Overgate and Forget-Me-Not Hospices.

SCHOOL TRIPS

Mon 29 Nov	Class 1R – Ogden Water
Wed 1 Dec	Class 1W – Ogden Water
Wed 15 Dec	Class 6Co & 6Cr – Viaduct Theatre

Thank you for all the contributions towards Children in Need from today's non-uniform day.



TERM DATES

CHRISTMAS	CLOSE – FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER	RE-OPEN TUESDAY 4 JANUARY 2022
HALF TERM	CLOSE – FRIDAY 18 FEBRUARY	RE-OPEN – MONDAY 28 FEBRUARY
EASTER	CLOSE – FRIDAY 8 APRIL	RE-OPEN MONDAY 25 APRIL
	MAY DAY – CLOSE – MONDAY 2 MAY	
ADDITIONAL ROYAL BANK HOLIDAY	MONDAY 6 JUNE	TRAINING DAY – TUESDAY 7 JUNE
HALF TERM	CLOSE – FRIDAY 27 MAY	RE-OPEN WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE
MID-SUMMER	CLOSE – FRIDAY 22 JULY	

Coming SOON

HOLIDAY CAMP

20-23 December

LOOK OUT!

for more details



COVID-19 UPDATE

Remember that if anyone in your family is showing symptoms of Covid 19:

- A high temperature for any period of time
- A new and continuous cough
- A loss of smell or taste

That person will need a Covid 19 PCR test. For this, follow:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If a child or staff member shows these symptoms they should NOT come into school/will be sent home from school. A test should be arranged. When the test is negative they can return.

IF a test is positive that person would need to isolate for 10 days and we would contact the families of anyone we felt may have been a contact.

There is no longer a requirement for children under 18 or double jabbed adults to isolate as contacts. However, national guidance is that those contacts- including household members of the positive case- take a PCR test, they do not have to isolate unless that test proved positive. At Ash Green, if we hear of a positive case then we WILL inform the families of children who may have been contacts and recommend as a minimum that they take a PCR test but those children CAN still come to school. If the child subsequently showed symptoms then they would have to isolate for 10 days or take a PCR test which if negative would mean they could return. REMEMBER, CALDERDALE (WHERE RATES ARE IN THE HIGHEST IN THE UK) GUIDANCE IS THAT CHILD HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL IF THERE IS A POSITIVE CASE IN THE HOUSE UNTIL THEIR OWN PCR TEST (RECOMMENDED 3 DAYS AFTER THE POSITIVE TEST FOR A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER) IS NEGATIVE.

It remains such a difficult time for us all. Covid cases are still worryingly high, we have had EVEN MORE staff and children test positive this week, and we must put continued measures in place to support distancing, increased hygiene and prevent widespread contact between groups. The safety and welfare of our children, families and staff members is paramount. I know this causes some families some frustration when traditional 'face to face events' have to be delivered virtually, or even postponed, but this remains a critical time for the health of our school community and that of the nation.