

Friday 10th February 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

SPRING TERM 3 NEWSLETTER

As we finish for the half term holiday, I am pleased to provide the following information:

DIARY DATES

February	Monday 13th-Friday 17th	HALF TERM
	Tuesday 21 st	Prokick Challenge
	Wednesday 22 nd	Parent Consultation Evening Football vs Parkhouse (h)
	Thursday 23 rd	Parent Consultation Evening
	Friday 24 th	Bags2Schools
	Monday 27 th February – 3 ^{1st} March	Arts Week
March	Thursday 2 nd	World Book Day Football vs Heath (h)
	Friday 24 th	Comic Relief Day
April	Monday 3 rd April	Y3/4 Dress rehearsal
	Tuesday 4 th April	Y3/4 Performance – 2pm
	Wednesday 5 th April	Y3/4 Performance – 6pm
	Thursday 6 th April	Disco
	Friday 7 th April	Non-uniform day
	Monday 10th April-Friday 21st April	EASTER BREAK
	Wednesday 26 th April	Class Photos
May	Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th	SATS week
	Thursday 25 th	Bunting Cup
	Monday 29th – Friday 2nd June	HALF TERM
June	Monday 5th	INSET DAY
	Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th	Phonics Screening Y1 Healthy Eating Week
	Wednesday 21 st	Sports day
	Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th	School Journey
July	Thursday 6 th July	Y5/6 Dress Rehearsal
	Friday 7 th	Summer Fair
	Thursday 13 th	Y/6 afternoon & evening performance
	Thursday 20 th	Disco
	Friday 21 st	Non uniform day END OF TERM

Please note that these are subject to change and will be updated on our website accordingly.

FRIENDS OF ASHOVER UPDATE

A big thank you to everyone who has supported our activities this term. After our incredible Christmas term where we raised more than £2300 this half term we've added £270 from the film night and the jumping clay taster sessions. We've bought a new cooker for school house so children can bake in school and at cooking club and we have funded music equipment for school.

We hope you'll join us for our pre-mother's day shopping night on 9/3/17 at 7.30pm in the school hall. On the subject of Mother's Day: dads please don't forget to order your gifts for mums (information was sent out last week).

As ever if you'd like to volunteer at any of our events we'd love to hear from you. Next meeting is Wednesday 1st March 7pm in the aftercare hut.

FUNDRAISING

Please don't forget to do your online shopping through easy fundraising – school shopping to date has currently raised in excess of £500! To register;

1. **Go to** www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofashoverschool
2. **Sign up for free**
3. **Get shopping** - your donations will be collected by easy fundraising and automatically sent to school. It couldn't be easier!

Online Safety Update

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we will now be issuing parents with guidance in relation to online safety in each newsletter. We have recently added the Click CEOP button to our school website. CEOP (Child Exploitation Online Protection) is a command of the National Crime Agency – if you are concerned that a child you know is at risk online you can report this via the CEOP button. There is a wealth of information available on the CEOP website in relation to keeping children safe online. Furthermore, a Government service called Parent Info is designed to give parents and carers the information they need to help them navigate the minefield of issues children face on everything from spotting the warning signs of self-harm, age appropriate videos to internet trolls. Clicking on the link below will open their website homepage. <http://parentinfo.org/>

CHILDREN'S NEWS

A mini-zoo came to visit year 3 & year 4, bringing animals which inhabit the rainforest. We got to meet different animals and hold them, if we wanted to.

The last animal we got to meet was massive. His name was Barry and he was a Burmese Python. His skin was shedding and we enjoyed stroking him. He has still got some growing to do!



Sports News from Mrs Rhodes:

Some Year 5s and Year 6's took part in Sportshall Athletics at Tupton Hall School on 19th January. The children were fabulous, cheered each other on, demonstrated Spirit of The Games attributes and did their best. Well done.

On 19th January 6 children for school took part in a Boccia tournament at Tupton Hall School. They thoroughly enjoyed it and were very proud of their achievements. Another fabulous event, well done.

Our netball team are training hard together in all weathers and developing their skills, supporting each other at the same time.

The mini-leaders are working hard to engage children in games during playtimes and lunchtimes. They have organised a timetable and developed activities for children to enjoy.

A special mention goes to 4 mini-leaders who have given up more of their own time to work with a group of children during lunchtimes, varying their activities and keeping them happy and engaged.

Our Bronze Ambassadors had a great time at the EIS in Sheffield, learning what is needed to become a Bronze Ambassador, what it means and how they can help and support the development in physical activity across the school.

STAFF and SCHOOL NEWS

Work is continuing on the EYFS outdoor garden area and a new gate is being installed from the car park during the half term holiday.

Enjoy the half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone when we return to school on Monday 20th February.

Yours faithfully



Mrs V Spender
Headteacher

Ashover School, Narrowleys Lane, Ashover, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S45 0AU. Tel: 01246 590 207.

Headteacher: Mrs Vicky Spender | **Assistant Headteacher:** Mrs Sharon Hallsworth | **Chair of Governors:** Andrew Coates

