



## DIARY DATES

November 2018

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 19:30**

FoSG Quiz Night

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov**

Nursery visit to  
Victoria School

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec**

FoSG Dress Down Day

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 14:00**

Prospective Reception  
Parents Open Day

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 08:45**

Parent Forum

December 2018

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec**

Whole School Panto

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Owls Trip to Library

**Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Dec**

-Open Morning for  
Current Nursery  
-Strictly Come  
Dancing Workshop  
(whole school)  
- Squirrels R Trip to  
Library

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 14:15**

Phonics Workshop for  
Parents

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Flu Vaccination

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 09:30**

FS Dress Rehearsal

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 09:15**

FS Performance

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 14:00**

Y2 Dress Rehearsal

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 09:15**

FS Performance

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 14:00**

Y1 Dress Rehearsal

**Thur 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 09:15**

Y2 Performance

**Thur 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 14:00**

Y1 Performance

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 09:15**

Y1 Performance

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 14:00**

Y2 Performance

## 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016

### Welcome Back

I hope you all had a good half term break. This term we have a lot of fun things planned before we break up for the festive holidays including our school presentations.

### Children in Need



It was wonderful to see so many children come into school wearing spots. Thank you all so very much for your generous contributions today. We raised a grand total of £207.95!



### Head Bump Protocol

To safeguard our children, we have changed the school's protocol with regard to head bumps. All bumps on the head including the face are recorded and a form is given to you at pick up. If you are not the person collecting your child then school staff will contact you.

### Flu vaccination

The nurses will be in school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 9:00 to administer the annual flu nasal spray to pupils whose parents have consented.

### Marking Policy

Our marking policy encourages pupils to take responsibility for their own learning by creating a culture in which learning, marking, feedback and evaluation is at the heart of each lesson.

All pupils can expect to receive regular and consistent feedback which praises their efforts to learn and supports their next learning steps.

When Learning Objectives (LO) are shared, pupil's learning, motivation and achievement is significantly improved. We recognise that it is important that children know what they must concentrate on and the purpose of the task. We ensure the Success Criteria (SC) are clear and progressive and where possible created with the children, so that they know when they have achieved the LO.

When marking homework, we tick the piece of work meaning it has been read, and mark it with a "well done" stamp. For exceptional work we write a comment and award a Pasta Point or Pot of Gold.



## Phonics Workshop

A phonics workshop will be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 14:15. We will be providing a crèche for younger siblings.

All the information of how we teach phonics can be found on our school website.

We encourage parents to read the information before attending the workshop.

## Staff Changes

We would like to warmly welcome Mrs Ayres who is teaching in Badgers Class, covering Mrs Marshall's maternity leave.

We welcome Mrs Heffernan to the school office as Admin Assistant.

Mrs Turner is the new TA in Hedgehogs Class (Thursday and Friday).

Mrs Franklin has joined our lunch time team.

## Attend and Achieve

The attend and Achieve assembly was held this week. The proud winners of the cup for October are **Badgers class** with an attendance of 98%.

- Hedgehogs 97.6%
- Foxes 97.2%
- Owls 96.9%
- Rabbits 94%
- Squirrels 93.8%
- Voiles 92.8%.



## Window Project

We are delighted to announce that the Capital Funding bid to replace the remaining original windows has been accepted by Herts County. The work will be conducted in two stages:

- Stage 1 begins Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November and will involve removing the panels below the windows over three weekends.
- Stage 2 is programmed to commence in January 2019.

In addition, in January they will be creating a doorway from the Rabbits Class to the new outdoor learning area.

## Diwali Assembly

We would like to thank Mrs Davies and her mother who kindly gave us a talk about the Sikh celebration of Diwali. They taught us that Diwali is the festival of lights and we learnt that Diwali is both a Hindu and Sikh festival. Some children dressed in traditional Indian clothes and Mrs Davies bought us delicious cakes to try.





## PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

*'Intelligence without ambition is a bird without wings'.*

Salvador Dali

## Admissions Arrangements Consultation for Ashlyns

The Governors of Ashlyns are consulting on a change to their Admission Arrangements from September 2019. More information can be found on their school website:

<https://www.ashlyns.herts.sch.uk/school-life/admissions/>

They would be grateful if you could send any comments you have on these arrangements via email to:

[governors@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:governors@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk)

or by post to:

Ashlyns School,  
Chesham Road,  
Berkhamsted,  
Herts, HP4 3AH.

Responses should be sent no later than 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019. The Ashlyn's Governors will be meeting after this date to determine these arrangements.

## Foundation Stage Bonfire

Foundation stage enjoyed sharing a bonfire. They roasted mini potatoes and made rice crispy cakes and scones. They also enjoyed a talk about fire safety and discussed the firework safety code.

## School Presentations

All dates have been sent out in a ParentMail poster and are in the diary dates column of this Newsletter. A letter will be sent home next week so that you can request your tickets.

## School Crossing Patrol

There will be no School Crossing Patrol on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure your children follow the 'Green Cross Code' whilst crossing the road.

## Reminders

I would like to remind you that absences must be reported on the first day of illness and each subsequent day. In cases of chicken pox, the school must be notified on the first day of illness and if the child does not return by day 5 the school must be notified again.

In cases of diarrhoea and stomach upset, the NHS advice is to keep children off school for 48 hours from the last day episode. Could you please ensure that the school is notified by 09:00.

## Eco-friendly

As an eco-friendly school, the Office are trying to reduce our carbon footprint by reusing envelopes. You will have been given an A4 manila 'internal mail' envelope. Please return this envelope to the School Office so that we can use this to send you your Presentation Tickets.

## Baby News

Miss Oliver gave birth to a beautiful girl Ophelia and Mrs Marshall gave birth to a beautiful boy Ralph. Mothers and babies are doing well and are happy for you to share the good news with your children.

*Francesca Gallagher (Mrs)  
Headteacher*