



Happy New Year

Welcome Back

Dear all,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all back to Ashwell School after the Christmas Holiday. I very much hope you and the children have enjoyed a lovely festive break with your families and loved ones. It has been lovely watching how quickly the children have settled in to the new term.

I am extremely excited about the New Year and start of term at Ashwell. In the little time I have spent in school and around the staff I can already see what an exciting term we have in front of us, full of motivating and engaging activities for the children - Science Week, Feeling Good Week, Safer Internet Day, World Book Day to name but a few!

I am really looking forward to spending time getting to know the school routines, children, parents and staff over the coming weeks and have already been made to feel extremely welcome.

I look forward to working with you all.

Yours Sincerely
Mr S England
Headteacher



Twitter @AshwellSchool

Hopefully you will agree with me when I say that communication in a school community is essential. I am a big believer in this and have lots of ideas to ensure we effectively share information with you as we move forward. For those of you who are keen to keep up to date with informal information on a daily basis, you will be pleased to know that I am a big fan of Twitter and intend to have the Ashwell School Twitter account back up and running before the end of this week. Follow us @AshwellSchool I enjoy sharing things with parents such as: what I see when I visit classrooms, things I share with children in assemblies and other useful reminders etc!

We currently have 70 followers - can we get all families following?



Are you interested in shaping the future of Ashwell School?

I am delighted to inform you that we now have a Parent Governor vacancy at Ashwell Primary school. We have sent out information on this. If you are interested in running to be a Parent Governor and would like further information I am happy to discuss what is involved. Please make an appointment at the school office.

Term Date Correction

Whilst checking our term dates recently we have noticed a small error in the published term dates on the school website. Please note that after Easter the school term starts on **Tuesday 18th April**.

Assembly Themes

During my first couple of whole school assemblies, I have been talking to the children about our Ashwell New Year resolutions. Take some time to ask them about what we are working towards:

1. Trying our best with our learning
 - a. Perseverance (I can do it)
 - b. Resilience
 - c. We all view mistakes as a learning opportunity
2. RESPECT FOR ALL
 - a. Outstanding Behaviour choices
 - b. Excellent Manners

Reminders to Parents

Could I please ask that all parents ensure that children are wearing appropriate clothing for the weather conditions. It is important that all children have a coat with them each day as we like to get the children outside in the fresh air where ever possible. Please ensure that all clothing is named and that children with long hair have their hair tied back at all times.

Please ensure you have signed up to the new school's weather notification system. To sign up please go to:

member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489 (you will have to copy and paste it into the URL bar) and click the "Sign Up" button at the top right hand side of the page on the grey strip, from there follow the instructions.

Upcoming Events

- **Friday 13th January** - Year 4 Swimming Lessons Start
- **Thursday 26th January** - Year 6 visit to KTS to see Wind in the Willows
- **Saturday 28th January** - PTA Burns Supper Event
- **Wednesday 8th February** - Nursery Open morning for 2017 intake
- **Friday 10th February** - Year 6 Primary Singing festival at KTS
- **Monday 13th February** - Half Term
- **20th - 25th February** - Feeling Good Week
- **Tuesday 21st February** - Nursery Open morning for 2017 intake
- **Tuesday 21st February** - Year 5/6 K'nex Challenge
- **Thursday 2nd March** - World Book Day
- **Monday 6th March** - Year 6 at Houses of Parliament
- **Thursday 9th March** - Paralympic Sports activity day
- **13th - 17th March** - Science Week
- **Monday 20th March** - Parents' evening
- **Thursday 23rd March** - Parents' evening
- **Friday 24th March** - Red Nose Day
- **Friday 31st March** - Break up for Easter





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The Wind in the Willows



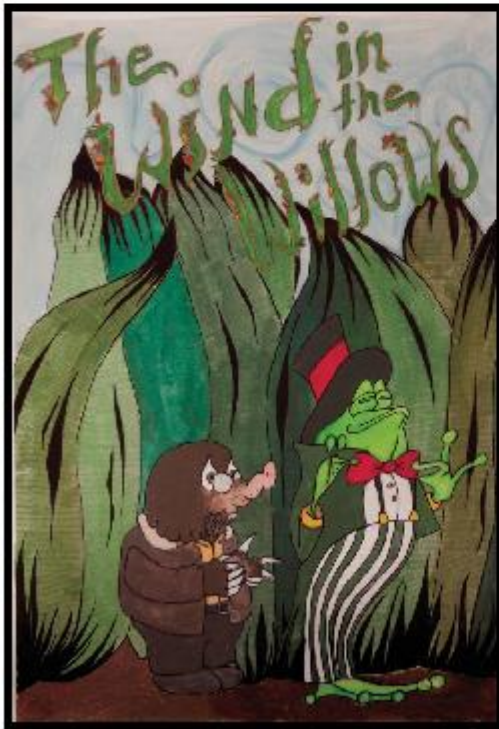
by Alan Bennett

Adapted from the book by Kenneth Grahame

Tuesday 24th – Friday 27th January @ 7pm

Saturday 28th January @ 1pm and 5pm*

In the Main Hall



*Students can purchase tickets at break
and the start of lunch in the canteen*

Concessions £5

Adults £8

Family Ticket (2 adults/2 children) £22

*Saturday matinees only – Bring your own cushion
and picnic – sit on the floor – Picnic Zone: Adults £6
and Concessions £4 (seated tickets still available!)

*Parents and the public can reserve tickets
by calling the School Reception on
01462 620700 or by emailing
DramaBoxOffice@ktemplar.herts.sch.uk*

This amateur production of "Wind in the Willows, The
(Bennett)" is presented by special arrangement with
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