

Ashwell School



19th December 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Ofsted Visit

We were delighted to receive the letter from Ofsted HMI confirming that the school retains its grading of a Good school. As previously mentioned, the staff and children were superb throughout the Inspection and we are immensely grateful for the support offered by our parents during the process. The Ofsted letter is now on both the school website and the Ofsted website.

Children in Need

Thank you to all the children who helped to make Children in Need so successful this year at Ashwell School. As well as selling Pudsey merchandise through the school office, some of our children including Millie, Chloe, Daisy, Mia, Erin and Chloe organised an extremely successful cake sale during break time and after school. I am delighted to inform you that the school raised £931.57 for Children in Need which is also being match-funded by the Insurance Company Liverpool Victoria. Well done!



PE

Now the weather has changed, our lovely P.E coach, Miss Garrad has requested that children have appropriate warm PE clothing in their PE bags e.g. tracksuit bottoms, sweat shirts and trainers. The children are outside for PE whenever possible and we were concerned that some children are cold wearing shorts and T-shirts.



Christmas at Ashwell School 2016





School Performances

We were so proud of all our children during the School Productions. The children rose to the occasion; they sang beautifully, spoke with clarity and demonstrated enviable acting skills! Many thanks for your generous contributions following the concerts; as a result of your support we have been able to make a donation of £578.10 to the Garden House Hospice in Letchworth.

Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar was, once again, extremely successful with the Year 6 children excelling themselves with their creativity and wonderful stalls. The total raised by the Christmas raffle and Bazaar was £1,470 - thank you to everyone who made this possible.



Finally

Although my time as Interim Headteacher at Ashwell has been short, it has been exceptionally busy! It has however been a pleasure, an honour and a real privilege to work in such a fabulous school - the staff are amazing and work tirelessly in the interest of the children and school and the children are hardworking, talented and totally engrossed in the ethos of all that makes Ashwell special.

I would like to wish Mr Simon England every success at Ashwell and wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas, a wonderful 2017 and every success for the future.

Please visit the school website which has all relevant information including term dates, inset days, trip and visit information plus more at www.ashwell.herts.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Suzanne Summerhayes

Interim Headteacher

Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
Tue 20 th December		Whole School Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 21 st December	Finish at 1.30 pm	Last day of term
Friday 6 th January		First day of term
Friday 13 th January		Year 4 – Swimming Lessons Start (for 10 weeks)
Thursday 26 th January	Afternoon	Year 6 attending the KTS Schools Performance Wind in the Willows
Wednesday 8 th February	9.15am	Open Morning for Nursery Intake Sept 2017
Friday 10 th February	TBC	Year 6 at KTS – Primary Schools Singing Festival
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February		Half Term
Tuesday 21 st February	9.15am	Open Morning for Nursery Intake Sept 2017
Tuesday 21 st February	All Day	Year 5 & 6 KNex Challenge
Monday 6 th March	All Day	Year 6 visit to Houses of Parliament
Monday 20 th March		Parents' Evening
Thursday 23 rd March		Parents' Evening
Friday 24 th March	All Day	Red Nose Day
Friday 31 st March	Finish at 1.30pm	Last day of Term