

ASH GREEN WEEKLY NEWS



Next week at Ash Green sees our first Virtual Parents' Evening on Tuesday from 4-7pm – if you are having problems please see your child's class teacher. It will be class 6Cr's turn to visit Park Lane on Thursday for a taster morning of PE, Art and English, with drinks and snacks as well as a Pizza Hut for lunch! Our Nursery and Reception children will enjoy a Halloween party on Thursday and Friday. And we end the week on Friday when we break up for October Half Term – children return on Monday 1 November.

GOODLUCK!



We send our love and good luck wishes to Miss Begum who leaves us today to start a new (married) life in the South of England. We will miss her caring nature immensely and are very thankful for the superb service she has given the children and families of Ash Green. She has been an asset to our school not only as a teacher but for all her hard work with our website, the school app and her amazing Twitter feeds! We wish her all the luck in the world as she begins her new adventure.



Well done to Class 6Co for their impeccable behaviour at Park Lane yesterday. The children had a great time and were complimented by the staff.

Next week will be Class 6Cr's turn and we know they will be just as impressive.

HARVEST THANKS

A big thank you to everybody for your generous Harvest Festival donations. These will be donated to those in need in the community.



A REMINDER THAT...

Sunday 31st October 2021 is the closing date for applications to all Secondary Schools for our current Year 6.

This is an online application which parents and carers will find on the Calderdale Council website on the schools ADMISSIONS page.



Remembrance

When we return after the holidays, there will be lots of Remembrance items on sale: poppies, zip tags, wrist bands and snap bands will all be available and priced between 50p and £1.50.



COVID-19 UPDATE

Calderdale's Public Health department has updated their guidance to schools given the rapidly rising cases of Covid – and subsequent hospital admissions – in our area. Rates in children are dramatically rising across the country since schools returned in September.

The letter they have sent can be found in the Covid Update section of our school website – www.ashgreen.info.

The recommendations are ones that we already follow in the main – particularly not mixing groups unnecessarily, reducing face to face events such as traditional Parents' Evenings, ventilation in classrooms, wearing masks in busy communal areas etc. The ONE NEW recommendation from Public Health is that if there is a positive case confirmed by PCR in a household then children in that household do not attend school until a PCR test has been taken and returned negative and that it is recommended that tests for children are taken 3-5 days after the confirmation of the positive PCR test. However, this is not legal guidance and if families want children to attend school despite there being a positive PCR case in the household, then they can. As a minimum, if there is a positive PCR case in the household then other household members really should have a PCR test and as stated above, the recommendation is now that other children in that household do NOT attend school until a PCR negative test result is returned.

Children have taken a letter home. Thank you for your support – we are trying to make almost impossible decisions to balance home/school relations, children's academic progress and the health and safety of our community.

Just a reminder

WE BREAK UP FOR OCTOBER HALF TERM NEXT FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER



MIXENDEN HOLIDAY CAMP



TUESDAY 26TH - FRIDAY 29TH OCTOBER AT ASH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

PUMPKIN CARVING, HALLOWEEN ARTS & CRAFTS, WIPE OUT INFLATABLES AND
MUCH MORE !

THE HOLIDAY CAMP IS FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-11, WILL RUN FOR 4 DAYS YOU
MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND ALL 4 DAYS

AND WILL BE FULLY FUNDED IF YOUR CHILD IS ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFIT
ENTITLEMENT FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

A HEALTHY MEAL AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED

TO BOOK A PLACE OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT



KIRILEA WHITEHEAD ON 07540 674 564



COVID 19 SYMPTOMS, TESTS, FOLLOW UP!

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, the recommendation 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 (See Page 1 for Calderdale recommendations) 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.

It remains such a difficult time for us all. Covid cases are still worryingly high 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.