

# ASH GREEN WEEKLY NEWS



We have spoken a lot this week about festivals at this time of year, celebrating Divali during assembly for example. We have also spoken at length about firework and bonfire safety and hope that today on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November all our children and families are able to enjoy the celebrations this year but in a safe way! It was lovely to see Reverend Robb and his fantastic Intern, Bailey, at the Upper Site yesterday for assembly. They will visit our Lower Site next Thursday. Remember, Holy Nativity have a Food Bank every Monday afternoon for any families to access.

There are still Remembrance items on sale: poppies, zip tags, wrist bands and snap bands available.

We will have a Remembrance Assembly on Monday morning and then a 2 minutes silence on Thursday morning.



**STARTS ON MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER**

Children and staff are invited to come to school on that Monday wearing...

**ODD SOCKS**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



## MARY BERRY EAT YOUR HEART OUT!

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Year 6 children, for their excellent contributions to the Bakeoff competition!

It is safe to say that the children enjoyed their tasty snacks.

A total of £60 was raised; this will be donated to Chester Zoo to help support the conservation project.

Well done Year 6. The children then followed this up with a fantastic day at the Zoo yesterday. Our children are becoming very environmentally aware and in a week when world leaders are meeting to look at how we can save our planet, I was very proud to hear a slogan from one of our Year 6 superstars who said, 'After the world ends, you will be full of regret!' Stunning, keep caring children!



## STARTING RECEPTION

Parents/guardians with children resident in Calderdale will need to apply for a school place online at... [www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions).

Parents/guardians may view or amend their online application throughout the preferencing period from 19 November 2021 until 15 January 2022.

An automated email will be sent to the parent/guardian as acknowledgement of receipt once the application has been submitted.

Parents/guardians may also request that the offer of a school place is received by email.

Offers of school places will be made on National Offer Day, which is **Tuesday 19 April 2022**.

For more information look on the school website – [www.ashgreen.info](http://www.ashgreen.info) – under the 'Key Info' tab and the 'Admissions' page.



## Christmas Food Deliveries

In Summer, we arranged for any families in receipt of Free School Meals to have Amazon deliveries of breakfast items, thanks to our partnership with Magic Breakfast. Many families took this up.

Families on FSM have received an email today asking them to confirm if they want this service at Christmas. We only need you to let us know at school that it is ok for us to pass on your address details so that Amazon can deliver the items at Christmas- and then again at Easter. We need to know

## CHILDREN IN NEED...

is celebrated this year on **Friday 19 November**.

We will raise funds that day through a non-uniform day.



## TERM DATES

Autumn	Christmas	Spring	Summer
CHRISTMAS	CLOSE — FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER	RE-OPEN TUESDAY 4 JANUARY 2022	
HALF TERM	CLOSE — FRIDAY 18 FEBRUARY	RE-OPEN — MONDAY 28 FEBRUARY	
EASTER	CLOSE — FRIDAY 8 APRIL	RE-OPEN MONDAY 25 APRIL	
	MAY DAY — CLOSE — MONDAY 2 MAY		
ADDITIONAL ROYAL BANK HOLIDAY	WINTER MONDAY 6 JUNE	AUTUMN TRAINING DAY — TUESDAY 7 JUNE	WINTER
HALF TERM	CLOSE — FRIDAY 27 MAY	RE-OPEN WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE	
MID-SUMMER	CLOSE — FRIDAY 22 JULY		

WE HOSTED ANOTHER INCREDIBLY SUCCESSFUL HOLIDAY CAMP DURING HALF TERM.

**LOOK OUT!**

FOR DETAILS OF ANOTHER HOLIDAY CAMP FROM 20-23 DECEMBER.





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, national guidance 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. 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. REMEMBER, CALDERDALE (WHERE RATES ARE IN THE HIGHEST IN THE UK) GUIDANCE IS THAT CHILD HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL IF THERE IS A POSITIVE CASE IN THE HOUSE UNTIL THEIR OWN PCR TEST (RECOMMENDED 3 DAYS AFTER THE POSITIVE TEST FOR A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER) IS NEGATIVE.

It remains such a difficult time for us all. Covid cases are still worryingly high, we have had staff and children test positive since we broke up for October Half Term, 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. I know this causes some families some frustration when traditional 'face to face events' have to be delivered virtually, or even postponed, but this remains a critical time for the health of our school community and that of the nation.