

# ASH GREEN WEEKLY NEWS



We have had a wonderful week at Ash Green and the children are enjoying fantastic learning experiences and the overwhelming majority of children also display immaculate behavior. Next week, we have an Assessment Week where children will be showing just what great progress they have caught up this term. We also have much to celebrate next week with a focus on acts of kindness as we support Anti-Bullying Week. There will also be some inter-school football games in PE lessons. We finish next Friday with a non-uniform day to support Children In Need- we know that some supermarkets are selling merchandise but all we ask is for a non-uniform focus and 50p contribution to this fantastic charity.

## RESPECTFUL REMEMBRANCE

Thanks to all children who supported this year's remembrance charity effort by purchasing poppies and other items from school.

We also had special assemblies on Remembrance and an impeccably observed 2 minute silence on Thursday.



#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week. We are so proud of how well our children treat one another in school but know there are rare occasions when children can be unkind to one another too. The theme next week is 'Kind Deeds' and we will be looking at how we can be kind to each other and also kind to ourselves.

Please wear odd socks on Monday to show your support for Anti-Bullying Week.



## WELCOME

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Dye to join our staff team.

Mrs Dye has served our Governing Body fantastically well and is known to many families already: she will join our team as Pastoral Lead Worker in December, working with children and families, delivering intervention groups and therapeutic input as well as supporting the learning of our children.

We very much look forward to working with her!



## HOLY NATIVITY FOOD BANK

A reminder that Rev. Robb Sutherland and his team are running a food bank each MONDAY from 2-3.30pm for anyone who needs any support at the moment with food supplies.

## CALLING ALL NETBALLERS!



It is FREE to attend so come and join this friendly and supportive group; beginners are welcome as well as keen players!

Next Thursday sees the relaunch of our Mixy Marchers and netball groups! It is open to women and girls from the community and will run at the Lower Site Hall 6-7.30pm.



## CHILDREN IN NEED

Next Friday 19 November is Children in Need.

We invite all staff and children to wear 'non-uniform' and donate 50p towards a wonderful cause.



## Christmas Support

We are in the final stages of arranging support over the Christmas holiday time via our partnership with Magic Breakfast and Amazon.

TERM DATES			
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	MONDAY 6 JUNE	TRAINING DAY — TUESDAY 7 JUNE	
HALF TERM	CLOSE — FRIDAY 27 MAY	RE-OPEN WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE	
MID-SUMMER	CLOSE — FRIDAY 22 JULY		





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 EVEN MORE 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.