

Ascot Heath CE Junior School

Newsletter 29 – 10/05/19



Ascot Heath
CE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Head of School's News

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a busy week in school, particularly for Year 6 as they prepare for their SATS tests next week. The children have worked hard this academic year and are in a great position to show their best in the assessments. The children care about the tests because they want to do well, and that is fine. However, these children have made an invaluable contribution to this school over the past 4 (almost) years. They will leave us in July with an abundance of powerful, lasting memories that the staff and children who have been on the journey with them will always value. The outcomes of a few tests in May will have no impact on this. Nor will they impact on the high quality learning that I have seen in the children's books. SATS are for schools, not pupils.

On Wednesday, the staff of the Junior and Infant schools joined together for a 'speed dating' session as a step on the journey to becoming one team. It was wonderful to see colleagues finding out more about each other and beginning to form the bonds that are essential for a cohesive staff unit. It made myself and Mrs Bates very excited about the future for the new primary school.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend

Best wishes, Sam Browne

Cycling/Scooting to School

We are delighted that so many of our children are able to cycle or scoot to school. However, please may we remind you that children are expected to dismount their vehicles at the school gates and then wheel them to the bike rack. We have caught a few children cycling or scooting on site in recent weeks. With so many children on site at the beginning and end of the day, this poses the risk of an accident. Please remind your children of the importance of dismounting their bikes and scooters when they inside the school gates. Thank you.

Stars of the Week

Ash – Neve for being such a wonderful member of the class and always working exceptionally hard

Oak – Joanna for being an outstanding learner in all that she does. Also for a fantastic piece of writing on the formation of a beach

Birch – Aum for working well across the curriculum

Pine – Anna for her fantastic description of a phoenix in English this week and for her hard work and contributions in all subjects across the curriculum

Cedar – Kai for achieving excellent scores with both times tables and spelling tests every week

Elder – Niam for excellent resilience in his learning

Chestnut – Harriett for being very hardworking in all lessons in the run-up to SATS

Willow – Owen for always participating confidently in class discussions

Book Token Competition

There is currently a National Book Token competition taking place where schools have the opportunity to win £5,000/€5,000 National Book Tokens prize to refresh the school library. The winning entry will also take home £100/€120 of National Book Tokens. The more nominations the school receives, the higher their chances of winning, so please follow the link and nominate Ascot Heath CE Junior School!

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

Sign Language Festival

This morning, several Year 5 children went to the Sign Language Festival at Manor Green in celebration of Deaf Awareness week. As you can see from the expressions, some signs were harder than others, but the children participated wonderfully and made Miss Kimber and Mrs Blackman proud.



Term Dates

Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May – KS2 SATS week

Friday 24th May – Elder Class Assembly

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May – Half Term

Tuesday 4th June – Year 6 trip to Legoland

Friday 14th June – Year 5 Visit to the British Museum

Monday 17th June – Sports Day

Friday 21st June – Chestnut Class Assembly

Monday 24th June to Friday 28th June – Year 6 Residential to Barton Hall

Tuesday 2nd July – Year 6 Charters Transition Day

Tuesday 2nd July – Whole School Transition Day (Internal)

Wednesday 3rd July – Year 6 Charters Transition Day

Friday 5th July – Pine Class Assembly

Thursday 11th July – Alternative Sports Day

Friday 12th July – Ash Class Assembly

Tuesday 16th July – Additional Transition Day (Internal)

Wednesday 17th July – Achievement Afternoon

Friday 19th July – Last Day of Term

