ASH HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Autumn Term Bulletin

Issue 14: Friday, 10th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely week. As Christmas draws closer we have been enjoying hearing the children singing their Christmas songs!

Lower School Nativity
Although it is disappointing that we have not been able to invite you in to watch the nativity for the second year, we are very proud of the efforts lower school have put into videoing their nativity songs. A big thank you to parents for providing outfits and costumes for the video. We are so excited to share this with you – keep an eye on ParentMail as we will send you a link to watch the video when it is ready.

Covid19
I wanted to thank everybody in our community for your support in preventing the spread of the virus at Ash Hill and responding to the most recent government guidance. Year 5 and 6 returned to school this week and we are delighted to have them back. It is clear that parents and carers made great provisions for home learning and the children were able to continue to make progress during the remote learning period. We know learning at home is immensely challenging, and we are so grateful to parents for making this happen. The number of cases has drastically reduced in school so it seems the home learning period has had the desired impact. We are also very grateful to Year 4 for working as their own bubble whilst Year 5/6 were away! I hope anybody who has had covid19 is feeling fully recovered, and let's hope for a healthier 2022! I am also extremely grateful to everybody who has adopted face masks again so quickly. I know most of us had hoped they were gone for good! Although it is frustrating, I appreciate your support in keeping everybody safe and ensuring we comply with government and Public Health advice.

Christmas Celebrations
A reminder that we have Christmas parties next week, and the Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day are taking place on Tuesday 14th December. I sent a letter about parties this week, so please check your Parent Mail for more information.

Let's Get Smart
This afternoon we will be holding our Let's Get Smart termly assembly. This is where we award certificates to pupils for the tokens they have earned at school. Children earn blue tokens at Ash Hill for being ready to learn in their lessons. They can also earn green tokens for showing our school values, particularly community mindedness. The children get the spend these tokens in the Smart Cart each half term, and we also celebrate their achievements in our termly assembly. The children can earn a bronze, silver or gold award depending on how many tokens they have earned. The Let's Get Smart system allows all of our children to be recognised for their hard work and learning behaviours, with a focus on what we want to see and developing our values. There are lots of children earning certificates this term and they should feel very proud!

Next week we will be holding our Learning Champions assembly, celebrating the pupils who have gone above and beyond in demonstrating their learning behaviours this term. Look out for our winning champions wearing their Ash Hill Learning Champions polo shirts!

Proud of Bucks
The nomination window for Buckinghamshire Council's Proud of Bucks Community Awards 2021 closes soon – but more nominations are needed!
The Proud of Bucks Awards, generously sponsored by The Clare Foundation, are a fantastic way to celebrate all those who have gone above and beyond in their local community. The awards aim to shine a local light on adults, young people and community groups that deserve recognition for their contribution within Buckinghamshire's amazing communities.
There's already been some incredible nominations through, but more are needed – particularly for the young person category.
With the deadline for this year's Proud of Bucks Awards nominations fast approaching, please consider submitting your own nomination for a young person who deserves recognition and praise for going the extra mile in your local community, and encourage friends and family to share their nominations too. Deadline for nominations is **31 December**.

For more information, including how to submit your nomination please take a look at the Proud of Bucks Community Awards webpage: https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/proud-of-bucks-awards/

Early Finish
A reminder that school finishes for the Christmas break at **2pm on Friday 17th December** as it is the end of term. The children will return to school on Wednesday 5th January.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Manning
Headteacher

Growing minds for learning, crafting skills for life

Attendance W/c 29/11/21

Class	Attendance	Lates
Reception	68.9%	0
Year 1	81.9%	1
Year 2	99.3	2
Year 3	85.8%	3
Year 4	85.7%	2
Year 5	80.0%	0
Year 6	80.0%	0

Hero—Here Everyday, Ready On time!

100%	Excellent
96 – 99.9%	Good
90 – 95.9%	Needs to improve
89.9% or less	Really needs to improve

Community Mindedness Tokens W/c 29/11/21

Year 1	15
Year 2	57
Year 3	26
Year 4	24
Year 5	-
Year 6	50

Coming Up...

Date	Event
13/12/21	Flu Vaccinations
14/12/21	**Christmas Lunch**
17/12/21	Learning Champions Assembly
17/12/21	School Closes for Christmas Holidays **2.00pm Finish**
20/12/21 - 03/01/22	**Christmas Holidays**
04/01/22	**Inset Day**
05/01/22	Children Back to School
06/01/21	Planetarium Visit Years 5 & 6
15/01/22	Last day to apply for a Reception place for September 2022. Portal closes at midnight.
18/01/22	School Individual Photographs
20/01/22	Year 6 Height & Weight Checks
19/04/22	National Primary Allocation Day— Parents will be sent an email from Bucks CC.

Proud of Bucks Awards | Buckinghamshire CouncilThe Proud of Bucks Community Awards celebrate Buckinghamshire's communities that have demonstrated caring, creativity and commitment towards their local areas.www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Letters/Parent Mail This Week

(Please note—letters are also placed on the school website under the parent tab for your reference)

- Class Parties
- Positive Covid19 Case at Ash Hill Primary.

This Week in School...

- **Nursery** has had a festive week thinking about winter and Christmas! The children have enjoyed playing with animals from the north pole and building their own igloos. They have also had fun creating lots of marks in flour, pretending it is 'snow' and wrapping presents in the home corner. We have all enjoyed singing some Christmas songs and listening to a snowy story outside in our nursery garden while drinking hot chocolate and snuggling under blankets! **Key book:** 'Dear Santa' **Key vocabulary:** winter, snow, cold, Christmas, celebration, reindeer **Key songs:** 'Reindeer Pokey', 'Wrap the Present Up', 'Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star'.
- What a week! **Reception** have landed a record deal with their incredible Christmas singing, so we have been practicing for you all and recording it in the studio - exciting things to come! In Maths, we have been sequencing events and using numbers to five. We have also been reading the 'Snail and the Whale' this week and learned some new vocabulary! We worked as a team all week helping each other with acts of kindness to fill up our kindness jar and enjoyed a treat this afternoon! Have a lovely weekend.
- This week, **Year 1** have had Mr Sweeney covering Ms Killen during the lead up to the final week of term. In Maths, we have been comparing numbers and using symbols to represent less than, more than and equal to. In addition, we have had the opportunity to attempt a challenging mosaic. In English, we have been writing letters to our favourite teachers and creating imaginary presents with labels for our window display. Our Christmas assembly was wonderful with all the children performing their actions and singing with clear voices. Several children did very well to show the class how to do the actions. From Year 1, have a lovely weekend.
- **Year 2:** This week in Maths, we have worked on finding the same amount by using different denominations. Combining and comparing various denominations. We are currently exploring the total amount of money (combination of notes and coins). In Writing, the children have written some lovely shape poems. It was great to see them confidently sharing it with their peers. We are also working through our toolkit to create some amazing adverts for Mrs Armitage. The children performed beautifully and I am proud of each and every single one of them. Year 2 are our nativity Super Stars! Have a fun and relaxing Year 3 are definitely looking forward to our holiday! But before we break up, we have a lot of great learning to do! We have written much-needed instructions for catching pixies, continued in our work in mastering division and multiplication and read more of Roz's adventures in The Wild Robot. We are really looking forward to our party next week and cannot wait to find out what Crafty Callender has in store for us! weekend.

  Kindly follow the updated links for our new set of phonics sounds. On Page 4.
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- It has been another busy week in **Year 4.** In Topic, we have been learning about the water cycle and we have an on-going experiment in the class room to demonstrate the process of evaporation and condensation. Fingers crossed for lots of sunny days! In Maths, we have been consolidating the topics from this. In English, we have been preparing to innovate our River Troll model letter. Alongside all this, there has been lots of fun singing our times tables and our Christmas rap for the poetry assembly. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.
- **Year 5!** What a great week back to in-person learning! We've been reading a discussion text about the existence of elves and studying how writers present both sides fairly. In Maths, we've learnt how to measure perimeter and even went outside to find parallel lines to support our greater understanding. Can you ask your child to identify parallel lines for you? In Science, we explored the existence of day and night and how they occur. From Year 5, have a great weekend!
- **Year 6** have had a wonderful week being back in class after their remote learning. They have settled straight into learning mode and have been trying their best. I am blown away by some of their discussion texts. Great job Year 6. In Maths, they have been consolidating their learning in fractions and decimals. In Topic, they have been learning the symbols for electrical circuits and identifying complete circuits. We are so engaged with our class reader and can't wait to find out how Alex will get on at Sayle Enterprises. We hav also started to practice the Christmas rap.

Phonics

Year 2

Links below to the Phonics videos which the children have really enjoyed watching in class. This is a brilliant way of encouraging our children's reading skills as well as their confidence in reading.

oa sound - https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/OETgIBSg/t6Pdc82M

ew sound - https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/FeIEpW2e/dfxu5lYV

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Sports News

Ash Hill Girls football team reserving their future places at Wembley Stadium! Not sure about No. 21 though.