



Letters sent home this week...

Whole School Reading Journals

Curriculum Letter and Webs

Year 3 Day Trip Ancient Tec Centre

Year 6 Day Trip letter Marwell Zoo

Do remember, all letters home are available on our website <http://ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/letters>

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

We hope your break was restful and fun and that lots of lovely memories were created. The whole team at AJS hope that the new year and decade bring you much fulfilment and joy.

What's new at AJS?

We have been very busy over the festive break trying to get things sorted and finished:

- The upper school toilets should be finished today (Friday) so the children can use them on Monday. This project has over-run by several weeks but we think the outcome will be wonderful.
- The bike shed and scooter pod are now installed. The delay here has been because of the extraordinary flooding we have endured. All the drains on site have now been cleared and we think the new facilities look very smart.
- We have purchased a new (for us) mini bus which we will collect today or Monday.
- We have 64 new ipads arriving to support learning in the classrooms

Projects we hope to complete in the coming weeks include:

- Drainage at the gate!
- Development of the Forest School site
- Car park and old bike shed refurbishment
- Preliminary work on the new playground

GAP Club Closure

We were instrumental in creating the GAP Club and supported the bid for funding that would refurbish the old boys and girls changing rooms into the facility you see today. However, the Club have always been a separate and independent business. We were saddened that the GAP Club had to close. We have supported them significantly over their time here with rent free periods, reduced rent and facilities.

We believe there is a real need for such a resource in the community and want to support that. To this end we:

- Are desperately trying to staff an After-School club from the 30th January. We will have to use our existing staff to do this.
- Will recruit a new team to manage and run an After-School and Holiday Club. This will be run by the school and will have our ethos and expectations and make full use of our facilities. We hope to have this sorted before the Easter break.

We will keep you fully informed on how we progress early next week. You will appreciate it is short notice to respond.

Please ensure that packed lunches and snacks are nut free. Several children have nut allergies and exposure to them could be fatal.

You will have been notified by text this week if your child received a place on their chosen club. If you have an queries please do not hesitate to contact the school

We are thrilled that Mrs. Locke, our Finance Officer, is back from maternity leave. You were missed Mrs. Locke!



Student of the Year

Congratulations to Justin who was awarded the 'Student of the Year' award at his Taekwondo club. Justin has been attending the club for 5 years and has achieved Green-belt blue tag. What a lot of effort and hard work Justin, that has been well rewarded.



Congratulations to our Star Readers this week.

| | |
|------------|----------------|
| Robin | Peter |
| Wren | Back next week |
| Kestrel | Edward |
| Kingfisher | Amy |
| Skylark | Ava |
| Barn Owl | Back next week |
| Eagle | Chloe |
| Hawk | Cora |
| Merlin | Alfie |
| Osprey | Ellie-Mae |



High flyer awards are given every week in celebration assembly to recognise outstanding learning or behaviour.



| | |
|------------|----------------|
| Robin | Back next week |
| Wren | Tate |
| Kestrel | Emily-Jay |
| Kingfisher | Finn |
| Skylark | Lewis |
| Barn Owl | Brooke |
| Eagle | Finley |
| Hawk | Jayden |
| Merlin | Lily-May |
| Osprey | Isla |



Maths Achievers! Every week in this newsletter we feature the children who have passed a Maths Passport this week. Congratulations to.....

| Bronze | Silver | Gold | Maths Master 1 | Maths Master 2 |
|--------|--------|--------|----------------|----------------|
| Bella | | Olivia | Lucas | |
| | | Ann | Nyah | |



Ashley Junior School



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

New events will be marked in red:

Poetry Competition

World Book Day
 Year 5 Residential Osmington Bay
 Year 3 The Ancient
 Technology Centre
 Year 6 Marwell Zoo
 Parents Evening 3:30pm - 6:00pm
 Parents Evening 3:30pm - 6:00pm
 Last day of term

Easter holidays

Back to school

Don't forget that all the latest dates can be found on the school calendar on our website - <http://ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/calendar/>

Wednesday 12th February

Thursday 5th March
 Monday 9th - 13th March

Thursday 12th March

Tuesday 17th March

Wednesday 18th March

3:30pm - 6:00pm

Thursday 19th March

3:30pm - 6:00pm

Friday 3rd April

Monday 6th April - Monday 17th April

Monday 20th April