

Ashley Chronicle

6th March, 2015

Dates For Your Diary



Cycling Courses— Yr5 Miss Locklan - 9th - 12th March
Yr4 Mr Bell - Friday 13th March

Book Fair - Monday 9th - Thursday 12th March

Stadium of Light Visit - Yr2 Mrs Hall - Tuesday 10th March

Parent/Teacher Meetings - Monday 23rd & 30th March
(Appointments will be sent out soon)

Easter Break - Break up - Thursday 2nd April
Return - Monday 20th April

Erupting Volcanoes

Miss Evans's Year 3 class took to the school field to watch their volcanoes erupt! The children filled their volcanoes with coke and then added a secret ingredient before holding their models at arms length as they

erupted. The children were keen to see whether or not the 'lava' followed the lava paths on their designs. They thoroughly enjoyed the activity.



Chef's Visit

Sarah, the chef who visited during International Week, returned to school this week to cook up some African food for the children in Reception and Year 1. The children got to try smoothies, sweetcorn fritters and a fabulous soup.

Here are some of our Reception children giving Sarah thumbs up, as they loved the food!!!



Next School Nurse Drop In Session

**Tuesday 31st March
from 8.30am**



The nurse will be available to discuss any health or behaviour issues you may have, regarding your child.

No appointment is necessary, just hand your name in at the main office on that morning.

Comic Relief 2015

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RELIEF**

We will be holding a fun day on Friday 13th March for Comic Relief. The theme is 'Make your face funny for money!'

Children (and staff) may also come in fancy dress, pyjamas or non uniform. We would ask for a £1 donation to the charity. There will be a prize for the best 'Funny Face' in each class.

Secret Potions

Miss Golightly's Year 1 Maths Set made 'Elephantade' potions, while working on capacity in their maths lesson this week. They used measuring jugs and followed a special recipe.

The children really wanted to turn Mrs Todd into an elephant!!!



If you have a photo and some news about your child's achievement out of school and you would like it to appear in the newsletter, please email it to us at

dtodd@ashley.s-tyneside.sch.uk

Please mark it for the Ashley Chronicle.

Caring Nature

We have received a wonderful email from Brandon Carr's mam, telling us about his fantastic, caring attitude towards his grandmother who is ill. Brandon's grandmother is now living in the family home, she needs lots of support and care and Brandon has been an absolute star by helping out as much as he can. The Year 6 pupil has never even complained about

missing out on the normal things, like family outings, as his main concern has been for his grandmother.

We are sure you'll agree, that at a time when many young people are in the press for all the wrong reasons, it's great to hear how this young man has shown real love and care to support his family. We are all incredibly proud of you Brandon!



Maasai Jewellery

Mrs Morton's Year 1 children have been making some Maasai style jewellery, during their project on Tanzania.



Lateness

Children must be in the yard for the first bell ringing at 8.50 am. Once the second bell has sounded at 8.55 am the doors will be closed and children who are late will have to enter through main entrance. We are now keeping a record of all children who are late. We appreciate there will be reasons for occasional lateness, but this should not be an every day occurrence.

Dinner Money

Another reminder that dinner money should be paid each Monday. If there is a problem with paying, please call into school to speak to us, rather than ignoring the situation.

Attendance

We are currently reviewing the attendance of each child in school. For any child with a current attendance figure of less than 85%, we will be notifying parents/carers. Whilst we are fully supportive of children who are genuinely sick not coming in to school, we must ensure that children achieve near the expected 95% attendance. Below is an indicator of how the percentage equates to days missed.

- 10 days absence means 95% attendance
- 19 days absence means 90% attendance
- 29 days absence means 85% attendance
- 38 days absence means 80% attendance
- 47 days absence means 75% attendance

Should you feel that you need support with improving your child's attendance, please speak to Mrs Todd directly. Good attendance is crucial, if your child is to achieve and enjoy their time in school.

Next Head Teacher's Drop In Session

Friday 13th March - 9-11am

Should there be anything which you wish to discuss urgently, please don't hesitate to contact me immediately.

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