



# Ashton West End Primary Academy



## January 2021 Newsletter

### School Update

Welcome back after our two-week holiday. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable break.

### SIMS Pay

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, we are reducing the amount of cash received in the school office. We are actively encouraging you to register your account for SIMS Pay. If you need an activation code, please email the academy at:

[admin@awepa.org.uk](mailto:admin@awepa.org.uk) and a new code will be emailed back to you. Thank you for your cooperation. **All parents who have signed up, including those already registered, will be entered into a prize draw with a chance to win a £50 supermarket gift voucher. The closing date for the competition is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

### Pantomime

This year, the school pantomime will look very different due to Covid-19 restrictions. The children will have the chance to watch the pantomime in their year group bubbles. The cost per child will be £3 each. The pantomime is only for pupils in Year 1-Year 6 due to limited performances over two days. The pantomime will take place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> February. A letter will be sent out to you soon with more information.

### Online Home Learning

If your child is self-isolating then we have a range of online learning activities they can complete from home. Your child has login details for Google Classroom, Class Dojo, Mathletics, Espresso and Times Table Rockstars. If a class is asked to self-isolate then the class teacher will set work for them each day. The work is checked when they return to school so please ensure they are working each day that they are at home. If you have any IT problems, please email [mrshardy@awepa.org.uk](mailto:mrshardy@awepa.org.uk)

### Parent Mail

We are continuing to ask for your updated email address so we can send messages and emails via our Parent Mail App. If you do not already have this, please send your email address to [admin@awepa.org.uk](mailto:admin@awepa.org.uk) and we will send you a link for this. This will reduce the amount of paper we send home to you.

### School Shoes

A number of children are starting to wear trainers for school. A reminder to all parents, that **black school shoes should be worn.** Children will be asked to wear their school pumps if they come into school in trainers.



## Parent Parking

I have received a number of complaints from residents living on St Peter's Close and William Street. Please **do not** block driveways when dropping off or collecting your child. The staggered start and finish times should help to reduce the number of cars outside the school at any one time.

Please can I remind parents that the Academy's driveway is strictly for Academy Staff and official visitors to school. There is insufficient space for parents to use the driveway when collecting and dropping off pupils.

## Dates for your Diary

**Annual Parents' Meeting:** Due to the Covid 19 restrictions, we will not be able to invite parents into school this year. The meeting will instead be held virtually online on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 2pm. More details will be sent out to parents closer to the time.

**Half Term Holiday:** The children will finish on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February for one week. School will re-open on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021.

## Face Masks

Due to the new Tier 4 restrictions, we are asking parents to wear face masks on the playground when dropping off and collecting their children. We need to reduce the amount of transmission as much as possible in order to keep the children in school. Thank you.

## Governors

Welcome to Elina Mahmood who is one of our new parent Governors and Miss Fallows who is a new staff Governor. The academy governors are as follows:

Mrs Jones (Chair of Governors)

Mrs Etchells (Vice Chair of Governors)

Mr Kristjansson (Parent Governor)

Mrs Rasheed (Parent Governor)

Mr Rehman (Parent Governor)

Mrs Mahmood (Parent Governor)

Mrs Ayoola (Co opted Governor)

Mr Jones (Co opted Governor)

Mr Pinner (Co opted Governor)

Mrs Beswick (Staff Governor)

Miss Fallows (Staff Governor)

## Attendance

The winning class for the autumn term was 6G with 97.9% closely followed by 1M with 97.6%. Congratulations to 6G who will receive a prize for their great attendance. 1M children will be awarded extra playtime in the spring term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Miss Pizuti,

Principal