



# Ashton West End Primary Academy



## January- February 2022 Newsletter

### Welcome back

Welcome back after the Christmas holiday. We hope you all had a lovely break and are well rested for the next part of the school year.

### Welcome to our new Reception and EYFS Leader

Miss Cooper is our new Reception and Nursery Leader and is joining our senior management team in school. She will also teach in Reception for 4 days a week. I hope you join me in welcoming her to our school.

### Pantomime

I have organized a Pantomime (Scrooge) for the children to watch on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January. There will be two showings to enable us to fit all of the children into the hall. All children from Nursery to Year 6 will be able to attend. The cost per child will be £3 each. **A letter will be sent out to you this week with more information.** We are encouraging you to pay online using the online payment platform that we use (Pay 360).

The platform is designed to make parents' lives easier by allowing you to make payments for school meals/activities at your convenience. In order to create an account, you will need an invitation code supplied by the school office. If you currently **do not** have an account, please email the office at: [admin@awepa.org.uk](mailto:admin@awepa.org.uk) whereby a code will be issued/emailed to you.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

If you would like to join our Governing Body as a Parent Governor, please ask at the school office for a form. The closing date is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022. This will give you an opportunity to join in with discussions regarding the school and to help with important decisions regarding the future of the school.

### Poppy Appeal Winners

Well done to all of the children who bought Poppy merchandise when we were selling the items in school back in November. I have been told that we collected the most money out of all of the schools in Ashton and we were presented with a trophy on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Some of the pupils who sold the Poppy items had their picture taken (see below) and this picture has been used in the Tameside Reporter. Well done to all of our pupils and thank you to the parents for sending the children to school with the money.



Some of our Year 6 pupils receiving the trophy with Alex Kershaw, the branch Vice Chairman (on the left) and David Brown, Branch President (on the right).

## **Parking Outside of School**

I have received a number of complaints from parents about inconsiderate parking outside of the school gates. This includes parking up pavements so people cannot walk past with their children or blocking driveways for those residents living on William Street or St Peter's Close. Please be considerate when parking your car.

## **Clarification on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19**

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7.

If you require any further information, then please ask us at school.

## **Dates for your Diary**



- Tameside Children's Nutritional team are going to deliver a 'Healthy Packed Lunch' workshop for parents. They will discuss what constitutes a healthy packed lunch and portion sizes. They are also available to answer any questions or queries you might have. This will take place on Wednesday 19th January from 1.45pm-3.10pm in the school hall.
- The Scrooge Pantomime for all pupils will take place on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022. A letter will be sent out this week with more information.
- The children in Reception will visit Chester Zoo on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. They will travel there by coach. Parents in reception will receive a letter about it this week.
- School closes on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 3:15pm. We are closed to pupils on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February due to a staff training day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Miss K Pizuti

Principal