



Ashton West End Primary Academy

January - February 2024 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.

Pantomime

We have organised a Pantomime (Aladdin) for the children to watch on Tuesday 16th 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 pantomime will be free this year.

Please let us know if you do not want your child to watch the show, otherwise, they will be taken into the hall to watch it.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We now have 2 parent governor vacancies as Mrs Rasheed and Mr Rehman will finish their 4 year term at the end of January 2024. I would like to thank them both for supporting the school and giving up their time to attend meetings.

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 26th January 2024. 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. We can also email the form to you if that's easier. Most of our Governing Body meetings are now online with only a few face to face in the school.

Medical Tracker

First Aid Incident and Medication Administration Notifications

To help make improvements in the way we report accidents to you, we have decided to use a service called Medical Tracker. Medical Tracker not only allows us to inform parents/carers of first aid incidents and medication administration by text and email but it also allows us to analyse the data we record.

Medical Tracker will be beneficial to you because:

- We can record and track first aid incidents that involve your child
- We can record and track medication administration that involves your child
- You can be notified immediately after a first aid incident by text or email so there will be no more pieces of paper coming home to you
- You can be notified immediately after medication has been administered by email or text.

If your child has a serious accident in school, we will still phone you immediately. Medical Tracker will only be used to record any minor bumps and cuts that your child may have. **Please make sure we have your current phone number and email address so you will receive the messages.**

The system will be ready to use in the next few weeks.



Parents' Information Meeting

I will be holding a parents' meeting on Friday 19th January from 9am-9:30am if any parents would like to speak to me about matters in school. I will talk through our progress as a school so far and the vision for the future. I will also discuss the planned building work we have in place to start in February.

Mrs Bi return from maternity

Mrs Bi returned from maternity leave on Tuesday 2nd January. She will be supporting pupils in year 3 during the mornings and afternoons.

New SEND TA's

We welcome three new SEND teaching assistants into the school. Miss Wright, Mrs Usman and Miss Hussain will all be working with our SEND pupils to give them the support they need.

New KS1 Play Equipment

On Monday 15th January, work will start on one of our KS1 play areas to improve it. We will try to limit the disruption to the start and end of the school day. The whole area will be dug up and new artificial grass and a climbing frame will be installed for our reception, year 1 and year 2 pupils. The project will take about 3 weeks to complete.

Dates for your diary

- Year 6 trip to the Air Raid Shelters on Wednesday 31st January.
- School closes on Thursday 8th February at 3:15pm for the half term holiday. We are closed to pupils on Friday 9th February due to a staff training day and will re-open on Monday 19th February at 8:40am.

Schoolcomms Payments

Just a gentle reminder for parents and carers to sign up to our new online payment platform, Schoolcomms.

This can be accessed through an app on your phone called School Gateway and is very easy to use. Once downloaded and registered, all payments (lunch money and trips) can be made through the app, as we no longer accept cash in school.

If you have any queries or need help to set up the app, please either phone or visit the office and a member of staff will be able to assist you.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Miss K Pizuti

Principal