



# Ashton West End Primary Academy

## November- December 2024 Newsletter



### Welcome back

Welcome back after the half term holiday. We hope you all had a lovely break and are well rested for the next part of the autumn term.

### Parents' Evening

Parents' evening will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November from 3:30pm-6pm. A letter will be sent out next with more information. Please fill in the reply slip and return to your child's class teacher when you receive it.

### Miss Cooper

Miss Cooper (One of our assistant principals and EYFS leader) celebrated her wedding during the half term holiday. Her new surname is McLean. We wish her and her husband all the best for the future.

### Applying for a Reception Place

If your child is in our nursery and you would like them to attend our reception classes in September 2025, you must apply for the place before the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2025 using the website below [https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions/#\\_How\\_to\\_Apply](https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions/#_How_to_Apply)

Your child will not automatically be given a place in our reception class; you must apply via the Tameside website.

### Building work and KS2 playground refurbishment

The building work is due to be completed in the next 6 weeks. We are looking forward to opening all of our new areas to the staff and pupils. Thank you for your ongoing patience on the Key Stage Two playground at the start and end of the day during this time.

We are having a new shelter fitted very soon which will mean your child can bring their bike or scooter to school with them. It will be located on the Key Stage Two playground. We will be encouraging children to lock them if possible as the gates will be opened at 3pm with anyone being able to access that area from that time.

In January, we are having some new areas refurbished for our key stage two children. This includes a new Astro turf pitch on the field, a climbing frame, a garden area with a stage and den building, two large shelters and new basketball and netball courts. This work should take around 6 weeks to complete.

This is all part of our ongoing priority to improve the outdoor areas for our pupils. We will be using the playground and field as much as possible during lunch and playtime so please make sure your child has a coat with them and they have a change of shoes (old trainers/ boots/ shoes are best as they may get muddy at lunchtime) Some children are already bringing them in a bag and changing them over which is brilliant. Thank you to those parents for helping with this.

## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations (1964-2024)

Our school is 60 years old this year so we will be celebrating with a party on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The children can come in their party clothes for the day. They will be learning all about the history of the school during that week. Each class will be learning about something linked to the school through the decades.

## School Comms is replacing Parent Mail

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

We would really appreciate it if parents/carers could sign up as soon as possible to ensure that all communication is being received from school.

This can be accessed through an app on your phone called **School Gateway** and is very easy to use. Once downloaded and registered, all communication and payments will be processed through the app.

**We do not accept cash for trip or dinner money payments so please sign up to ensure you can pay online.**

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.

## Christmas Productions

The children will take part in Christmas productions as normal this year and we will be inviting parents. We will send out the details nearer the time.

Christmas dinner will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December for all those children on school dinners. Children can wear a Christmas jumper/ dress/ t shirt on this day if they have one.

## Parent Governor

We now have a parent governor vacancy for anyone interested and wanting to join our governing body. The closing date to apply is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Please ask at the school office for an application form if you are interested.

## Dates for your Diary



- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November- Year 6 visit to Oldham Science College
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Year 1 Great Fire of London workshops in school
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas dinner
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December- School closes at 3:15pm. We will re-open on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 8:40am.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Miss K Pizuti  
Principal