



# High Ash C of E School Weekly Newsletter Weds 19th December 2018



*Grow Together Shine Forever*



*'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16*



To all our families,

Here we are then at the end of term and Christmas Day less than one week away! This is only a brief newsletter as I appreciate there is a lot on at this time of year, so it is mainly a diary date reminder for the first couple of weeks back. We have also attached again the headline Parent Diary dates for the remainder of the academic year and these are also on our website.

### Christingle Services...

It was lovely to have our Christingle Services at Church this week and for the children to celebrate and understand the symbolism of the oranges and candles. They all performed brilliantly and had written some heartfelt Christmas prayers. Thank you to parents and family members who came to join us in Church. This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Christingle Services in the UK and so it was great to mark the occasion.

### Hook Days and Topics next term...

You have received via email the Curriculum Overviews for English and Maths next term and also information about the Hook Days and new Topics next half term. Just as a reminder, they are:

- **Foundation-** They are learning about life in the Arctic with 'Ice Journey' and finding out polar animals.
- **Year One and Two-** Their topic is 'Rio de Vida' which is a Geography based topic comparing very contrasting localities so the carnival atmosphere is coming to High Ash as the children learn about how a village in the UK (Great Brickhill) contrasts with a big city (Rio in Brazil) and the contrasting cultures. To set the topic off, please can the children come to school on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January in brightly coloured clothes for our Carnival!**
- **Year Three and Four-** The children will love their topic 'Burps, Bottoms and Bile!' which is a Science topic all about teeth and the digestive system! They do not need to dress up for their Hook Day, yet they will be having a dentist come to visit and using coloured tablets to help them understand how to clean their teeth properly and also conduct some experiments linked to digestion. So on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January, please can they come to school with an old shirt or apron as some experiments may be messy!**
- **Year Five and Six-** It's time to be detectives as these year groups have to use their scientific skills to find clues to solve a mystery linked to personal identity. The topic 'ID' will call upon them understanding DNA, personality traits and using IT databases to prove 'who dunnit'. Their **Hook Day is Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**. There is no need to dress up, yet there will be a real policeman present to help them with the case!

### Thank yous...

On behalf of the staff, we would like to wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2019. Thank you for your cards, gifts and good wishes and we also have enjoyed treating the children with a magic show (Foundation and KS1) and a small gift for the children in KS2. However, the real message of Christmas is summed up in this prayer by Rohan in Year Five.

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for our food and for our friends and family that we celebrate with and give gifts to, happily.*

*Help us to remember why we are so jolly and on the day of Christmas no child feels lonely.*

*Thank you to Jesus and his abundance of light who is with us always and never out of sight.*

*Now it is time to understand that you bring joy to the heart of man.*

*Amen*

### HASA Film Night....

There were 90 children signed up for Film Night on Monday which raised over £350! Thanks to all the parent volunteers who helped at this event. If you didn't manage to book your child a place for Film Night, please don't worry as HASA will be running another one just before the Easter holidays and again in the Summer Term before we break up for summer holidays. Please look out for more information on this next term.

*Diary dates reminder*

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Children back to school. School Re-opens at 8.50am

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Y1/2 Hook Day - please come dressed in bright clothing & Y5/6 Hook Day

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Y3/4 Hook Day - please can children bring in an old t-shirt/apron

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Star Assembly - doors open at 2.30pm all welcome!

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January - Star Assembly - doors open at 2.30pm all welcome!

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January - Star Assembly - doors open at 2.30pm all welcome!

*Mobile Phones reminder...*

As part of our safeguarding, please can parents and volunteers note that your mobile phone must be fully switched off when in school- thank you.

Have a great holiday and see the children back at school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019!

Best wishes

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