

◆ Ashley Park Primary School ◆ Newsletter

Diary Dates

Half term: 19th – 30th October.
Children return to school Mon
2nd November

INSET day 30th November –
children not in school

Parents Evening – 2nd
December: further information
to follow

Birch Class Coffee Mornings:
10th Nov and 8th December, St
Andrew's Church, Walton
We would love to see you
there!

Christmas dinner & Christmas
Jumper day: 10th December

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Dear Families,

Here we are at our first half-term break of the
academic year - and the first of our Ashley
Park Primary half-termly newsletters! We have
seen our school grow in numbers significantly
this term and the team have really enjoyed
getting to know you and your children.

This half-term, we have been reviewing our
Relationship Education policy to ensure that it
clearly outlines our approach to teaching our
children about relationships, development and
how to keep themselves safe. If you would be
interested in giving us some parent feedback
about this, please contact the office so we can
share further information and hear your views.
we are keen to collaborate so that, as parents,
you have the information you need to
understand how we approach this aspect of
our teaching to meet the children's needs.

As a school, we are proud of the links we have
formed with our local community. This term,
Birch class have started running community
coffee mornings once a month at St Andrew's
Church in Walton. All money raised is being
donated to two local charities which you can
see details of below. So far they have raised
£217.95 which we are incredibly proud of. We
hope to see you there at our next event on 10th
November.

Have a lovely half term,
Ruth,
Head of School, AP Primary

Birch Class Coffee Mornings

Birch students hosted their first coffee morning for the community at St Andrews Church Walton. The event was well attended, students worked very hard with members of the public making drinks, serving cake and selling homemade dog biscuits.

One of our very talented students handmade items to sell. He created his own tablecloth to display his work.

The event was set up as part of the secondary careers session to raise money for 2 separate charities:

Hollys Heroes - supporting children who are going through cancer treatment to take part in a chosen experience with family or friends creating lasting memories.

Heathrow Special Needs Centre – supporting children and adults to take part in daily jobs around a farm. Offering a calm and secure environment for all.

The coffee mornings will be run once a month from 10.30-11.30 for the rest of the academic year:

Autumn Term -10.11.26, 08.12.26,

Spring Term - 19.01.27, 23.02.27, 09.03.27

Summer Term - 20.04.27, 18.05.27, 15.06.27, 13.07.27

Please come and join us if you are free.



Road Safety

We are asking for the support of all parents and visitors in ensuring that the area outside school is safe for our children, families, staff and neighbours at the beginning and end of the school day.

It is crucial that all parents and carers follow parking instructions and restrictions outside the school. Information has been shared about appropriate parking areas around the school - please use these spaces and do not park on double yellow lines or in front of driveways.

We appreciate drop of and pick up time can be busy and there is not parking on site during these times, due to the number of taxis supporting with transport, however the safety of our children will always come first and we kindly request that parking guidance and rules are followed at all times.



Birch Class Update

Birch Class has had a wonderful and busy start to the term.

Pupils have continued to enjoy weekly swimming sessions, practising freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke while developing independence with changing, showering and caring for their swimming kit.

Our visits to Adelaide House have been a great success, with pupils growing in confidence and enjoying friendly competition through board games.

We also visited Walton Shopping Centre to buy craft materials for our monthly church café. Pupils have been making crafts, dog biscuits and ornaments to sell for donations, helping to develop their communication, independence and money-handling skills.

This term, pupils have taken part in a range of group projects linked to their interests and careers education, including Europe and languages, Black History Month, Inspirational Older People, and Animals in Space. We have also enjoyed learning about inspirational figures through the Little People, Big Dreams series.

In Food Technology, pupils have been developing their cooking skills, tasting a variety of condiments and taking part in our popular Bake Off competition led by our SALT, all hoping to earn the title of Star Baker.



Sycamore Class Update

Sycamore Class have had a fantastic time exploring our exciting “Off We Go” topic! We have been learning through stories, creative activities, maths and lots of hands-on exploration.

We enjoyed exploring the stories such as *Maisy Goes Camping*, *We’re Going on a Bear Hunt*, *What Can we Find at the Beach*, *Around the World*.

Children practised sequencing the different animals Maisy meets on her camping adventure. We also had great fun creating patterns using marshmallows – combining our maths skills with a little bit of creativity! Our afternoons have been filled with creative and fine-motor activities.

We also explored our new focus on “Transport”, exploring all the different ways we can travel. The children worked together to sort different types of transport into sky, land and water, developing their understanding of where different vehicles travel. We also enjoyed a range of fine-motor and mark-making activities to support those important early writing skills.

Maths was another highlight, as the children practised number recognition, counting and matching by parking cars in the correct numbered spaces. This was a fun and practical way to develop our mathematical thinking!

We have been so proud of the children’s enthusiasm and curiosity this term as they settled into a new class with new peers and adults! Well done, Sycamore Class!



Oak Class Update

Oak Class has made a fantastic start to the term. The children are settling well into routines and building positive friendships.

In Phonics, we have been developing early reading skills and are now working towards Phase 3. In Maths, we have focused on place value within 20. We have also been strengthening fine motor skills and pencil control through a range of themed activities. Our Space topic has been a real highlight. The children enjoyed helping Beegu find her way home through a creative display and, using Beegu, have explored emotions and learned to recognise different feelings in themselves and others.

In Science, we have been learning about animal groups, including mammals and fish, and are excited to learn about amphibians next.

The children have also enjoyed a range of creative activities, making sea creatures, designing spaceships and preparing a Halloween display.

It has been a wonderful half-term, and we are very proud of the children's progress, creativity and growing confidence. We look forward to another exciting half-term together.



Maple Class Update

This half term, Maple class has enjoyed lots of fun, practical and sensory learning experiences across the curriculum.

We explored stories including The Gingerbread Man, We're Going on a Bear Hunt, Whatever Next! and Beegu, taking part in a range of sensory activities linked to each story. In Phonics, we practised sounding out letters, learning new words and developing our reading skills. In Science, we learned about animals, humans and body parts, while creating different animals through arts and crafts. We developed our ball skills, including rolling, passing, catching and hand-eye coordination.

We explored feelings, safety, friendships, rights and responsibilities, achievements and consequences. In creative activities, we experimented with different types of lines, patterns and textures using a variety of materials.

We have been developing our maths skills through counting and recognising numbers using Numicon and a range of engaging hands-on resources. In History and Geography, we learned about the differences between the past and present and how we can learn about the past.

Throughout the half term, pupils have taken part in many exciting sensory activities that have supported their learning, communication and engagement. We are very proud of all the progress and enthusiasm shown by the class.



Chestnut Class Update

Chestnut have had a fantastic half term! They have been learning lots about numbers, developing their counting skills and sorting quantities up to 20. Some children are now using Prodigy Maths independently to help them count beyond 20. Well done, Chestnut!

We have also enjoyed listening to a range of stories together. One particular favourite has been *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen. The children have loved joining in, and most were able to recite parts of the story and perform the actions from memory! It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, confidence and enjoyment as they bring the story to life.

The children have also been making great progress in their daily phonics sessions. They are becoming much more confident at remembering their Phase 2 sounds and applying their knowledge to blend sounds together to read CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words, such as sit, sat and cat. Well done for all your hard work! The children have been absolutely fantastic this half term and have worked so hard. They have made us very proud and have certainly earned a well-deserved break. Have a lovely half term, everyone!



Ash Class Update

This half term, our topic was called 'Off We Go!' and what a busy few weeks we've had in Ash Class! We explored different vehicles, went camping, travelled on holiday, headed off on a bear hunt, visited the beach and finished with some spooky Halloween fun! Along the way, the children enjoyed lots of stories, songs, phonics, counting, matching and mark-making activities. We got creative with painting, sticking and making our own crafts, explored lots of different textures through sensory play and enjoyed plenty of outdoor learning. We also worked on our communication, making choices, taking turns, building friendships and becoming more independent. It's been lovely watching the children explore new experiences, grow in confidence and enjoy their learning in their own special ways. We are so proud of everything they've achieved this half term and can't wait for more adventures together!

