



# NEWSLETTER

## 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017

### SCHOOL NEWS

Well done to all our sporting teams that have competed over recent weeks. Huge congratulations go to our swimming team who won the Workington Large Schools Gala two weeks ago and to our Y5/6 football team that came runners up at last week's football tournament, only losing on penalties in the final game.

Well done also to our orienteering team in this week's final and to our Y3, Y4 & Y6 teams at next week's Workington Schools Football tournament.

We have been celebrating many successes in recent assemblies, often including the events that our pupils take part in out of school. This week we have celebrated achievements in taekwondo, First Aid, story writing and football. It is wonderful to hear about all the things our children do both in and out of school. Keep it up everyone!

You may see lots of activity on the school site this week as we are constructing an outdoor classroom adjacent to the woods. Following a successful bid to the Lottery Fund for £10,000 we can now go ahead with our plans to further develop our outdoor environment. The 70 seater gazebo will enable whole classes and year groups to work outside sheltered from the West Cumbrian weather and will also help us to develop our Forest Schools work with the Infant School. This work should be completed by the end of the week and you should be able to see it when you join us for Sports Day at 1pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> July.

### CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER

At this time of the year our attention turns to arrangements for September. Transition is already underway for our Y6 pupils moving on to secondary school and our Y2s who will be joining us in September. Our Y3, 4 and 5 pupils will spend the day in their new classroom with their new teachers on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. We will let them know on the morning of that day who their teacher will be and you will receive a letter home on that day informing you of the same thing.

At Ashfield Juniors we always look at ways to further develop our school and this always involves looking at where our fantastic team of teachers are best placed. Last year Mr Kyle and Mrs Smits moved year groups and this year it is the turn of Mr Bishop, Mrs Bailey, Miss Howells and Mrs Stainton to change their roles. Mr Bishop and Mrs Bailey will be moving to Year 5 to share their class. Miss Howells will be moving to Year 6 and Mrs Stainton, although remaining in Year 4 for part of the week will also be delivering Science across the whole school. We will also be welcoming Mr Gaskell to our school who will be teaching in Year 4.

This is an exciting time for us at school as we further strengthen our team and look to lead on more improvements over the next twelve months. This is the teaching team for September:

Y3: Mr Kyle, Mrs Brown, Mrs Walker, Mrs Heron and Mrs Miller

Y4: Mrs Lumb, Mrs Stainton, Mr Gaskell, Mrs Cunningham and Mrs Hucknall

Y5: Mr Bishop, Mrs Bailey, Mrs Smits, Mrs Tooley and Mrs Quayle

Y6: Mrs Gibson, Miss Howells, Mrs Pears, Mrs Smith & Miss Stevenson (also supported by Mrs McNeil, Miss Armiger and Miss Sewell who will be working with specific pupils).

Mrs Smith remains our school SENDCO, Mrs Thwaites our Principal Learning Mentor and Mrs Gregory our Phonics/Reading Champion.

## **BOYS**

If you would like to join a new working group looking at the achievement of our boys then please contact the school office. The initial meeting will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 6:30pm. At this meeting we will discuss what plans we would like to put in place following our recent visit by Gary Wilson.

## **CAR PARK**

Following further discussion at recent Governors meetings the decision has been taken to change the arrangements for using the school car park. We still have a small number of people using the car park when it is not necessary for them to do so. Anyone who needs to use the car park must submit an application in writing outlining their reasons for needing a parking space to the school governors. The Governors will then consider these applications on a case by case basis and issue an Ashfield parking permit where they consider the reason to be justified. Only those people with a parking permit will be allowed entry on to the car park at the start and end of the school day.

**Please submit your letter of application to the school office by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Permits will be issued during the last week of term in readiness for the new school year in September.**

## **UNIFORM**

Please remember that our school uniform rules still apply right up until the end of term. Shoes should still be plain black- no white or colour flashes or stripes. If sandals are worn these should still be black and sensible and appropriate for school, toes in particular should be covered and there should be a strap at the back to ensure the sandal does not slip off. Appropriate length black, grey or navy shorts are ok but our policy states that leggings are not suitable.

We aim to keep to our high standards at all times.

On hot days please ensure your child has sun cream on before they leave the house and comes with a cap or sun hat to wear while we are out on the playground.

## **HOMEWORK**

REMINDER THAT THIS TERM'S PROJECTS ARE DUE IN ON MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL THE HARD WORK AGAIN!

## **KEY DATES:**

5<sup>TH</sup> JULY- MOVE UP DAY

7<sup>TH</sup> JULY- SPORTS DAY (1PM)

10<sup>TH</sup> JULY- Y6 PRODUCTION OF OLIVER! (6PM)

14<sup>TH</sup> JULY- SUMMER FAIR (3:15PM)

20<sup>TH</sup> JULY- BREAK UP FOR SUMMER (3:15PM)