



# Newsletter

October  
2019

## A Message from Mrs Frost

What an amazing first half term we had this year. The children returned to school with an excellent attitude to their learning and completely threw themselves into our '50th Birthday' project in September. Their positivity continued all half term and this week we have seen them return with this attitude still in abundance!

This is a long half term at 8 weeks and it will be a busy one as we work hard and then prepare for the Christmas celebrations and activities during December. Please see the list of dates at the end of the newsletter as there are a few occasions when we would like you to join us to celebrate the festive season.

Before then we have a number of other activities planned in school. This week we have a Diwali celebration, our Halloween Discos and a netball competition for Y5 & Y6. Next week it will be the Autumn parent meetings. This will give you the opportunity to chat to your child's class teacher about how they have settled into the year and look at the progress made so far in their work. We like the children to attend these meetings as well as it is good for them to be part of the discussion. Next week will also see Tempest in school to take this year's individual and family photos and we will also be marking the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Week 3 is Anti-Bullying Week and a range of activities will take place in school to address this issue. Year 6 will also be taking part in Bikeability training this week and the week will end with Children in Need Day (non-uniform and cake sale).

During Week 4 and Week 5 we would like to invite you into school for some reading afternoons with your children. This is a great way to spend a little time in school with your child(ren) relaxing and reading a good book together.

We are looking forward to Week 6 as Year 6 will be sharing their World War Two performance with us in school and also for their parents and families. There is also another non-uniform day this week - payment will be donations for the school's Christmas Fair!

Once December starts it's hold on to your hats time! We are lucky that this year we have managed to get seats for the Theatre by the Lakes performance of A Christmas Carol. This takes place on the same day as our Christmas Fair and during the same week we would like to invite you in to school for our annual Christmas decoration making morning. The following week we will have our Christmas Dinner, our Church Service at St John's and we will mark Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day.

The children will get to celebrate in their year group parties in the final week, Y5 will be experiencing a Viking Christmas in Hexham and we break up for Christmas on Friday 20th December.

In between all these amazing activities the children will also be working hard on all areas of the curriculum. To help us ensure that our teaching is the best it can be we will also be taking part in a range of training opportunities, this half term will be particularly focussed on History & Geography as well as looking at our offer for all curriculum subjects. We have already completed some Science training and more is booked for the New Year.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support for our school. Your hard work ensuring that your children attend school well prepared and ready to learn everyday makes our job much easier. Your children really benefit from this positive input that you provide and it instils in them a great work ethic and enthusiastic attitude to learning. Your contributions to supporting the children with their homework projects also does not go unnoticed. We are always so impressed at the hard work, effort and creativity that goes into these tasks. It really does make a huge difference to the children as they bring this learning into the classroom.

The children also continue to look smart. As the weather turns colder please remember to ensure your child comes to school with a jumper/cardigan and coat as they will need this at playtime and lunchtime. Footwear still needs to be plain black, so if boots/ wellies are worn on the walk to school then a change of footwear must be brought to school to use during the school day.

Once again thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you in school over the course of this half term.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 28th October 3:30pm: Diwali celebration for Y3 & Y4

Tuesday 29th October: Netball competition for Y5 & Y6

Tuesday 29th October: Halloween Discos 5:30pm-6:30pm for Y3 & Y4, 6:45pm-7:45pm for Y5 & Y6

Monday 4th November & Wednesday 6th November: Parent Meetings

Thursday 7th November: School photo morning

Wb Monday 11th November: Bikeability for Y6

Friday 15th November: Children in Need Day (non-uniform & cake sale)

Monday 18th November: Y3 Parents Reading afternoon

Tuesday 19th November: Y5 Parents Reading afternoon

Wednesday 20th November: Y4 Parents Reading afternoon

Monday 25th November: Y6 Parents Reading afternoon

Wednesday 27th November 2pm: Y6 performance

Friday 29th November: Non-uniform Day (Christmas Fair donations)

Tuesday 3rd December: Whole school visit to Theatre by the Lake

Tuesday 3rd December: Christmas Fair

Thursday 5th December 9am: Christmas Decoration morning

Wednesday 11th December: Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 12th December 1:30pm: Christmas service at St Johns

Monday 16th December: Y5 Christmas Party

Tuesday 17th December: Y4 Christmas Party

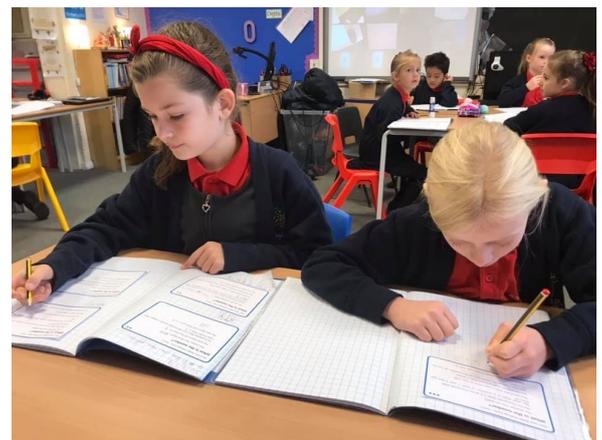
Wednesday 18th December: Y3 Christmas Party & Y5 to Viking Christmas at Hexham

Thursday 19th December: Y6 Christmas Party

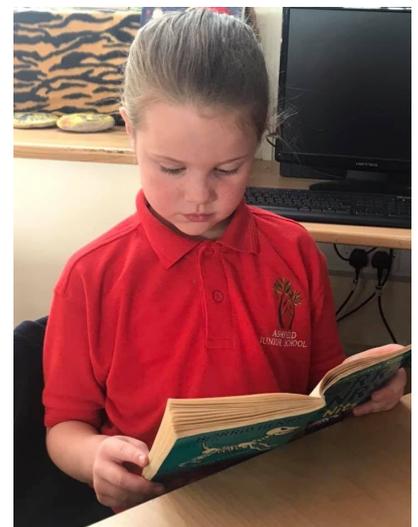
Friday 20th December 3:15pm: School closes for Christmas Break



Maths and problem solving in Year 5



Maths and problem solving in Year 3



We like to read at AJS