



Newsletter

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A Message from Mrs Frost

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2020 at Ashfield Junior School. None of us here can believe that it's been 20 years since the Millennium celebrations. Doesn't time fly by!

We have plans for another exciting year here at school as we look to some improvements and refurbishments to the school building and think about how our work can lead to further developments in your children's education.

All staff are busy working on research projects in school to determine what the evidence says about the latest developments in education and learning. Much of this work centres around recommendations from the Education Endowment Foundation. This work may lead us to have further links with other schools nationally who are working on similar projects.



Our School Council and Global Goals Group: ready to improve our school and change the world for the better.

Already this week we have been discussing with the children what our dreams and goals are going to be for this year at school. School Council are busy making progress with their Well-Being garden area having now already raised £1535 towards this project. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Heyes, one of our Governors, and Tivoli gardening services for their work over Christmas preparing the garden for its makeover. This work has made a huge difference and we are all extremely grateful for their support. Allerdale Borough Council are now going to be working with the children this term to plan their designs and source sustainable materials as we hopefully get the garden ready for use by the end of Spring.

The Global Goals group are working on their action plan to reduce the school's waste production and are busy organising themselves to look at paper and cardboard waste, food waste, electricity use, how we can reduce the waste we send to landfill and how we can reduce the amount of littering in and around the school grounds.

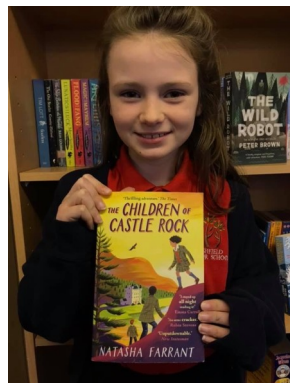
Our character strengths for this half term are fairness and curiosity and our Global Goal is SDG 15 Life on Land. As part of this work we will be looking at the bushfires currently affecting Australia and finding out what we can do to help and provide support.

This half term we are also going to be joined by the Education Officer from the Dogs Trust to look at responsible dog ownership. As a celebration of the love we have for our pets we would like the children to bring in a photo of their pet (not just dogs) that we can use to create a display in school. Please send these in an envelope marked 'Dogs Trust Display' by Monday 27th January and we will endeavour to use all the photos in school.

We will also be visited by children's author Christopher Edge on 4th February. This will be a fantastic opportunity for all the children to work with a published author to develop their story writing skills and love of reading. We are really looking forward to this visit and welcoming Christopher to our school.



Mrs Bailey recommends Christopher Edge's latest book, *The Longest Night of Charlie Noon*.



A couple of Year 5 book recommendations.



Finally, just some notices about uniform. As the depths of winter approach, can you please ensure your child is suitably dressed each day, in particular wearing a coat. On cold days we insist that the children wear a coat when outdoors at playtime and lunchtime. Without a coat in school they may not be able to go outside to play. If your child is wearing boots for their walk to school, please can you send in a pair of shoes for them to change into when they get here. As always, footwear must be plain black.

We have noticed recently that many children do not have appropriate footwear in school for PE lessons. The children must wear pumps or trainers for PE sessions. Doing PE in school shoes is unsafe and unhygienic. Please can you make sure your child has trainers or pumps in school for all PE lessons. Warm clothing can also be sent in to wear for outdoor PE sessions e.g. joggers, sweatshirts, etc.

Once again, thank you for all your support and co-operation with everything we do at school. It was wonderful to look back at the work achieved last term both in school and through homework projects. It was lovely to celebrate this with the children in the final two weeks before Christmas through various activities in school and to see so many of you at St John's for our Christmas Service.

We are all now looking forward to see what 2020 brings!

Best wishes

Mrs Frost