

SOMERSET EDUCATION SERVICES

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Key Dates

November

Tues 28th Bikeability
Wed 29th Bikeability
Thurs 30th Aeronautical Event – Y5 group - Yeovilton
Christingle service 11.30am in the Church
Netball 3 – Westfield
Film Night- 4.30 – 6.30pm
Governors' Meeting 6.30pm

December

Friday 1st Coffee Morning in the hall – 9.00 – 10.00am
Mon 4th Nativity Dress Rehearsal pm
Tues 5th Nativity Performance 1 – 2.00pm
Wed 6th Nativity Performance 2 – 2.00pm
Thurs 7th Drumming Performance 9.00am
Millennium Wood Tree Planting am
PTA Children's Christmas Shopping pm
Fri 8th PTA Children's Christmas Shopping pm
PTA Bingo 6.00pm for 6.30pm
Mon 11th Girls' Football event
Thurs 14th Pantomime trip
Fri 15th Christmas Lunch
Tues 19th Christmas Concert – eve
Wed 20th Christmas Parties
Thurs 21st Christmas Church Service – 9.15am
School finishes at 1.30pm

Welcome

Miss Maria Payne has started in the office. She wishes to say thank you to everyone who has made her feel so welcome. She is already starting to get used to the routines of Ash school and is settling in well.

Visits

The children in Year 2 had a wonderful visit to the local apple orchards. They saw the processes involved in extracting the juice and all came home with a bottle of delicious apple juice to take home to try. Many thanks go to the parents for supporting us in this venture. Such real life experiences support the work we do in the classrooms very well.

Children from Year 5 will be going to Yeovilton on Thursday for an aeronautical event. This sounds great fun and will support their science and DT learning.

The children in Year 6 have done very well on winning the Mock Trial event. They competed against other schools at North Perrott School earlier this month. They had to defend a case concerning graffiti. This gave them the opportunity to learn about the justice system working alongside magistrates. Using their skills of speaking and listening in such a venture was a stimulating and rewarding experience.



Tempest Photographs

Thank you for your orders for photographs. These are now being processed and commission is paid to the school and will go towards curriculum resources.

Asthma

Please ensure that if your child needs an inhaler that it is in date. You can check this with your child's class teacher. We record the use of inhalers and will inform you if we are concerned that your child needs to use it more than usual, especially as the colder weather comes.

Erasmus + Project

The children will be voting on the logos for the project this week and the winning one will be used for the project. The next stage of the project involves looking at the ways different schools support the learning of our youngest children. We are interested to learn from our partner schools and to share our practice. We will be working with Scallywags to examine their practice and transition. We will also be focusing on early reading and ways in which we develop their skills and fluency.

Church Services

The Christingle Service will take place on Thursday 30th November. Rev'd David Gent will be coming in for the morning to help the children make their Christingles and support them in their understanding of the symbolism. You are welcome to join us at 11.30am in the church.

Our end of term Christmas service is on the last day, Thursday 21st December and we hope many of you will be able to join us for this special service which will be in the church at 9.15am.

Charities

Many thanks go to all of the families who participated in our Shoe box collection. The children proudly gave their donations to the collector. The boxes will be sent to Romania for children who have very little. This is always a lovely opportunity for our children to understand that not everyone is as fortunate as themselves.

The School Council was delighted with their very successful Children in Need café and wish to thank everyone who supported it and donated cakes for the fundraising event. The money raised from this event along with the donations for the children wearing mismatched clothes, the photos of Pudsey, the raffle for a Pudsey bear and the selling of merchandise meant that we raised a staggering £507.11 for this worthwhile charity.

Bikeability

Congratulations go to the children who successfully passed their Bikeability assessment. They were presented with certificates and badges and have increased their understanding of safe riding on the roads. We have a second group of children participating in the training this week and we wish them well.

New projector

We have purchased a new projector for the school hall. It has been needed for some time as the quality of projection has been quite poor. This should now offer a high quality resolution and it will be in use for the upcoming film night.

Swimming

If one of your children is swimming and you are coming to school early then you are responsible for any other siblings until there is supervision on the playground. The teachers are getting ready for the school day and it is not possible for them to look after children before 8.55am. If you wish to put your child into the early bird club, so that you can leave before supervision, then of course we encourage you to do so.

PTA Events

Well done to everyone who participated in the Family Quiz night which was held recently. It was a fun night and raised over £100. This money is going towards the new Trim Trail.

The PTA are organising a Christmas Film night for Thursday 30th November. There will be sweets and drinks on sale. There is also the opportunity to purchase a hotdog and drink for £2.00 on the evening. Orders will be taken before the film starts. It begins at 4.30pm so if you wish to book your child into Late Birds they will be taken to the film. Please ensure they have brought their money if you wish to do this.



Sporting success

Well done to all of the children who have been representing the school in various sporting events. Particular congratulations go to our Badminton team from Years 5 and 6 who won their local event and have qualified for the area finals.

Christmas Cards

Thank you to everyone who has purchased Christmas cards. We have done amazingly well with £990 raised. Well done to the children for producing such wonderful creations which I am sure will be enjoyed by your family and friends. A big thank you also goes to Mrs Morris and Mr Ives for their hard work in organising this fundraising and getting the cards ready for you.

Waitrose Community Matters

If you or family and friends shop at Waitrose in Crewkerne please collect the little tokens to put in the box for Ash School. The money raised will go towards the Trim Trail.

Wet Mornings

Please be aware that the gate is released for children to be able to come into school at 8.40am. This is automatic and is set so that the children can enter school in time to start at 8.55am. If it is pouring with rain then they will be able to go to their classrooms at 8.40am for a quiet activity before the day starts. If you wish to drop your child at school before this time then please use the Early Bird facility which is on offer.

PE Kit

Unfortunately some children do not regularly have their school PE kit at school. This means it is difficult for them to participate in this lesson. We do keep some spare for the odd occasion when they have forgotten but this is not available for permanent use. Please can you check that your child has their PE kit in school each day.

Coats

The weather is starting to get much colder now. Please ensure that your child arrives at school with a coat and school sweatshirt. They will need both so they can be outside at breaks and lunchtimes. We do not wish to have to contact you to ask you to bring these items to school during the day

DBS (the old CRB)

Anyone wishing to volunteer in school needs to complete a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) form. Please see the office for further details. The process is much quicker now as it is possible to do much of the process online.

