



Dates for the diary

12th Dec: 9.30 am: Open Morning for Prospective Reception Parents

15th Dec: 9am - KS2 Christmas sing-a-long

15th Dec: 3.30pm: Drama club production for parents

16th Dec: 2.30 pm: KS1 production

17th Dec: Y5 visiting Deptford Green School

18th Dec: 2.30 pm: EYFS Christmas show

22nd December - 2nd January
Christmas break

5th Jan: INSET day
(school closed to children)

6th Jan: Children back to school

16th - 20th February
February half term break

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to our annual Christmas fair last weekend. It was a great day and would not have been possible without the generosity of parents and staff giving their time, energy and enthusiasm to help the day run smoothly.

The children all looked like they had a great time, meeting Father Christmas, creating beautiful Christmas crafts and joining in all the games and activities.

Thanks to all the PTA members for co-ordinating the fair.

After all costs we made over £1600 which is a great amount for one event. Thank you everyone.



Please remember - there are no after school clubs next week.

Clubs will resume the week beginning 12th January 2015.

If you owe money for dinners this term please pay by Monday next week so we can balance the books before the Christmas holiday.

If you pay for school dinners, the total for next half term will be £55.10.

Thank you.

Christmas Lunch

This week we have enjoyed a lovely whole school Christmas lunch.

The staff gave up their lunch breaks to serve the children and ensure they had a good time whilst they pulled crackers, cracked jokes, sang along to Christmas songs and enjoyed the yummy food cooked by our kitchen staff.



It really got us all in the mood for Christmas...

Reception Places for September 2015

If you are a parent/carer of a child born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011, you must apply for a school place before Thursday 15th January if your child is to be eligible to start Reception class in September 2015. Applications for school places are managed centrally by the Lewisham Admissions Team and places are offered in accordance with Council policy.

Detailed information may be found in the 'Starting School' booklet which is available from the school office, or on the Councils' website www.lewisham.gov.uk/admissions



Christmas Reading Challenge

Why not take part in Lewisham Libraries latest reading challenge? Read three books over the Christmas holidays! Go to: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk for details.



Vintage Christmas and Craft Market This Saturday!

Do you need to stock up on some Christmas goodies? Would you like to 'keep it local'? If so, why not visit The Albany this Saturday between 10.30 am and 4.00 pm? Deptfordwives are presenting The Vintage Christmas & Craft Pop-Up Market, a showcase of beautiful hand crafted products from talented designers; jewellery, ceramics, leather, textiles, homewares, bric a brac.



Calling all Scientists... Christmas Challenge

Which material makes the best 'paper' chain? Traditionally colourful paper is used to make these festive decorations but can you make them using a different material? How does it compare? Is it better or worse? Why?



'My Maths' and 'Bug Club'

Don't forget to sign on with your child to their Bug Club and My Maths accounts.



Governor News

Governors have been busy this half term. As part of our role we make visits to the school to help us get to know what's happening within Ashmead. These visits vary, but here are some examples from the past few weeks:

- Dean Johnstone and Harriet Becher met with senior leaders of the school to review and discuss the implementation of the new curriculum. Curriculum leaders presented the new curriculum and discussed progress towards ensuring a full, enriching and relevant curriculum is delivered to all children.
- Carolyn Mumby attended the community event on Remembrance Day that Ashmead children were involved in. She also observed an author working with year 6 children on the topic of WW1. She was very impressed with how the children engaged with both activities.

The governing body is keen to ensure we have the skills to support the school most effectively. Recently a group of governors attended training on 'RAISEonline' and how to interpret school-related educational statistics. Also, this week, governors attended a governor development evening, to identify strengths and areas for development, particularly in relation to the Ofsted framework.

Ashmead governors wish the whole Ashmead community a very happy Christmas and a lovely break.

