



Ashmead Primary School



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30th November 2012

Dates for the diary

30th Nov: Parent Governor Election - all day

Sat 1st Dec: *Christmas Fair*

4th Dec: Arty Party Egyptian workshop with Y3

5th Dec: Y4 visiting Lewisham College for their Christmas Performance

5th Dec: Y6 School Journey Photo Evening - 7pm

7th Dec: 9.30 Y3 class assembly

7th Dec: Y5 Cake Sale - 3.30pm

12th Dec: Open Morning for prospective parents: 10 am

12th Dec: Y2 trip to Museum of London

12th Dec: PTA AGM - 7pm

13th Dec: Nursery trip to Albany Theatre

13th Dec: Shared Christmas lunch with children and staff

17th Dec: KS1 Christmas show (2.30)

18th Dec: KS2 Christmas show (9.30) and EYFS Nativity (2.30)

21st Dec: Last day of term

24th Dec - 4th Jan (inc): Christmas Holidays

7th Jan: INSET Day (school closed to children)

15th Jan: Open Morning for prospective parents: 10 am

11th Jan: Y4 Cake Sale

11th Jan: Y2R to Maritime Museum

25th Jan: Y2H to Maritime Museum

1st Feb: Y1 Cake Sale

The Christmas Fair is TOMORROW!



Thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to prepare for tomorrow's Christmas Fair.

The fair will run from 12.00 - 3.00 p.m. on Saturday and promises a mix of games, fun, entertainment and of course Santa! Come along for a Christmas tattoo or make some Christmas Art, sample some delicious Christmas spiced punch and a mince pie or have a go at the various stalls on offer.

The kitchen will be selling hot dogs, rolls and snacks from 12 00 - 2.30 and the raffle will be drawn at 2.30 so don't forget to buy your raffle tickets!

Please remember to bring lots of small change for the stalls. Most children's stalls are 20p or 50p with a few activities charged at a pound.



Volunteers



Can you help us make our good school even better? We are looking to develop our bank of volunteers to help in classes or on trips, assist with hearing children read, make resources or even run a school club. If you are able to help we would really appreciate

it. If you were to volunteer regularly we would need to do a CRB (Criminal Record Bureau) or 'List 99' check. See the office for more details. We are currently looking for people to volunteer to help make costumes for the upcoming Christmas productions so if you are handy with a needle and thread (or sewing machine!) then let us know - we need you! Contact Jane Bickley at jbickley@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk or come to a short meeting after morning drop off on Monday 3rd. Many hands make light work!

PTA AGM



Please remember, the PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) is on Wednesday 12th December at 7pm in the school hall. This is your chance to vote for a new committee as well as hearing the annual report from the chair. There will be a free crèche on the night so your children can come along and be looked after whilst you enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie! Please come along and help to support the school by standing for a position on the PTA, or to cast your vote. **The PTA needs YOU!**

Lost learning time

In the last fortnight we have lost 20 hours and 56 minutes in learning and it is often the same families who are arriving late. Please make an effort to be on time, it really helps your child's learning.

These are our lost minutes of learning time this fortnight.

Reception F: 1 hour 22 minutes lost

Reception L: 42 minutes lost

Year 1: 4 hours 11 minutes lost

Year 2H: 53 minutes lost

Year 2R: 2 hours 7 minutes lost

Year 3: 1 hour 53 minutes lost

Year 4: 4 hours 28 minutes lost

Year 5: 3 hours 13 minutes lost

Year 6: 2 hours 5 minutes lost



Safety Matters

In our ongoing efforts to keep our children safe we are constantly looking at our systems and seeing how we can improve.

Thanks to all those who have assisted with the end of the day arrangements of waiting to the side of the shelter whilst the Y2 - Y4 classes come outside. This makes it much easier for teachers and children to see where everyone is.

We are noticing that as the cold weather is now upon us, a few people are going back to old habits and parking, waiting or dropping off on the yellow zig zag lines outside school. This blocks the view of children crossing the road and is not only unsafe but also illegal. If you drive to school, please help keep the children safe by parking a safe distance away from the yellow lines.

As ever, thanks for your support.



Safety matters

Local News

Fancy a festive activity with the children next weekend?

Hilly Fields is hosting a Midwinter Fair with activities and entertainment for children and their families.

There will be story telling, arts and crafts and music from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday 8th December, by the cafe. See www.hilly.org.uk for more details.

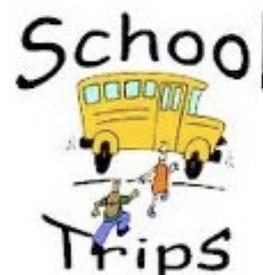


Organised by Friends of Hilly Fields

The Hilly Fields
**Children's
Midwinter Fair**

School Trips

We really value school trips at Ashmead and know what a fantastic impact they have on children's learning. We are also really grateful to our fantastic parent volunteers, without whom the trips could not go ahead so thank you for your support. Since September we have been on over 15 trips with several more planned before Christmas. These have included visits to the Museum of Childhood, Discover Centre, Science Museum, Chislehurst Caves, Horniman Museum, Britain at War Experience, Mudchute Farm, our local 'Enchanted Forest' and of course our week long residential trip to Wales. Why not check out our photos on the blog. Look under the category of 'Trips' or if you are reading this online, click here: <http://ashmeadprimary.wordpress.com/category/trips/>



Governor News



It has been really good to see so much enthusiasm for the parent governor election. Thank you to the three excellent candidates, who all bring different, but extremely useful skills and experience with them. Depending on when you are reading this, you may know who has been elected.

It was great to see so many parents and carers at the hustings; numbers were very much up on evening meetings in past years. In asking the candidates how they will communicate with parents and hear their views, there was a suggestion from parents that governors make themselves more visible when they are attending school events, or when parent governors are in the playground and are free to be approached informally. We are exploring options to make this happen from hats and sashes to badges! Another new move was to post a short video of each candidate on the Ashmead blog/website - I do hope parents who couldn't make the hustings had a chance to view them. Candidates have also been at the school gates handing out their statements. Voting has been taking place all day today (8-5pm) and the results will be posted at the Christmas Fayre and on the Ashmead blog.

Congratulations in advance to the winning candidates, and perhaps the person not elected, if still keen, might try again next time; 2 of our current governors were elected the second time around!

**Carolyn Mumby
Chair of Governors**