



# Ashmead Primary School



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29th November 2013

### Dates for the diary

**2nd Dec:** Y5 and Y6 trip to Lewisham College's Christmas production

**3rd Dec:** Y1J trip to Discover

**4th Dec:** Y2 trip to Museum of London, Y1L trip to Discover, Y3U trip to Horniman Museum

**5th Dec:** 'Behaviour' workshop 9am

**6th Dec:** Open Morning for prospective parents: 9.30

**6th Dec:** Y3S trip to Horniman

**Saturday 7th Dec:  
Christmas Fair 12 - 3 pm**

**9th Dec:** Reception trip to Greenwich Picturehouse

**11th Dec:** Children's Christmas Lunch

**12th Dec:** 'Healthy Eating' workshop 9am

**13th Dec:** Christmas Jumper Day!

**16th Dec:** KS2 Christmas sing-a-long 9.15 am

**17th Dec:** EYFS Nativity: 2.30 pm

**18th Dec:** KS1 Christmas Production: 2.30 pm

**19th Dec:** Last day of term

**20th Dec - 3rd Jan:  
Christmas Holiday**

**6th Jan:** INSET Day (school closed to children)

### Science Week

Wow! What a busy week we have had... Science week has been amazing with so many exciting activities for children (and parents) to do. We have had workshops with children making rockets, paper aeroplane designing and testing, scientists running assemblies, the 'Owl Man' coming in to share his beautiful birds of prey and their aerodynamic capabilities, a fantastic 'light and dark' campfire evening, brilliant 'kitchen sink' experiments (and more to come in our open session this afternoon).

Many thanks to everyone who helped this week happen - the parents and teachers for dedicating their time to help out at the campfire evening and a special thank you to Josie Hocking, our Science leader, who co-ordinated the whole event. We are already looking forward to next year's Science week!



### Clubs

Please remember we do not run after school clubs in the last (or first) week of term. In the last week of term, please arrange to pick your child up at 3.30 if they usually go to a club.

### Language of the month

We believe it is important to take an interest in one another's languages. Currently 37 different languages are spoken at Ashmead, including Somali, French, Tamil, Japanese, Spanish, Yoruba, German, Turkish, Akan (Twi/Asante).



This term we have been excited to begin a new language programme in KS1 called 'Language of the Month'. Each month a new language is selected and teachers put up a display in their classrooms and use short, enjoyable activities to teach several words from the Language of the Month. So far we have learnt phrases and words in French and Albanian.

Next term we are extending the scheme to KS2. Our next language this term will be German and in January we will start the year learning some words and phrases in Somali.

If you speak the Language of the Month please let us know. We would love Parents and Carers to come in to the classroom, to help increase children's awareness and knowledge of other people's languages and cultures.

### Maths Workshops

In the new year we will be starting a run of Maths Workshops for you to come to with your child. These will be run during the school day so the children can take part with you. Dates will be in the next newsletter and your child's class teacher will give you more details nearer the time.



### Victorian Christmas Fayre



The Christmas Fair is next Saturday and we are planning our usual raffle - to do this we need your help! We have already had a number of fantastic donations but we would like even more! Please ask friends and neighbours to donate too! You might know someone who runs a restaurant who is happy to offer us a free meal for two/four. Or maybe someone who has a shop who could donate some goods or services?

We also need home made produce for our food stall - chutneys, jams, Christmas puddings etc would all sell well and make money for the school. Last of all, don't forget to come along and support us on the day. The fayre starts at 12pm and there will be plenty of food to give the family lunch here!

### PLEASE READ - IMPORTANT!

We have noticed that some children are being dropped off at the gates or left in the playground before school and parents are not waiting with their children until the bell rings at 9am.

This can result in children pushing through the gate at 8.45 a.m. if they are not adequately supervised.

Can I please remind parents that children who are in Y5 and Y6 who walk to school by themselves need a signed permission slip from their parent/carer.

**ALL other children (from Reception to Y6) should be with an adult before school.**

Although members of staff are in the playground before school we are not there in a supervisory capacity for unattended children but we are there to see parents and answer any queries.



### No smoking please!

**The school site is obviously a no smoking zone and we thank you for supporting this.**

**We would also be really grateful if people did not smoke by the school gates at the beginning and end of the school day. Thank you!**

