



Ashmead  
Primary School



<http://ashmeadprimary.wordpress.com/>

9th January 2015

### Dates for the diary

- 21st Jan:** Y1 London Zoo fundraising cake sake (after school)
- 27th - 30th Jan:** 'Cloth of Gold' whole school Art Project
- 30th Jan:** Y5 trip to the Painted Hall
- 2nd Feb:** Y5 trip to Greenwich Picturehouse
- 2nd Feb:** Y1 handwriting parent workshop 9.00 - 9.45 a.m.
- 3rd Feb:** Y2V spelling/handwriting parent workshop 9.00 - 9.45 a.m.
- 4th Feb:** Reception trip to Pizza Express
- 4th Feb:** Full Governing Body Meeting - 6pm
- 6th Feb:** Y2J spelling/handwriting parent workshop 9.00 - 9.45 a.m.
- 10th Feb:** Y1 trip to London Zoo
- 12th Feb:** Y2J class assembly
- 16th - 20th February**  
**February half term break**
- 23rd Feb:** Children back to school
- 26th Feb:** Parent-Teacher meetings 3.50 - 6pm
- 2nd - 6th March:** Book Week
- 2nd March:** Chris Powling author visit
- 4th March:** Parent-Teacher meetings 3.50 - 7.30pm
- 5th March:** World Book Day - book character dress up day!
- 19th March:** Y1 class assembly
- 23rd - 25th March:** Y4E on school journey
- 25th - 27th March:** Y4S on school journey
- 26th March:** Y2V class assembly
- 30th March - 10th April**  
**Easter break**
- 13th April:** Children back to school

## Happy New Year

We hope you all had a good Christmas and new year break. It is, as ever, lovely to have the children back in school.



We have started looking at our new value 'Hope' and been thinking about new year's resolutions and hopes for the year. If you haven't looked at the blog recently, take a look to see what some of the children and adults are hoping for 2015.

<https://ashmeadprimary.wordpress.com/2015/01/09/new-year-resolutions/>

## Fire alarm procedures

Earlier this week one of the children set off our fire alarm just before the end of the day. This was very unfortunate and I have spoken to the child concerned regarding how serious this is. It was particularly challenging as it was at pick-up time. If the alarm were ever to sound at around this time again I would ask parents to not take their children from the line without telling the teacher but to bear with us while we bring the children to the cage which is our muster point for fire alarms. As long as the building is secure we should be able to let you take your children quickly but we would want to wait until the paper registers have been brought to teachers so they can tick children off as they go.

**Our concern is always with your children's safety so we appreciate your support with this.**

Fire  
alarm



## In our thoughts

You probably heard the tragic news about the fire in a house in Ashmead Road on New Year's Eve. Unfortunately there were two fatalities, Doreen Nicholl (86) who used to work at the school as a dinner lady and her son, John (61). Our thoughts are with their family and friends at this sad time.

## Reception Places for September 2015

The deadline for applying for this September's Reception places is **NEXT THURSDAY (15th January)**. 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 even if their siblings are already at Ashmead or they attend our nursery. Applications for school places are managed centrally by the Lewisham Admissions Team and not through the school.

Have a look on the Lewisham website for more details [www.lewisham.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/admissions)



## Calling all scientists... Make a cloud in a bottle. Control the clouds!

No one likes clouds when they bring rain, but what if you could make your own?

### You need:

Plastic water bottle with a sports cap, warm water and matches (Remember to ask your parents for help with matches.)

### How to:

- Pour a little bit of water into the plastic bottle.
- Put the cap back on, but leave it open.
- Light the match, then blow it out so it smokes.
- Suck the smoke into the bottle by squeezing the bottle gently a few times.
- Close the cap.
- Squeeze the bottle and then release it.
- Repeat step 6 several times.

### What do you see?

When you squeeze the bottle, there is no cloud. When you release the bottle, a cloud appears! You've just made your own cloud.

Clouds are more likely to form when it's cold. When you squeeze the bottle, the pressure increases. This causes the temperature inside the bottle to rise. When you release the bottle, the pressure decreases. This causes the temperature inside the bottle to fall and the water molecules to condense. The smoke particles act as cloud condensation nuclei, allowing the water molecules to condense and stick together around the smoke. There you go - a **cloud in a bottle!**



## KS1 handwriting and spelling parent workshops

Following on from our hugely successful handwriting parent workshops last year, we would like to invite parents in again this year to hear about how we teach handwriting and spelling and give ideas about how you can support your child at home.

Keep an eye out for letters coming home, they will include tear off slips so you can let us know who in the family will be attending with your child. This doesn't have to be mum or dad, it might be a grandparent or someone else who lives in the family home, it just needs to be someone who will be able to support your child.

We look forward to seeing you at the workshops - see the 'Dates for the diary' section for details of when the workshops are.



## 'My Maths' and 'Bug Club'

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



MyMaths.co.uk

## Governor News

Hopefully you all received the letter from Sean this week about school uniform. This has been a subject that has come up in our Children, Families and Communities committee and has been discussed at Full Governing Body Meetings. After discussion we decided that focusing on the introduction of a uniform is not a strategic priority for the school.

Governors