

Ash Tree News

November 17

Kippaxopoly

You have to be in it to win it

This year we are playing Kippaxopoly. Every class works out their attendance each morning and marks it on a chart in the cloakroom. The class in each year group with the highest attendance for the week get to take play Kippaxopoly in Phase assembly. The lucky class who land on the 'chance' space may win a class treat or forfeit! Prizes on offer are a class only non-uniform day, cocoa and story time, extra playtime to name just a few. The children are really getting involved and it is amazing to see how quickly children are starting to learn how to do percentages now! We want to celebrate positive attendance and hope this way will allow more celebration, get everyone involved and promote increased attendance.

Holidays in term time will get fixed penalty fines

As a part of the Brigshaw Learning Partnership – Multi Academy Trust all 6 schools have agreed to continue adhering to the Leeds City Council Guidance on holidays in term time. This means that no holidays during term time will be authorised and taking children out of school during term time may lead to a penalty notice (fine) being issued.

Please come and speak to a member of the Attendance Team if you have any questions about holiday's in term time

It is the Leeds Policy to also fine for poor attendance. We will let you know, via letter, if your child's absence percentage is above 10%. We are eager to work with families to improve attendance where possible and therefore avoid issuing fines.

Save the Date!

Twitter: @AshTreeKATPS

Facebook : Kippax ash tree primary school (all in lower case)

Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 4th Dec

Donation of £1 or chocolate for the Christmas Fair

Homework Presentations

Thu 8th Feb
Sci/Maths/ICT

Thu 29th Mar
Thu 24th May
Fri 19th Jul

TRAINING DAYS

Tues 2nd Jan 2018

Mon 16th Apr 2018

Fri 25th May 2018

Wed 25th Jul 2018

Hooked on Booked – Sponsored Read Event

This year we are working on making sure all children get ‘Hooked on Books’ because we know that children who love reading have the best academic chances. We held our ‘Slipper Day’ on Thursday 12th October and whilst lots of children got into the spirit with their slippers – they forgot the most important part – the sponsored read where we were getting children to read at length and a variety of books. In the welcome to year group meetings we gave everyone suggested book lists and children reading their way around the ‘Bookopoly’ board have been awarded a golden ticket, giving them a place on the ‘Magical Mystery Book Tour’ taking place later in the school year. We are passionate about the children becoming passionate about reading and really enjoying books. The sponsored slipper read was just the first in a series of events planned for this year. One thing is for sure, Miss Rolls is not going to stop until we are all ‘Hooked on Books’.

A polite request ...

It is great to see how smart all the children look. Thank you to all those parents and carers who have (as ever) made sure their children are fully prepared for school. Our uniform has not changed in over 10 years. We still expect children to have:

Black shoes / trainers

Red/Navy jumper or cardigan – **NOT BLACK**

Black or navy trousers, pinafore, skirt or shorts – **NOT GREY**

Navy, red or white polo shirt – or plain white shirt

No jewelry / appropriate hairstyle (no colours or designs cut in)

When children come to school in different things – the other children ask about it, because if they are following the rules it is unfair to see someone else not, the staff ask about it and it makes children feel upset and uncomfortable and we would respectfully ask that our uniform expectations are followed, in the interest of fairness and to avoid unnecessary upset.

Chicken Pox, Shingles & Scarlet Fever

If your child or anyone in your family develops any of the illnesses above we would be very grateful if you could let us know. We have some children in school undergoing different treatments and therapies that could be seriously affected if coming into contact with anyone with the above illnesses.

Free school meals / Benefits / Pupil Premium Funding

If you are entitled to benefits please let school know. You don’t have to take the free school meal but if we know you are entitled we can offer other advantages such as reduction in residential costs or even help out with uniform. If you would like to know more please call in to the school office or speak to the Pastoral Team.

K.A.P.S

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S DISCO

KAPS (our Parent / Teacher Fundraising Association) kicked off the year in style with a brilliant disco for all children in Years 1,2,3,4,5 & 6. The disco dancing was spectacular, the music was loud, the lights were amazing and the bubble and foam machines went down a storm!

We are incredibly fortunate to have a small but dedicated team of parent and volunteers who give up their time to raise money for all the enjoyable things at school. The money raised at the disco is all spent on the Christmas parties for children (food, drinks, party prizes). KAPS ensure all money raised goes towards all the children. All staff, parents and volunteers are giving up their time and that is really, really appreciated. THANK YOU KAPS – you rock!!!

Christmas Fair *Friday 8th Dec 3.15-5pm*

The next KAPs event will be a Christmas Crafts Fair in the school hall on Friday 8th December 3.15-5pm. It is the first time we have tried such event at Christmas and we would really appreciate any help you could give.

We hope to have a range of Christmas themed stalls, games and events to get us all in the mood for Christmas – and you never know, you might even manage to find the perfect gift!

On **Monday 4th December** we will be having Christmas Jumper Day, children (& staff) will be asked to bring £1 or a chocolate donation to go towards the Christmas Fair event.



Fancy joining our ranks?

We would LOVE to have YOU join us

If you have an hour to spare or you really want to get stuck in – we would love to have you. There is usually one meeting each term (usually in the pub) or you can volunteer at an event, make a cake, or donate a prize...

We promise you will have lots of laughs, get to know other parents, staff and families and we also raise money along the way. Leave your name and number at the Office and we will do the rest!

News from the staffroom ...

We have been keeping in touch with Mrs Allcock who is still not well enough to be at school so we are sending lots of love and luck to her and hope to see her back at school at some point in the new year.

We are all sending lots of love to Mrs Pillinger who became ill over half term and we hope to see Mrs Pillinger back at school again very soon.

Miss Smithies has launched the Pupil Parliament and we are thrilled with our new Members of Parliament!

Mr Hicks is on a mission to get Ash Tree learning Spanish, it isn't easy but it will all be worth it!

Safeguarding & Child Protection

We take safety and child protection very seriously here at Kippax Ash Tree. If you have any concerns about the safety of any child – please speak to a member of our child protection team in confidence:

- **Mrs Parkinson – Pastoral Team Leader & Child Protection Officer**
- **Mrs Bellas – Pastoral Worker & Child Protection Officer**
- **Miss Rolls – KS2 Deputy Head Teacher & Child Protection Officer**
- **Mrs Campbell – Head Teacher & Lead Child Protection Officer**

If you have any concerns about the building, physical environment or site security please ask to speak to our Facilities Managers Mr A Fairburn and Mrs D Godber.

And finally ...

We STILL hope to have our new website up and running for Christmas but in the meantime we will be using letters, twitter and facebook to share information. We do have a page on the Brigshaw Learning Partnership Website with some info. We are sorry for the inconvenience and we will be using our social media to get day to day messages out. Our twitter handle is @AshTreeKATPS and our FaceBook profile is kippax ash tree primary (all in lowercase)

Have an Ash Tree amazing day

Mrs Campbell