

# ASH GREEN WEEKLY NEWS



We have had a wonderful week at Ash Green despite incredibly trying circumstances with positive Covid cases for children, staff and in children and staff's households too. It is so frustrating at this time of year to have classes with such absence and children having to stay in their own class groups till 21 months after we first started this process! However, we will keep combining fantastic learning with the best safety practice to support everyone. Next week is a busy one and hopefully will also see many children returning after absence. Lower Site Year 1 will go to Ogden on Monday- wrap up warm!! Reception and Year 6 children have height and weight checks and then on Thursday, Rev Robb will lead Upper Site assembly. Have a great weekend and please stay vigilant.

## Thank you for your support

Thank you so much for your support this week as many families arranged PCR tests for their children who have been in a Lower Site class where there has been a confirmed case(s) of Covid. This then identified children who subsequently tested positive despite showing no symptoms. Let's hope that we soon get over this outbreak of cases. To protect children even more we have returned to Teams assemblies at our Lower Site where children stay in class for assembly as well as learning and still – as right through the pandemic – eat lunch in their class group only. We will all keep working hard to support one another through this difficult time.

## CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT COFFEE MORNING

3rd December 2021 (10-12pm)  
Illingworth Community Children's centre, HX2 9RL

Grab a buttie & brew and have a chat to one of the team about your career and employment needs. We provide a confidential 1-1 service and can help with employment skills, childcare, benefits advice, training and much more.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL STEPH ON  
07719 954176 OR LORRAINE 07764 244799



## COVID WONT BEAT CHRISTMAS!

Despite the huge operational issues we are facing at the moment during the pandemic – with a real surge in cases locally in the last two weeks – we are determined to give our children and

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December we will all wear our Christmas jumpers to school or if not then please try to look festive – maybe with some purple on! This is because we will be asking for £1 donations which we will split between Overgate Hospice, Forget-Me-Not Children's Hospice and Ronald McDonald House respite and care packages for families- one of our families has benefitted from this wonderful charity recently.

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December we will enjoy Christmas Dinner together with staff sitting with their class as we do each year.

We will still have Christmas Concerts this year but due to so many cases in the community – in line with Calderdale advice – we will perform these at school and share them with families remotely. We will share all details with parents and carers. We are planning for these concerts to be Key Stage performances but at present due to the high number of Covid cases

## Mixenden Winter Holiday Camp



For children aged 5-11 (up to and including children in Y6).

It will run for 4 days and you must be able to attend all 4 days.

It will be fully funded if your child is eligible for free school meals.



Healthy meal and snacks will be provided.

LOTS OF ACTIVITIES PLANNED TO KEEP CHILDREN ENTERTAINED SUCH AS SPORTS, CHRISTMAS ARTS AND CRAFTS, A TRIP TO THE Pantomime AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH!

MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> – THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER  
ASH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL  
10am – 2pm.

There are limited places so booking is essential.

To book a place or for more information contact  
Kirelea on 07375 065975



## WEEKEND FOOTBALL TRAINING

Positive Impact Sports will be running their Football Training on Saturdays at our Upper Site MUGA. The training is for children from 4-12 and runs from 11.00-2.00pm. Cost is £4.

Please ring:  
07399621444 to book a place with Leah.



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Children will still enjoy a Christmas dinner in their class groups on Thursday 16 December.

If your child is on sandwiches and would like a Christmas dinner on that day then please book at the school office with a payment of £1.60 on the Gateway App.

## LAST DAY BUFFET

On Friday 17 December – classes will be served a buffet lunch as part of our Christmas parties.

If your child normally has sandwiches but would like a buffet lunch, please book at the school office with a payment of £1.60.

We know how supportive our families are in ensuring children's online safety. We have recently noticed quite a few children talking about Squid Game which you may know is a Netflix show for over 18s and very inappropriate for children.

Speaking with parents and carers it is clear that children are NOT being allowed to watch this but are accessing it through social media sites (we know there are clips on Tik Tok etc) but also through child friendly sites like Roblox! Please be aware that this can happen and stay vigilant on children's online activity. Thank you for your support.



Remember that if anyone in your family is showing symptoms of Covid 19:

- A high temperature for any period of time
- A new and continuous cough
- A loss of smell or taste

That person will need a Covid 19 PCR test. For this, follow:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If a child or staff member shows these symptoms they should NOT come into school/will be sent home from school. A test should be arranged. When the test is negative they can return.

IF a test is positive that person would need to isolate for 10 days and we would contact the families of anyone we felt may have been a contact.

There is no longer a requirement for children under 18 or double jabbed adults to isolate as contacts. However, national guidance is that those contacts- including household members of the positive case- take a PCR test, they do not have to isolate unless that test proved positive. At Ash Green, if we hear of a positive case then we WILL inform the families of children who may have been contacts and recommend as a minimum that they take a PCR test but those children CAN still come to school. If the child subsequently showed symptoms then they would have to isolate for 10 days or take a PCR test which if negative would mean they could return. REMEMBER, CALDERDALE (WHERE RATES ARE IN THE HIGHEST IN THE UK) GUIDANCE IS THAT CHILD HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL IF THERE IS A POSITIVE CASE IN THE HOUSE UNTIL THEIR OWN PCR TEST (RECOMMENDED 3 DAYS AFTER THE POSITIVE TEST FOR A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER) IS NEGATIVE.

It remains such a difficult time for us all. Covid cases are still worryingly high, we have had EVEN MORE staff and children test positive this week, and we must put continued measures in place to support distancing, increased hygiene and prevent widespread contact between groups. The safety and welfare of our children, families and staff members is paramount. I know this causes some families some frustration when traditional 'face to face events' have to be delivered virtually, or even postponed, but this remains a critical time for the health of our school community and that of the nation.