

ASH GREEN WEEKLY NEWS



Thank you to everyone for making a tough year a little more bearable! Hopefully, the wonderful support from Holy Nativity Church and our staff has also spread Christmas cheer at such a difficult time. It was certainly a magical last week with performances, gifts, special lunches, parties and Santa did his rounds today too! We wish everyone a restful and safe break and Merry Christmas.



We have had an absolutely fantastic last week at Ash Green. We have had classes visiting Holy Nativity with their staff for magical Christmas services with Reverend Robb. The children have rehearsed and performed amazing productions despite the high level of staff and pupil absence, and the additional distancing measures needed. These have been professionally filmed and edited by Reverend Robb and have gone out to families via a private link today. Children have also brought home gifts and selection boxes as we aim to make their week special- Covid or no Covid! We wish all our families a very happy and healthy holiday and Merry Christmas.

PLACES ARE FULL BUT A

REMINDER!

Myenden Winter Holiday Camp

STARTS ON...

MONDAY 20TH to THURSDAY 23RD DECEMBER.

ASH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL LOWER SITE

10am – 2pm.

Lots of activities planned to keep children entertained such as sports, Christmas arts and crafts, a trip to the pantomime and Christmas lunch!

Sure Start Children's Centres North Halifax Partnership **HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE** **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR CALDERDALE** **Calderdale Council**



INVICTA'S FREE CATCH-UP CLASSES ARE BACK THIS CHRISTMAS!

After seeing Ash Green on BBC News this week Invicta National Academy made contact with us to offer **FREE** holiday tuition for our children.

They will be running two days of catch-up maths and English classes on the 29th and 30th of December. The classes are aimed at helping younger children go back to school confident and ready to launch into 2022.

The live, interactive virtual lessons will take place at 10am and 11am every day and are divided into Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2.

Safeguarding is their no. 1 priority so all cameras, mics and chat function are switched off.

If you would like to see their safeguarding policy please visit:

<https://www.invictaacademy.com/privacy-safeguarding>.

A message from the company: "We have had enormous success with our previous programmes with 88% of parents saying they would recommend Invicta to other children or parents and 80-90% wanting Invicta lessons to continue."

You can book **FREE** lessons on <https://www.invictaacademy.com/christmasclassess>

Creative Healthy Holidays

Join us at Artworks (Shaw Lane, Halifax HX3 9ET) for some fun creative art sessions this winter!

The programme is for children aged between 5 and 12 years old, and all abilities are welcome. A hot vegan lunch and snacks will be provided each day.

Sessions are **FREE** for children in Calderdale who are eligible for free school meals. We also have some discretionary funds available, as well as paid places on offer for £30 a session.

Wednesday 22 December, 10am-2pm:
Modelling a Winter Wonderland with Zeke Clough

Thursday 23 December, 10am-2pm:
Paper Portraits with Lucy Marriott

Wednesday 29 December, 10am-2pm:
Making Magic Lanterns with Frank Darnley

Thursday 30 December, 10am-2pm:
Life-Sized Self Portraits with Kate Walton

To book, visit
<https://www.theartworks.org.uk/creative-healthy-holidays> or call 07888 343291



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HALF TERM	CLOSE – FRIDAY 18 FEBRUARY	RE-OPEN – MONDAY 28 FEBRUARY
EASTER	CLOSE – FRIDAY 8 APRIL	RE-OPEN MONDAY 25 APRIL
MAY DAY – CLOSE – MONDAY 2 MAY		
ADDITIONAL ROYAL BANK HOLIDAY	MONDAY 6 JUNE	TRAINING DAY – TUESDAY 7 JUNE
HALF TERM	CLOSE – FRIDAY 27 MAY	RE-OPEN WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE
MID-SUMMER	CLOSE – FRIDAY 22 JULY	

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

A REMINDER THAT WE CLOSE TODAY AT 2.15 AND RETURN ON TUESDAY 4 JANUARY 2022





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 (please also look out for headaches) 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, new national guidance is that those contacts- including household members of the positive case- take LFD tests for 7 days if OVER 5. 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 the guidance 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.

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 in our last week, and we must put continued measures in place to support distancing, increased hygiene and prevent widespread contact between groups. Let's hope that everyone stays safe and healthy to enjoy Christmas as best as they can!