

Ashpark Primary School
75 Kyleakin Road
G46 8DQ



October/November 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your child are now settled back into the school routine following the October break. As you will be aware, the school and community have had a very difficult start to the academic year. I am sure you would like to join me in wishing Arran and his family love and strength at this difficult time. Children across the school are working hard to make cards, gifts and other items to send to Arran whilst he is in hospital. I would also like to inform you that emotional support is being provided to both staff and children as required through Education Psychological Services in particular. At the end of Term 1, we held a Dress as You Please in order to raise funds for Cancer Research UK. I am delighted to inform you that we raised £600 in Mrs Barrett's memory for Cancer Research UK. I would also like to pass on thanks from Mrs Barrett's family for your kind words and generosity at this very sad time.

Parking and Road Safety

Despite previous reminders, the unsafe situation in the car park continues to concern me. Last week, we had a number of issues which compromised the safety of everyone at Ashpark Primary. I am currently working with the Parent Council, local councillor and education department to risk assess and find solutions. However, your co-operation is of paramount importance.

Please DO NOT park on the driveway leading up to the school.

Please DO NOT stop and block the road at ANY TIME.

As I have communicated in previous newsletters, if this continues, I will have no option but to close the gates to all vehicles apart from taxis and those with disabled badges from 8.45am-9.15am and 2.45pm – 3.15pm. This is a last resort but as you will understand, the safety of the children is my main concern.

Show Racism the Red Card

On Friday 25th October, we held a very successful team building activity day as part of our anti-racism education programme. I would like to thank Mr Brown for organising such a highly successful event in the school calendar. We look forward to this being an annual event in the Ashpark calendar.

Hallowe'en Activities and Disco

The Parent Council have very kindly organised Hallowe'en Discos for all children on Thursday 31st October. Your child may wear their Hallowe'en costume to school on this day. No weapons etc to be brought to school.

P1-P3: 3pm – 4pm and P4-7: 4.15pm – 5.15pm

Primary 1 – 3 children should bring their £1 to school and this will be recorded.

Primary 4-7 children should pay at the door.

If you wish your child to walk home alone, you must telephone the school office, send in a letter or e-mail dbrown@ashpark-pri.glasgow.sch.uk to inform us of this.

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Parent Surgeries

All Parent Surgeries will take place on Monday 18th November from 3pm until 4pm. If you have any questions or queries, this is an ideal time to come in and meet with your child's class teacher. No appointment is necessary.

Staffing

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Sharon Walker has joined the team at Ashpark Primary School. Mrs Walker is a Support for Learning Worker who will work in Primary 1 and around the school. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Sharon to the Ashpark team.

Fruit

Mr Fleming has successfully received a grant to roll out fruit across the school. This will initially begin with P4 and P5 and they will receive fruit two days per week in class. We will extend this to other classes as the year progresses.

Student Teachers

Thank you to Miss Smith who has been working hard in Primary 5g. Miss Smith will leave Ashpark at the end of November.

I would also like to welcome Miss Nimmo from Strathclyde University. Miss Nimmo will be working in P3a during Term 2.

Flu Vaccinations

As you may be aware, the NHS were not able to administer all flu vaccinations due to arriving late and being short staffed. We have been informed that they will visit us again on Monday 4th November to complete the immunisation programme. I would like to apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Remembrance Day

We will start selling poppies around the classes on Friday 1st November. If you wish your child to purchase a poppy, please send a small donation into school with your child. We will also have a 2-minute silence on Monday 11th November at 11am.

Anti-Bullying Week

The school will be participating in Anti-Bullying Week from Monday 11th until Friday 15th November. Mrs McWilliam will plan a number of activities for your child to participate in. This will also be a major focus at our assemblies.

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Children in Need

The Children in Need Appeal is on Friday 15th November. This will be a dress as you please and crazy hair day. If you wish to donate to Children in Need, please send a small donation into school with your child on this day.

Family Prize Bingo Evening

I am delighted to inform you that we will have the first Family Prize Bingo Evening on Wednesday 20th November at 6.30pm with eyes down at 7pm. Please remember to invite family and friends along to this exciting event in the school calendar. Further information will be distributed in due course.

Christmas Fayre

With Christmas fast approaching, we would like to give you early notice of our annual Christmas Fayre which will be held on Friday 6th December from 1.30pm. As always, we are looking for support with donations to make this event a success. We are kindly asking for bottles for the tombola, gift sets, sweets, pre-loved toys, games and books. Cake and candy can also be brought to the school on the day of the Fayre. Your support is very much appreciated and I look forward to seeing you all at the Fayre in December.

Many thanks for your continued support. If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Fleming, Mrs McWilliam or I and we will be happy to assist.

Best wishes,

Graeme Currie

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Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Thursday 31 st October 2024	Hallowe'en Discos
Friday 15 th November 2024	Children in Need – Crazy Hair and Dress as You Please
Wednesday 20 th November 2024	Family Prize Bingo Evening 6.30pm
Friday 6 th December 2024	Christmas Fayre 1.30pm
Wednesday 11 th December 2024	P1/2 Nativity 9.30am and 6.30pm
Week Beginning 16 th December 2024	Class Christmas Parties

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