

# Ashcombe Primary School

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of the Autumn Term – it's always a long one but the weeks have whizzed by very quickly. It's been lovely for the staff and children to settle in to the new, extended building. The children have been working hard over the last term and I've really enjoyed popping into class to see how they have been getting on. I really hope that all families manage to rest and relax these holidays and enjoy the time you have with loved ones. Merry Christmas everybody!



## Christmas at Ashcombe



As usual, we've had a very special Christmas at Ashcombe. Our staff stayed late after school to create a winter wonderland for the children to come back to in the last two weeks. We've had Christmas Parties, Christmas dinner, the snow machine and of course a special visit from Father Christmas himself. I'd like to thank the staff who work so hard to create some very special memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you also to the whole community for your good spirit and not laughing too hard at some of my Christmas outfits!

## Every Child Needs Christmas

Some children in our community, as I'm sure you're aware, may be facing considerable hardship this Christmas. I'm immensely proud of the time and effort put in by dedicated members of our community and our staff who have worked hard to co-ordinate presents and food donations for some of our families. If you are able, can I urge parents and carers to make a donation to the local food bank this festive period as times are very difficult for many of our community at the moment.



## AFA



I would like to put on record my thanks to the entire AFA team who have worked so hard to put on events for the children and the community. We've already had the Drop and Shops this term, the AFA funded a Pantomime performance and we had an amazing Christmas Fayre last week which managed to raise nearly £3000! These events are hard work and our volunteers have given up a lot of time to support the school and the community. Not every school has a parent teacher association which puts on so much for its community. Thank you AFA! We're incredibly grateful for what you do!

### Key dates for the year ahead

I've tried to look ahead so that you can get as many dates in the diary as possible. If we do need to change anything, I'll aim to get that information to you as soon as possible

#### **Term 3:**

Term 3 begins 6th January  
INSET Monday 6th January  
INSET Tuesday 7th January  
Year 3 Presentation Wednesday 12th February pm  
Year 3 Presentation Thursday 13th February am  
End of Term 3: Friday 14th February

#### **Term 4:**

Term 4 Begins: Monday 24th February  
Mid-year School Reports sent out – Friday 28th February  
World Book Day – Thursday 6th March – (More details to follow)  
Year 5 – Parent Presentation Wednesday 12th March pm  
Year 5 – Parent presentation Thursday 13th March am  
Red Nose Day Friday 21st March – Children to bring in a suggested £1 donation – Children wear a red item of clothing.  
Ashcombe's Got Talent Finals – Wednesday 2nd April  
AFA Easter Fayre - Friday 4th April  
End of Term 4 – 4th April

#### **Term 5:**

Term 5 Begins 22nd April  
Class Photos – YR and Y6 24th April  
Y5 Morfa Bay residential Monday 28th April to Friday 2nd May  
KS2 Test week – 12th May – 15th May  
Year 1 Parent Event/Performance – Wednesday 21st May pm  
Year 1 Parent Event/Performance – Wednesday 22nd May am  
Day of Sport and Kindness for Liam Shepherd Foundation - Friday 23rd May (Children wear sport clothes to school)  
End of Term 6 Tuesday 22nd July  
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End of Term 5 – 23rd May

#### **Term 6:**

Term Begins: Monday 2nd June

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INSET Monday 2nd June

Y4 Multiplication Check Window Opens - Monday 2nd June to Friday 13th June

Y1 Phonics Screening Check week – Monday 9th June to Friday 13th June

Reception and Year 1 sports day - Wednesday 18th June (reserve day Friday 20th)

AFA Summer Fayre – Saturday 5th July.

Year 4, 5 & 6 sports day Wednesday 9th July (reserve day Friday 11th)

Year 2 & Year 3– Wednesday 16th July (reserve day Friday 18th)

Parents' Evening 1 – Tuesday 8th July 4:00-7pm

Parents' Evening 2 – Thursday 10th July September 3:30-6:00pm

Y6 Leavers Show, Parents Lunch and Leavers' Service Thursday 17th July am and pm

Wrong Trousers Day for Grand Appeal – Monday 21st July – (Children can come into school wearing unusual trousers, shorts or skirts)

Forever proud to serve you.

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Yours sincerely,

Chris Penny  
Headteacher

