

Monthly Newsletter

Asfordby Hill Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of another bustling term, it's hard to believe how swiftly December has flown by! This month has been brimming with events and a delightful festive spirit that truly showcases the wonderful community we have here at Asfordby Hill.

One of the highlights of our December was the privilege of accompanying our Year 6 children to the athletics event at Brooksby. It was an absolute joy to see their determination and sportsmanship on display. We are immensely proud of all the participants who represented our school so admirably!



Did you manage to spot our 'Shrek-tacular' tree at the Christmas tree festival held at St Mary's Church? A huge thank you to Mrs Charles for her creativity and hard work in decorating the tree with all the children's imaginative characters. It certainly stood out among the many lovely displays and captured the festive spirit beautifully.

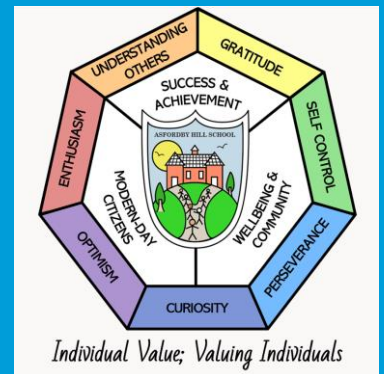
Another magical moment this month was Chestnut's nativity performance, which was nothing short of amazing. The children truly shone on stage, bringing the spirit of Christmas to life through their exceptional performances. Similarly, our KS2 Shrek production was a fantastic success, with parents and friends thoroughly enjoying the antics of our talented pupils. Their hard work and creativity paid off, and it was a delight to witness such singing and acting skills, teamwork and enthusiasm on

display.

We were also thrilled to see our classes supporting each other in the Whole School Santa Dash. What a fantastic way to embrace the festive season and keep active! The children's enthusiastic participation filled the event with energy and joy, making it an occasion to remember.

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On a different note, we were delighted to witness many of you honing your crafting skills during the Chestnut's and Willow's decoration afternoon. The atmosphere was filled with laughter and creativity, and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! It was heartwarming to see everyone come together to create festive decorations that will brighten your homes.

Also, we're excited to share that the 'Asfordby Light Switch On' was a fantastic success! Some of our children made beautiful decorations that really added to the festive spirit. It's wonderful to see how our school community came together to support this lovely event.

We extend our warmest thanks to the Friends of Asfordby Hill (FOAH) for their hard work in organising the recent Christmas fair. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, enjoying the buzz, games, and festive treats. Your support means the world to us and contributes to making such events successful!

Our exciting outings continued with a visit to the Loughborough Town Hall to watch the pantomime, Snow White. The children's laughter and gasps of delight throughout the performance were truly priceless. Experiences like these are integral to our students' personal development.

In line with festivities, we must express our gratitude to Paula and her kitchen team for yet another delicious Christmas dinner. The effort that goes into making this meal special is deeply appreciated, and it certainly added to the festive cheer.

As we wrap up the term, we wish Miss Parrott all the best as she embarks on her maternity leave. We're eager to hear all about her new bundle of joy in the New Year! Mrs Bailey and I will be sharing the responsibility of teaching Year 6 and the Co-Headship from January, and we're excited about the adventures that await. Hence, Mrs Bailey is handing over the reins of SENDCo to Mrs Smalley. They have been working together this term to make the transition of the role as smooth as possible. Additionally, we'll be bidding farewell to Mrs Gwynn, one of our dedicated support assistants, as she spends more time with her family. Thank you, Mrs Gwynn, for everything you have done here at Asfordby Hill!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr Fox, who will be joining our support staff team after the break. We are excited to have him on board!

As we conclude this busy term, we thank you all for your unwavering support. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at Asfordby Hill. Enjoy the festive season with your loved ones, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year!

Mrs Millward.



Key dates for your diary

Monday 6th January: School open to children

Tuesday 7th January: Year 5 art workshop in school

Saturday 25th January: Cross country at Ratcliffe School

Week beginning Monday 12th May 2025: Year 6 SATS week

Wednesday 11th June – Friday 13th June 2025: Year 6 residential to Beaumanor Hall

Spring Term PE Timetable

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
AM					EYFS- Chestnuts
AM	Yr 5- Sycamore		Yr 4 - Beech		
Lunch					
PM	Yr 3 -Rowan	Yr 1- Willow	Yr 3- Rowan	Yr 1-Willow	Yr 5 - Sycamore
PM	Yr 4-Beech	Yr 2-Holly	Yr 2 -Holly	Yr 6 -Oak	Yr 6 -Oak

Our Achievements

Chestnut and Willow's class craft afternoon with parents.





A huge congratulations to our runners who participated in the final cross country event of the year at Mallory Park- it was a muddy one! The children were all a credit to the school. A special thank you to Pauline, who this year has taken on the role of team manager. Thank you.

The whole school took part in the Santa Dash.



Christmas Fair: Thank you to everyone who supported this event. It was a huge success and raised over £2000, which will go towards events like this year's pantomime – Snow White.

Year 6 Athletics Event
Rewarded Spirit of the Games



Chestnut's Nativity



Our production of Shrek Junior



Christmas Dinner 2024





Our Pantomime Trip to Loughborough to watch Snow White. Once again, a huge thank you to FOAH for subsidising the trip and providing interval snacks and drinks.



Poppy Appeal



Team Points



AIR



EARTH



FIRE



WATER

This month's team points results:

Week ending	AIR	EARTH	FIRE	WATER
30/11/24	127	134	116	129
6/12/24	165	151	153	127

Congratulations to our weekly winning teams. Each week's team winners have had an extra 10 minutes of playtime on a Wednesday- enjoy!

Wow Awards

The children have worked exceptionally hard on using their rainbow skills. It has been a delight to see how many children are using these skills throughout the curriculum but also around school. On Fridays, two children from each class are rewarded in our Celebration Assembly with a WOW certificate and a gold star badge to wear in class the following week.

Congratulations to you all- you deserve a WOW!



Christmas Waste Collections

There will be some changes to waste collections over the Christmas period.

Monday 23 December collection will be on Saturday 21 December

Tuesday 24 December collection will be on Monday 23 December

Wednesday 25 December collection will be on Tuesday 24 December

Friday 27 December collection will be on Saturday 28 December

Monday 30 December there are no changes

Tuesday 31 December there are no changes

Thursday 2 January collection will be on Friday 3 January

Friday 3 January collection will be on Saturday 4 January



There will be no collections on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

Normal collections will resume on Monday 6 January.

For anyone who needs some support right now. ❤️

CALM - 0800585858
Mind - 03001233393
No Panic - 08449674848
Bereavement - 08088081677
PAPYRUS - 08000684141
Samaritans - 116 123
SHOUT - 85258
Abuse - 080820005000
Refuge - 08082000247
shout text 85258



All Saints' Church in Asfordby are holding a crib service on Christmas Eve at 4pm.



We will be telling the Christmas story, singing carols and inviting children to bring up the various characters to place in the stable scene.

Also, people may dress as their favourite characters if they wish.



We look forward to welcoming you all.



