



This term we celebrate... **friendship**

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# All Aboard!



**Shiver me timbers**, what a start to the new theme of 'Pirates beware!' Last week saw lots of fun and engaging activities to really immerse the children in the theme before we started our usual lessons. Most, if not all, our lessons will revolve around the theme of pirates and sailing during Tudor times. KS1 are focusing more on the story of pirates where as KS2 are looking at life onboard a Tudor galleon as it sails around the new world in search of riches. The classrooms look amazing and I can't wait for the trip to Stratford to learn more about Tudor life.

**Information Packs** about the theme came out from each class this week with more information about what the theme is about, what subjects are being taught and the home learning. There will also be an information pack about the trip with relevant guidance for those who are sleeping over or just coming up for the day.

Our **Sport Relief** efforts have raised a staggering £301 so far. Well done everyone and especially well done to the School Council for organising it!

This week sees the start of **Tag Rugby** in the afternoons for everyone from 1-3pm then after school for those who have paid, please check the dates you have paid for. I would like to increase the number of sports and competitive activities that the children could choose to be part of, if you have any ideas, or would like to offer a club, please let me know.

Polling Day is next Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> May and the school will be used as the Polling Station for the village. The **School will be closed** to children but staff will be in to complete training.

I am looking forward to meeting the **Reverent Rob Merchant**, new incumbent of the West of Severn Benefice, who is visiting the school on the 5<sup>th</sup> May. He is very keen to talk to the children and will be joining in with 'Open the Book' that Wednesday.

We have a vacancy for **Lunchtime Supervisor** which I would like to fill as quickly as possible. If you are interested in working in the school, please contact me ASAP.

I hope you are all able to join in with the **May Day Celebrations** on the Green on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The children have been practicing their maypole dancing and look forward to showing you their routine. All the children get a complimentary ticket; others can be bought from the shop.

Gary Law  
Captain



## Amazing Young People!

### STAR Awards

First of all, well done to everyone last term who achieved their STAR awards and other personal achievements and certificates. At the end of term everyone in KS1 was presented with an award!

This term has continued this success with Sophie, Charlotte, Rosie, Sarah, Abi, Isabel and Max all being presented with a STAR award for not only following the school rules to encouraging others to do so as well. They are:

Show that we care for the school and everything in it  
Treat others with respect and kindness  
Aim to be positive learners in and out of school  
Remember to take responsibility for ourselves and our actions.

### WOW Awards

In Reception, you can now earn a WOW Award for learning a new skill either in or out of school. These awards go in to each child's Learning Journey. Our first WOW Award goes to George for being about to count to 100, WOW!



### This week's riddle

Q: What's a pirate's favourite instrument?  
A: A guitarrrrrrr!

### This week's prayer

In my journeying with you  
may I never lose my sense of direction  
never lose sight of the landmark  
towards which I travel  
And should cloud or rain obscure my vision  
may I draw closer to you  
so that my feet may tread  
in your footsteps  
your words be my encouragement  
and your love my protection  
against the storms that assail me.  
*Amen*

### Dates for your diary...

| Date                  | Event details                         |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> May   | May day Celebrations on the Green 3pm |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> May   | Rob Merchant in to visit the children |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> May   | SCHOOL CLOSED – Polling Day           |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> May   | PTFA Meeting at the Boat Inn 7.30pm   |
| 10-14 May             | SATs Week KS2                         |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> May  | Full Governors' Meeting               |
| 17-21 May             | Walk to School Week                   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> May  | Last day of Term 5                    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> June  | Start of Term 6                       |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> June  | Sports Day                            |
| 10-11 June            | Tudors Alive residential and day trip |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> June | Open Gardens                          |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> June | Green Britain Day                     |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> June | Opening of the Memorial Hall          |

\*All the events will happen at school unless stated. All these dates are on the school website calendar which is updated as and when things happen. [www.ashleworth.org](http://www.ashleworth.org)

### Village Events

There is quite a lot of things going on in the summer so I thought it would be useful to list them here:  
3<sup>rd</sup> May is the May Day celebrations on the Green starting 3pm. We will be maypole dancing. There is an Open Gardens day on the 13<sup>th</sup> June; I know lots of people have already entered their garden. And the Memorial Hall is set to re-open on the 19<sup>th</sup> June with a re-dedication to the war heroes of Ashleworth.

### You asked, we did!

A great suggestion that we moved the notice board from outside the office to where the parents generally congregate at the beginning and end of school. So with screwdriver in hand, I have moved it down. Hopefully more people will see the messages we put up on it.

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**Supporter's comment Slip:** please use this slip to send any comments, thoughts or suggestions into school.