

Are you doing your bit ... to recycle waste?

Did you know that around 90% of all waste collected by South Northamptonshire is sent to landfill sites, where it can cause pollution and blight our County for future generations. However, rather than be buried in the ground **many wastes can be reduced, re-used, recycled or composted.**

We all need to play our part in reducing, recycling and composting our waste, but how can you do your bit?

Reduce your waste by:

- * Reducing the amount of packaged items that you take home (and pay for!). Buy loose fruit and vegetables and buy in bulk.
- * Try to buy re-usable, refills or rechargeable goods (razors, batteries, pens, etc)
- * Using both sides of a piece of paper before recycling it.
- * Contact the Mailing Preference Service to reduce the amount of junk mail that is sent to your home by up to 95%. Phone 08457 034 599 or visit www.mpsonline.org.uk

Reuse your waste by:

- * Re-using envelopes, bottles, jars, plastic containers (e.g. for left-overs)
- * Taking unwanted clothes, shoes, books and household items to charity shops and collection banks.
- * Buying second-hand goods, hire or share with friend and neighbours, where possible.

Recycle your waste by:

- * Separating your cans, glass, newspapers and plastic bottles for recycling.
- * Making use of your Neighbourhood Recycling Centre. For details of your nearest site, contact Environmental Services or visit www.recycle-more.co.uk
- * Buying recycled goods where possible.
- * Making full use of your green wheeled bin for all your organic kitchen and garden waste and cardboard.

For more information about how to get involved in recycling, please contact Environmental Services on 01327 322344.

Useful Contacts

Parish Council Chairman - Bernard Day 862383 Community Policeman - PC Goddard 01327 303209
Parish Council Clerk - Stephanie Fowler 862904 Towcester Police Station Western Area 01327 303245
Footpath Warden - Peter Coulson 864214 Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator - David Farrand 863225
Ashton District Councillor - Martin Wilson 864254 Village Internet Site - www.ashtonvillage.co.uk

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Friday 6th December Christmas Bazaar

3.15 - 5.00
at the School

Christmas gift stall
Cake stall
Raffle
and lots more



Any donations for stalls or offers of help greatly appreciated!
Please contact Yvonne on 862628
or drop donations to the school.

Thanks

Ashton CE Primary School

It's been a busy start to the half-term for the children at Ashton School. The junior years 4, 5 and 6 took a four-day residential break at the Aylmerton Field Study Centre in Norfolk; the trip was a shared venture with Stoke Bruerne School. All the children had a fabulous time. Taking a boat trip to see the seals, beachcombing and swimming were just a few of the things they managed to do on the trip. Back at the school the remaining year groups were joining in some Halloween fun organised by the schools' excellent Parents Association. The children took part in games together with fancy dress and pumpkin competitions.

The school is currently having some repair work carried out to its boundary wall and once this is completed the outside area adjacent to the infant class room will be refurbished to become the outdoor play area for the Early Years children.

The school is currently taking names of children interested in a place in the Reception year starting in September 2003. If you have a child of this age or know someone who is looking for a place, please contact the school to request a prospectus or arrange a visit. This term has seen the development of the schools' first web site by Mrs. Dallagiovanna, the Key Stage 1 teacher. The site is available to view at www.ashtonceprimary.ik.org. The school prospectus has also been redesigned and is now available with full colour photographs. Copies can be requested by contacting the school by phone or e-mail listed below.

The staff and children would like to thank all the volunteers who already offer their time for assisted reading and sewing, but always welcome anyone who may feel they could help. For instance- Are you musical? Do you play the Piano? Could you help with musical coaching for our Christmas and Summer music events? Or perhaps your strength lies in wielding a paintbrush. As part of the ongoing refurbishment programme volunteers have recently redecorated the junior cloakroom and now the junior class and toilets need the same treatment. So if you have the time, we can supply the paint.

Contact details:

Mrs. Annette Ray Headteacher Tel. 01604 863189

E-mail bursar@ashton.northants-ecl.gov.uk

Web-site www.ashtonceprimary.ik.org.

Joyce Kingsbury would like to thank everyone who donated clothes and bedding for the **Night Shelter**. If you have any of these items that you no longer need, please remember the Night Shelter as clothing and bedding are always needed. Joyce can be contacted on 01604 864390

The next **coffee morning** is on 11 December from 10am to 11.30pm at the Barn, Vale Farm, by courtesy of Mr and Mrs Zanutto. Coffee and biscuits cost £1.00p. There will be cakes, a raffle and a bring & buy stall. Everyone is welcome.

Ashton School Parents Association

We would like to thank everyone who made **Firework night** such a success. Thanks to The Old Crown for purchasing the fireworks, to Bernard and his team for organising the bonfire and the display, for all the parents and friends who marshaled on the night and donated raffle prizes. Finally a big "thank you" to everyone for supporting the event. Proceeds from the entrance fee and raffle will be going towards purchasing children's play equipment.

Dates for your diary - Friday 6th December - Christmas Bazaar - see front cover



Friday 13th December

Family Disco

7pm-11pm
at the Rugby Club

Licensed Bar
Disco
Raffle

Everyone is invited for a good night out.

Tuesday 17th December

**Afternoon Nativity
and afternoon tea
for village friends**

2pm
at the Rugby Club
includes Hamper raffle.



The school is continuously collecting Nestle box tops, Persil washing powder stars and old printer cartridges for recycling. Also lookout for Walkers Crisps "books for schools" which is to start again in January.