

Fundraising

Did you know that Ashton School Parents Association raised over £5,000 for Ashton Primary School last year? This year is also proving to be very successful having raised £2,200 at the Saturday night's Bonfire and Firework display. Many thanks to all those who gave up their time to make sure that everything went smoothly and particular thanks go to The Old Crown pub for hosting the event and their contribution to the cost of the fireworks.

The following poem by Year 5 pupil Jai James represents some of the work that the children have been doing recently.

Fireworks are exciting
In the night sky
Racing around frequently
Ending on the ground
What colours will it be?

Orange, blue, maybe red, wait and see
Ready steady BANG!!
Klang, woosh! BOOM!!

Shall it be disappointing or will everyone cheer?



Yummy Mummy week

Is all about raising money for children with cancer. We had some people coming into our school from A.S.P.A. A.S.P.A. is our team that organise lots of fun things to do in our school. A.S.P.A. is short for Ashton school parents association it also features these people

they are called Julie, Heather, peter, Elaine, Diane, Alison, Yvonne and Beryl. All of the money Asp raised goes to the sick children who have cancer. We raise money by getting people at our mums and tots group. To buy Yummy mummy things like Yummy Mummy mugs, Yummy Mummy t-shirts Yummy Mummy bracelets and loads of other stuff with the Words Yummy Mummy on it and that is why Yummy Mummy week is so important because we can raise money for this charity for children with cancer.

Useful Contacts

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Ashton SCHOOL Issue

Ashton School Parents Association
would like to invite you to our:

Auction of Promises and Family Disco

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER

6.30 - 11.00 PM

MENS OWN RUGBY CLUB, ASHTON

6.30 ONWARDS - STALLS

7.00 - AUCTION OF PROMISES
(AND CHILDREN'S BINGO)

8.00 - FAMILY DISCO

LICENSED
BAR ALL
EVENING

RAFFLE
TOMBOLA
GAMES
GIFTS
LUCKY DIP

ENTRANCE ONLY £1
(UNDER 5S FREE)

TO INCLUDE LUCKY AUCTION PROGRAMME

ALL PROCEEDS TO ASHTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

ASHTON SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Bonfire Night

Thank you to all who came and supported the Bonfire Night. It was very successful and we made over £2000 which will be used to purchase ICT equipment. A huge thank you to all those who helped the committee make this such a success, especially to:

- v Bernard Day and his team of helpers (James and Richard Arrowsmith, Peter Roberts and Colin Campbell) for making the bonfire and clearing up afterwards!
- v The Parish Council for the use of the field.
- v Bernard and Alan Humphrey for doing the fireworks.
- v The Old Crown for hosting the event, donating money and raffle prizes.
- v Everyone for coming to support the event and spending money.
- v The Red Cross team.
- v The door stewards- Peter, Russell, Mark, Rick, Graham.
- v All the mums who helped on the night with the raffle and selling flashers!
- v The infant class, Mrs. Bridewell and Mrs. Neville for making the guy.
- v All those who kindly donated a raffle prize.
- v All other parents and friends who helped.

We have a number of unclaimed raffle prizes. Please check your tickets to see if they belong to you. Please see the list in school, on the village notice board or in the pub.

Christmas Auction/Disco- Friday 2nd December 6.30-11.00

This will have the same format as last year, which was hugely successful:

- 6.30 onwards- Bar open and Stalls
(Tombola, Raffle, Jam jar tombola, Chocoholics, Lucky dip)
- 7.00- Auction of Promises (During which Mr. Blight will do a Children's Bingo session in the back to keep them occupied!)
- 8.00- Family Disco

Please let us know if you have an idea or a donation for this event.

Promises last year included: *Hairdressing, cleaning, babysitting, sailing lesson, meals, child care, pony ride, cakes, hampers, football, rugby and cricket tickets, theatre tickets and more!* Please have a think about what you can offer yourself or can obtain for us to make it a fun evening and a successful fundraiser! We are hoping to purchase new reading scheme books and new maths software.

Please contact Beryl Humphrey (01908 542441) or Diane Shadforth (863339) or any committee member if you can help in any way.

Please come and join us for a fun night out for all the family -

Many thanks!

The ASPA committee: Beryl, Julie, Alison, Yvonne, Peter, Elaine, Heather, Diane.



Parent & Toddler Group

@1.30pm in the school hall,
this Thursday and every Thursday during term time.
A small friendly group who always like to see new faces

Admissions

September 2006

The School is now taking applications for places in our Reception Year Group starting September 2006. If you have a child who is 4 between 1st September 2005 and 31st August 2006 call at the school office for an application form. We also welcome applications from families outside of Ashton Village



The Fabulous Football Four

This term sees the launch of our joint school football team with Stoke Bruerne Primary School. The team, known as "Stashton", have competed in 3 tournaments already achieving a fantastic victory in the Small Schools Tournament beating 7 other teams for the winners' title. The 6 player team features four pupils from Ashton, Jake Tofani, Luke Morris, Joseph Barley and Jai James. The players are pictured

here with their Small Schools Tournament Medals.

Keep up the good work boys!

Help Required

As part of Diocese Candlemas Service on 03.02.06 we have been asked to make a banner to take with us based on

Isaiah ch 60 vss 1-3. If there is anyone out there who would like to help the children with this project please pop into school and speak to Mr Blight.

If you haven't visited Ashton Primary School recently, or perhaps never visited Ashton Primary School, then maybe you should. You'll be able to see that we are in the middle of a transformation. Many areas of the school have been refurbished and the programme of further refurbishment is in place. The Key Stage 1 (Infant) class in particular now benefits from an outdoor covered play area specifically for the Foundation Stage curriculum as well as an interactive whiteboard. Plans to equip the school with a wireless laptop system and another interactive whiteboard are well underway and should be finalised by January 2006.

So if you're ever wished your children went to a school closer to home then why not call by for a tour of the school and a chance to meet our new teaching team Simon Blight, Headteacher, and Laura Neville, Infant class teacher. For an appointment or prospectus call the school office on 01604 863 189 e-mail bursar@ashton.northant-ecl.gov.uk website www.ashtonprimary.org

PUDSEY AND HIS BEST YEAR YET

Ashton C of E primary school took part in children in need. We all brought in our teds and other animals of some sort. Some people brought in a Pudsey or 2 and one boy was claiming his squirrel was a chip monk, and to make the day more special we bandaged our teds up and just for £1.



Firework Horror



**5th of November
We shall remember-
The death of Guy Fawkes, -
For ever and ever.
Now he is dead, we shall never forget
The 5th of November**

Bonfire Night

Bonfire night is for raising money for school. Fireworks are loudly banging high above in the blue or black sky with clouds moving around. When beautiful sparks come up to the sky. People swinging sparklers. Going down the stick. Loads of people having drinks and tom bolas with lights and fishes, they had lots of things. It was fun but was steamy I think we need gas masks. People had scarves so they even put it round their mouth, or eyes or the whole of their face.



Bonfire Night

On bonfire night it was my dad's birthday and we got to stay up till 2 o'clock in the morning.

Poem



**Flaming fireworks in the sky
Crackly burns everywhere,
Catherine wheels fiery crackles,
Sizzling, crackles booming everywhere.**

**Fireworks booming in the air
Sparkles twinkling in the sky
Crowds watching from down below.**



Laptops lead the way into the future.



Ashton is looking forward to an early Christmas present! The school has decided to invest in wireless technology in order to support the learning of the children. This wireless technology will allow the children to use computers to support their work in many subjects by being able to take the laptops anywhere in the school and around the school grounds.

I am looking forward to this exciting project as I feel it will really help the children with their work in class but also prepare them for their secondary school curriculum as well as allowing for some exciting work with video and photographs and interactive programs.

The infant classroom has now got an interactive board and will also benefit from having 2 new computers so that the children will have 4 computers in their class.

Mr Blight (Headteacher)



