

# Ayresome Primary School Newsletter

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## Headteacher's News

### Festive Celebrations!

We are very excited about our forthcoming Christmas celebrations. The children are working very hard on practising their songs, playing their instruments, acting, dancing or performing. Every year group is contributing to the fortnight of festivity!

We are raising money for Text Santa via Christmas Jumper Day and are looking forward to Christmas Dinner and our parties! Party dates are:



Pippins (2 year olds)	Thursday 17th December morning and afternoon.
Nursery	Wednesday 16th December morning and afternoon.
Reception	Wednesday 16th December afternoon.
Year 1	Thursday 17th December afternoon.
Year 2	Thursday 17th December afternoon.
Year 3	Friday 18th December afternoon.
Year 4	Friday 18th December afternoon.
Year 5	Thursday 17th December afternoon.
Year 6	Wednesday 16th December afternoon.

Please donate 'pre-packed' foodstuffs only on the day of the party.

School has had a very busy term again. We say a fond farewell to Mrs Simpson our Acting Assistant Headteacher in Year 3/4 who leaves us Christmas. Miss Davies has moved on to new opportunities and in January we welcome Ms Brough to EYFS. Mrs Rafferty has had a baby boy called 'Toby.' Congratulations!

Don't forget the first Monday 4th January 2016 is a PD Day—school returns on Tuesday 5th January 2016.



This is the last newsletter of 2015. Have a wonderful, peaceful and restful holiday. Many thanks for your continual support in our school transformation towards being truly 'awesome!'

Best wishes ,  
Ms Lisa F Biggin, Headteacher



Headteacher's  
Weekly  
Wonderful Work

### Nursery

#### Saplings :

Madelyn B,  
Gracie B,  
Sienna-Rose J,  
Matthew H,  
Alfie W,  
Alise F,  
Yaseen A,  
Matthew H,  
Nadia S,  
Darcie Leigh T.

### Reception

#### Alder:

Sheryl C,  
Tuba H,  
Mohammed K,  
Rohan M.

#### Chestnut:

Qamar M,  
Suhail M,  
Diya A,  
Jad S.

#### Hazel:

Kacey M,  
Daniel D,  
Mirhan R,  
Aleeza H.

### Year 1

#### Cherry:

Adem A,  
Radoslav G,  
Scale S,  
Elyan M.

#### Fir:

Sarah S,  
Abdullah A,  
Julia L,  
Amina Dino K.

#### Elm:

Dominik C,  
Nimra M,  
Kelsey H,  
Amira F.

### Year 2

#### Spruce:

Boshra S,  
Daniel A,  
Ali K,  
Tereza F.

#### Pine:

Honya H,  
Hamed A,  
Kiran M,  
Rayyan H.

#### Larch:

Casey C,  
Harvey B,  
Raian S,  
Ruby C.

### Year 3

#### Beech:

Mohamed K,  
Devlin G,  
Mario C,  
Casey-Leigh R.

#### Cedar:

Oluchi E,  
Iman A,  
Marimar B,  
Amina Z.

#### Maple:

Jason H,  
Amanda H,  
Abydani A,  
Kadi Leigh H.

# Family Learning Weeks 9th–20th November

## Early Years

### Pippins

We have been busy in Pippins over the last few weeks finding out about autumn and sharing some traditional stories. One of our favourite things to do is go outside in a welly walk and we have enjoyed telling our Mums and Dads about what we have seen in the big green space! We really liked the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, we even pretended to be a giant and did some stomping like a giant! Working with parents is very important in Pippins and we make sure that there is time everyday for parents to talk to their child's key worker about what they have been doing in the session, their learning and development.



### Nursery

We all had a wonderful time working with our Mums, Dads Grandmas and Grandads. They played in the sand water and painted beautiful pictures. We made sure they put on the correct aprons and put their toys away when they had finished.

It was very cold outside and we had to make sure everyone wrapped up warmly. We had great fun showing off our weaving web and the writing hide.

At singing time we showcased some of our Christmas songs and everyone said they couldn't wait to hear us at our Christmas Concert!

### Reception

Wow! What a fun week our Reception children had in Family Learning Week. We had lots of our Mums and Dads come to see what we really get up to in school. Why do we go home covered in mud, paint, glue, flour, water and anything else you can think of? We are always busy exploring and learning lots of exciting new things! Our parents even got the chance to explore our new reward system Marvellous Me, with a little help from Mr Ainsley. For those parents who were really lucky, you might have got a little sneaky premier of some of our songs from our Christmas performance. Thank you so much for coming to spend time with us and we hope to see you all again next time!

## Year 1

Many parents came to participate in the Family Learning event in Year 1.

We had a carousel of activities based around the mathematics we have been learning in class and children were able to demonstrate to parents how to use Numicon to support counting, addition and subtraction. Parents joined in creating shape pictures with their children and practised naming the shapes they used. We welcomed everyone joining in our counting in 5's and 10's and sang the times tables. The children had opportunities to work with their parents, showing them number formation and counting on with the help of playing board games and everyone loved making space rocket pictures using elastic bands on geo-boards.

A fun morning had by all with some productive, active mathematics.

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## Year 2

It was lovely to see so many parents join us in Year 2. We enjoyed making our own Coat of Arms after seeing lots of examples when we went on our school trip to Auckland Castle. In the Great Hall, there were lots of portraits so we decided to have our own attempt and became Kings or Queens for the day. Junaid's Grandad sat very still! Some of us made towers for Rapunzel too!

## Year 3

This half term our topic is 'Scrumdiddlyumptious' and on Tuesday 17th November Year 3 welcomed their parents to share with them some of the wonderful work that we were doing. The parents got to join in with our maths and english lessons and they helped us to make our own bread! Some of our parents had the opportunity to join us in our Lego room where we used the story starter sets to create the journey of a banana! We all had a wonderful time and the children loved having the opportunity to show their parents what they do in class.



## Year 4

Year 4 received great support from parents during our Family Learning morning. The staff and children involved found it to be a great opportunity to show off how 'awesome' Ayresome is and how Year 4 work hard and try their best in every aspect of the school day. Parents were supportive of their children within the lessons and this gave the teachers a greater insight into how they can support the child and the whole family in their education.

## Year 5

In Year 5, parents were involved in learning about the Egyptians, 5 a day in Maths and getting to grips with databases in ICT.

After this successful event, we have a parent who wants to learn alongside their child and experience more ICT within school for their own development. We hope she enjoys attending the weekly ICT sessions with us!

## Year 6



Year 6 were delighted to welcome parents, family and friends into Family Learning week.

Family members were able to join in whilst the children talked about the significance of Remembrance Day and they then helped us to make holly wreaths and write Remembrance poems. We have been able to make a beautiful display of these in our Year 6 corridor.

We were really glad that they were also able to attend our singing practise and joined in with us practising our Christmas songs!



Headteacher's  
weekly  
Wonderful  
Work

## Extended Services News

### Year 4

**Hawthorn:** Romeo F,  
Joanella G,  
Patrisia M,  
Alan A.

**Rowan:** Lilliah K,  
Arslan H,  
Diesel B,  
Fatima H.

**Juniper:** Faisal H,  
Faris N,  
Saffron E,  
Reign C.

### Year 5

**Birch:** Adam M,  
Humaira K,  
Maslena M,  
Jasmine H.

**Hickory:** Isabelle B-L,  
Myron S,  
Esraa K,  
Benjamin D.

**Yew:** Esha H,  
Aliya K,  
Farhan G,  
Khizar A.

### Year 6

**Poplar:** Callum B,  
Islam Q,  
Aniza N,  
Zdenek P.

**Oak:** Homera A,  
Ellis L,  
Sonia H,  
Brogan R.

**Aspen:** Dannyal A,  
Seim T,  
Zakria S,  
Mackenzie H.

**Acorns:** Musab A,  
Laveeza M,  
Josef K,  
Khadeejah K.

### Mathematical

#### Achievement:

Batool B,  
Emmanuel I,  
Raheem I,  
Abu Hurairah K.

Here we are in the last few weeks of term already! Children and staff are busy preparing for Christmas festivities which will begin with the Christmas Fayre on Thursday 3rd December from 3.30 p.m. Please can I remind parents and carers for donations for the tombola, raffle, bottle tombola and food stalls (cultural food, cakes, biscuits).

### Children in Need

What a fantastic range of Superhero costumes we had on Friday 13th November. Children and staff made a great effort to raise money for Children in Need. I am delighted to tell you that we raised £238.33 for a great cause. Thank you to everyone who donated.

### Text Santa Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 18th December, we are inviting pupils to take part in Text Santa Christmas Jumper Day.

Children can wear their silliest, sparkliest or cosiest Christmas sweaters and make a donation of £1.00 to help Macmillan Cancer Support, Make-A-Wish® UK and Save the Children, give hope to families in difficulty at Christmas. To find out more, just come and talk to your child's teacher. You can also visit the website at [itv.com/textsanta](http://itv.com/textsanta) to discover more about the appeal.

### Reindeer Parade

Children from Year 4 had a wonderful time at the annual Reindeer Parade which took place on Sunday 29th November. Despite the wind—a great time was had by all. Well done Year 4 team!

### Children's University Graduation

19 pupils from Ayresome will join children from across the Tees Valley to graduate from the Children's University on Sunday 6th December. The ceremony will take place at 11.00 a.m. at Teesside University. Family and friends are invited to this fantastic event to celebrate all of the wonderful learning that takes place beyond the classroom. Children will be awarded with certificates in a formal cap and graduation style ceremony. Well done to all of the children for their dedication to extra-curricular learning.

### Parent Classes and Workshops at the ACE Centre

If you have a child who attends our Nursery or Under Two's Provision at Park House and you would like to support their learning please come along to the 'Early Words Together' Workshop on a Monday afternoon at the ACE Centre with Mrs Harrington.

Please come along to Zumba Class every Tuesday morning at 9.15 a.m. The class is lots of fun and ladies of all different fitness levels can attend.

If you would like to improve your English, get in touch to put your name down for enrolment for the new English Classes for Beginners which will start again in January at the ACE Centre.

**For information on Adult Learning, Parent Classes, After School Clubs, Children's University or any Extended Services information please contact Karla Huddart on 01642 244961 or email [aykarla.huddart@ayresome.net](mailto:aykarla.huddart@ayresome.net)**

**Please log on to the website to view the after school clubs timetable [www.ayresomeprimary.co.uk](http://www.ayresomeprimary.co.uk)**

## AYRESOME PRIMARY SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Ayresome Primary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a group of parents, teachers and support staff who organise events to raise funds for school.

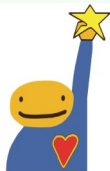
We get together to communicate new ideas and organise up and coming events. The Summer Fayre, Halloween Disco, Christmas Fayre etc. are organised by the PTA. We would like to organise more exciting events and activities including social events and trips and need your help!

We are very short on members and desperately need some new parents/grandparents/friends of the school who may have fresh ideas or who can just help out with the organisation of events.

We would really appreciate your time. Without parental support, it will be very difficult to continue to raise funds to benefit all of our children.

If you are interested in joining the PTA please contact Miss Louise Cole [aylcole@ayresome.net](mailto:aylcole@ayresome.net) or Miss Karla Huddart [aykarla.huddart@ayresome.net](mailto:aykarla.huddart@ayresome.net)





# Diary Events 2015-2106

## \*\*\*EVENT TIME CHANGES!\*\*\*

**KS1 Christmas Performance is now Wednesday 9th December at 1.45 p.m. and  
Friday 11th December at 9.30 a.m.—All parents are invited.**

### Key Diary Events Spring Term 1

Monday 4th January 2016	PD Day.
Tuesday 5th January 2016	Children return to school.
Friday 12th February 2016	End of Half Term.

### Key Diary Events Spring term 2

Monday 22nd February	Children return to school.
Monday 22nd February 3.30 p.m.—5.30 p.m. (was Tuesday 23rd February)	Parents Evening .
Wednesday 24th February 3.30 p.m.—5.30 p.m.	Parents Evening.
Thursday 24th March	End of Term.

### Internet Safety

At this time of year many parents are buying their children electronic devices with Internet capabilities, it is important to make sure your children's devices are safe for when they are online, this will minimize the risk of exposure to radicalizing influence and issues of online grooming. Following the government link

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/target-hardening-of-devices>

will give you relevant advice and guidance on ensuring your device is secure.

Regards

Andy Shippey  
Community Safety Officer  
PREVENT/Reducing Re Offending

