

# Ashleigh News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter. Today we are delighted to be celebrating NSPCC Number Day, it has been wonderful to see the children taking part with such enthusiasm and positivity. Thank you so much for all the money donated - your generosity will make a real difference and supports a truly worthy cause. This week has also seen more Wild One outdoor learning taking place, which the children thoroughly enjoyed, even with the colder weather reminding us that winter is still very much here! It has been lovely to see their resilience, teamwork and smiles as they embraced learning outdoors.

Warm regards,

Mr. Matthews and the entire Ashleigh Staff

## YOUNG VOICES

Today around 60 of our children will be heading to the Co-op Arena to take part in a spectacular choral event alongside children from across the North West. This is always a truly memorable experience, and we're sure it will be one the children will treasure. We're very grateful to the parents who are making the journey to Manchester to cheer them on, and a special thank you goes to Mrs Hartley for organising this wonderful opportunity and to all staff giving up their time, so we can take part.



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## CHANGE TO SCHOOL MEAL ORDERING AND PAYMENTS

Reminder that from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February, school meals will be ordered and paid for via School Spider instead of ParentPay. All meals must be booked in advance, including KS1 meals (no payment required for KS1). When booking, you are not choosing specific food items, you are simply indicating your child will be having a school lunch on that day.



Please only make ParentPay payments up to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Any remaining credit will be refunded w/c 9<sup>th</sup> February. Outstanding balances must be cleared or will be invoiced via School Spider.

## LET'S GO SING

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, our Year 3 children will be travelling to Blackburn Ice Arena to take part in the Let's Go Sing event, alongside other schools from across Lancashire.



This is always a fantastic evening, tickets are selling quickly. If you still need to purchase tickets, they are available online at: <https://iceaccount.co.uk/lets-go-sing>

Please select **Zone 2 - Yellow**, as this seating area faces the section where Ashleigh will be performing, giving you the best view of the children.



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## 'WEAR IT WOOLLY'

This February, we're inviting children to 'Wear It Woolly' and help support older people in our local community.

The winter months can be especially hard for older people, particularly with the current cost of living challenges. A local charity, Age UK Blackburn with Darwen, supports older people (including those living with dementia) to stay independent, connected, and living in their own homes.

**WEAR IT WOOLLY**  
**in February**

Help us raise money  
to end loneliness  
& keep older people  
warm and well this winter

 Blackburn with Darwen  
All monies raised will go to Age UK Blackburn with Darwen  
Your local charity helping older people



To help raise funds, the charity is asking schools to hold a "Wear It Woolly" dress-down day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Children can come to school wearing anything woolly—the brighter and more colourful, the better. Please bring in a minimum £1 donation to support this important cause.

All money raised stays right here in Blackburn with Darwen.

## YEAR 3 & 4 PRODUCTION

Year 3 and 4 are working hard rehearsing and are very excited to present their production of 'Rock Bottom'.

The first performance will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, when the entire school will be invited to enjoy the show. We are delighted to invite parents and relatives to attend one of our 2 performances on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 1.30pm and 6pm\* Admission is by ticket only. \*Please note the 6pm show is now sold out.



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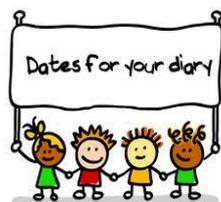
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Reception Class Chinese Lunch	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	
Year 3 & 4 Athletics Event (invite only)	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	4-5.45pm
Wear it Woolly for Age Concern (non-uniform day)	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	
<b>School Closes for Half Term Break</b>	<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>3.30pm</b>
<b>School re-opens</b>	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>8.45am</b>
Outdoor learning - Year 6	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Am
Outdoor learning - Year 5	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Pm
DPSSA Cricket League Match (invite only)	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	4-5pm

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