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As we head into our final week of Autumn 1, we would like to celebrate what a fantastic start to the school year it has been. The children have worked so hard, embraced new challenges and made us proud in so many ways. It has been lovely to see them learning, growing in confidence and making special memories along the way. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school community.

With just one week to go until the half-term break, there is still lots to look forward to in school. We hope the children enjoy their final week of learning and make the most of the opportunities and experiences ahead before having a well-deserved rest.

Looking ahead, we are excited for all that Autumn 2 will bring. The next half term is always a particularly magical time at Ashleigh as we head towards Christmas, with plenty of exciting activities planned. From our fundraising for Children in Need to our much-anticipated Christmas performances and festive celebrations, there will be lots of opportunities for the children to get involved, learn new things and create wonderful memories.

Please remember to check the diary dates in this and future newsletters to keep up to date with all the exciting events taking place at school. Further information about upcoming events will be shared in the coming weeks.

Thank you once again for your continued encouragement and support. We look forward to making the most of our final week together before wishing all our families a happy and restful half-term break.

Warm wishes,

Mr Matthews and all the staff at Ashleigh



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HARVEST 16th OCTOBER



A heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful parents and families for the incredibly kind and generous donations for the Foodbank. Your support is truly appreciated, and every item donated will help make a real and meaningful difference to people's lives.

It has been lovely to see such kindness from our school community. Thank you for thinking of others and for helping to support such a worthwhile cause. Your donations will go a long way in making a positive difference to those who need it most.



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ROTARY WRAP UP - FINAL WEEK

A reminder that next week is the final week to donate to Darwen Rotary Club's annual *Wrap Up* campaign, helping keep our local community warm this winter.

We welcome clean, good-quality coats and jackets of all sizes for children and adults. Donations can be dropped off in the collection box in the school office.

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far. Every coat can make a real difference!



POPPY MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

Poppy merchandise is now available in school in support of the Royal British Legion.

We kindly ask for donations from 50 pence, with all money raised going directly to the Royal British Legion to support their important work.

Thank you for your generosity and support as we remember and honour those who have served.



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SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN FUN

Our Halloween Discos will take place on Monday 2nd November.

Disco Times: KS1: 3.30pm-4.30pm

KS2: 4.45pm-5.45pm

All children are invited to come to school that day, dressed in their spookiest, silliest or most creative Halloween costumes, or non uniform.



Entry is £3 per child, please send into school by Friday 23rd October, in a named, sealed envelope. This will book your child's spot at the disco. The entry fee includes music, dancing, games, competitions, a drink and snacks.

Children should be collected from the Junior entrance of the school yard at the end of their disco.

Children in KS1 will not bring home bags that night. Obviously, children in KS1 who are coming to the disco, will remain in school until 4.30pm.

Please note the times and arrangements above, are slightly different to what was shared with you earlier in the week.

There will be a new disco letter sent home on Monday, with a slip attached.

Pumpkin Carving Competition: Entries should be brought into school on Monday 2nd November.



We look forward to a frightfully fun afternoon full of spooky surprises and fantastic costumes! Thank you for your support!



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CHILDREN IN NEED - FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER

To support this wonderful charity, we will be having a 'wear something spotty or yellow' non-uniform day with a £1 (or more!) contribution. If it's a PE day, children can do it wearing their spotty clothes!



FUNDA OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

SPOOKY HOLIDAY CAMPS

WHEN
26th - 30th October

WHERE
Ashleigh Primary School

WHY?
ENGAGE-INSPIRE-MOTIVATE-EMPOWER!

ACTIVITIES
SPORTS & GAMES
NEW ENRICHMENT
SPECIAL EVENTS
GIANT INFLATABLES
THEME DAYS
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BREAKOUT ACTIVITIES
TOURNAMENTS
SKILL DEVELOPMENT
SPOOKY FUN!
AGES 4-12

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School Closes	Friday 23 rd October	3.30pm
School Reopens	Monday 2 nd November	8.45am
Halloween Disco	Monday 2 nd November	KS1 3.30pm-4.30pm KS2 4.45pm-5.45pm
Reception Class Blackpool Illumination Trip 1	Tuesday 10 th November	PM
Book Bus Visit - Whole School	Thursday 12 th November	
Children in Need	Friday 13 th November	
Reception Class Blackpool Illumination Trip 2	Monday 16 th November	PM
Reception Class Blackpool Illumination Trip 3	Wednesday 18 th November	PM
Selection Box Bingo Ticket Event	Friday 27 th November	6pm
KS1 Dress Rehearsal	Monday 7 th December	
KS1 Production of 'Manger Mouse' Ticket Event	Monday 7 th December	6pm
KS1 Production of 'Manger Mouse' Ticket Event	Tuesday 8 th December	2pm
KS1 Production of 'Manger Mouse' Ticket Event	Tuesday 8 th December	6pm
Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day - Whole school	Thursday 10 th December	
Dress Down & Donate Day (Raffle prize donations)	Friday 11 th December	
KS2 Carol Concert - Ticket event	Friday 18 th December	9am
School closes	Friday 18 th December	1pm
School Reopens	Monday 4 th January	8.45am



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