

Quote of the week: "Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind." – Calvin Coolidge



Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 belting out a fabulous nativity.



Our Sports Captains collecting their award at the TFL STARS event



A real treat to have a live recital from Mr Levy and his string quartet



Moustachioed choristers at The Nutcracker on Thursday

Monday	Winter Feast lunch at school- see below
Tuesday	MEND coffee morning 9am; Y4 Science Museum trip
Wednesday	Christmas Jumper Day- bring £1 for charity School finishes for the term 2pm. Flashpoint open at 2pm
Thursday	Happy Holidays!
Children return January 3rd	

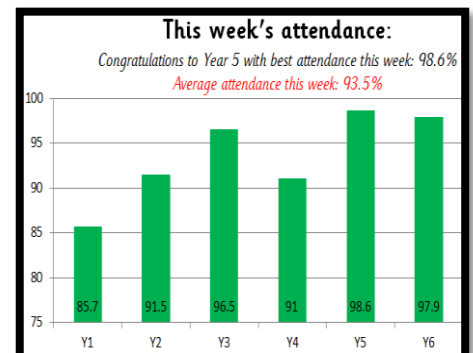
Winter Productions- Smash Performances!

A huge well done to everyone involved in producing two fantastic performances this week. Many described the shows as the best ones yet. All the class teachers and TAs have been slaving away. Mrs Morgan and Ms Lim made the excellent background and props, Mr Hardisty supported with the songs, Ms Round and Ms Byatt did the technical side of things, Ms Blesky arranged the choreography, and, of course, Mr Brown was again the super director. Mr Brown has put in a herculean effort in the last couple of weeks to produce these amazing productions!

Merchandise for sale next week after school

Our Yr6 sales team will be selling the new Ashburnham reusable, eco bags. The excellent Ashburnham tea towels are also on sale next week. Perfect for Christmas presents for friends and family!

Bags: £3.50 for 1, or £6 for 2. Tea Towels £3 each, or £5 for 2.



Christmas Jumper Day- Wednesday, last day of term

If you would like your children to wear own clothes, and in particular a Chrimbo Jumper (bought, handed down, swapped, or DIY'ed) please bring in a £1 contribution. All proceeds go to Save the Children.

Winter Feast- special school lunch- Monday 18th December

If your child doesn't usually have school meals, but would like to on this occasion, please contact the office. Halal, veggie and vegan options are of course part of the meal. And paper crowns all round.

Support for Parents and Carers

Christmas is fast approaching and whilst it is a great opportunity for many people to catch up with loved ones, we know for some it can be a really difficult time and some of you may find some support helpful. Therefore, I would like to remind you that at Ashburnham we have Jacqui Drake who is able to offer a wider range of support to the children and families at our school. She has worked at Ashburnham and two other local primary schools for over 13 years, and is a trained social worker.

Jacqui is based at Ashburnham on a Monday and Tuesday. However, if she is not available a message can be left for her at the school office. Alternatively, she can be contacted on 07967 347863 or via email at Jacqui.drake@parkwalk.rbkc.sch.uk anytime during the working week.

TfL STARS: Another Award for Ash

School of Excellence in: Cycling, Walking, Scooting, Road Safety, Promotion, Pupil-Led projects and Public Transport. Ashburnham wins a STAR award at the recent TfL awards ceremony for our innovative work on transport and health. Much praise goes to Mr Garcia- yet another worthy recognition of his efforts and creativity.

Flashpoint Closing Days

Friday 15th December (5pm). However, Flashpoint is opening early on the final day of school, Wednesday 20th December (from 2pm).

Easyfundraising - support our school every time you shop online

We are signed up for Easyfundraising- help the school everytime you use certain shopping sites. It won't cost you a penny, and will make a great difference to the school.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ashburnhamcommunityschool-worldsend/>

School tours

If you know of anyone who has a child interested in a place at Ashburnham, we hold regular short tours of the school with our very professional Y6 Ambassadors. There is one at 9.30am January 9th.

Staff Training:

This week staff moderated and inputted their maths data.

Education News: Justine Greening unveils strategy to increase poor children's opportunities

Education secretary attacks Labour's 'money and slogans' as she launches plan including £50m for school nursery places <https://www.theguardian.com/education/2017/dec/14/justine-greening-unveils-strategy-to-increase-poor-childrens-opportunities>

No Stars of the week due to Winter Productions- Stars of the Term next week