

## Head Teacher's Message

I wanted to begin by saying a huge thank you to everyone for organising our very first Summer Fair and to all those that were able to attend the event and enjoy the afternoon. Thank you to Liz Warner and all the APPTA for making the event such a success. It was great to see everyone there: the children, the staff, the parents and members of the local community all together. The feedback that I have received has been so positive for an event organised by our two Reception Classes! Judge Rinder was a great choice of celebrity who was so friendly and gave up his time to speak to everyone. Thank you to our Live Band- 'No Smoke Without Fire', Mrs Pocock for teaching the children new songs and everyone that helped on the stalls and attractions. The list of names to thank would literally include everyone connected with Ashmole Primary School! Thank you to everyone!

Everything is now fully in place for the creation of our fantastic new school. I am so proud of everyone's efforts in establishing our school. The staff work tirelessly to ensure the children have an outstanding education, the children love being at school and the support of our parents has been overwhelming. The children continue to make amazing progress in all areas and I would also like to personally thank our parent volunteers who help to hear our children read every day. This has really contributed to the children's progress with their reading.

From September 2017 the plan is for our Year 1 classes to be housed in two temporary classrooms next to the two current Reception classrooms. There will be an extended Reception playground being created over the Summer. All of this work will be carried out in the Summer holiday with no disruption beforehand. We have one year of temporary accommodation with our new building set to be ready in September 2018.

As our first year draws to a close we are celebrating so many achievements. The children have made phenomenal progress, both academically and socially. This year 85% of our children achieved a Good Level of Development in the Early Years; this is 16% above the National Average in 2015/2016! All our children are certainly ready for school next year in Year 1.

I would like to thank everyone involved with Ashmole Primary School and I am very proud to be part of this school. The team work displayed by everyone has been excellent and I look forward to working with you all after the Summer break as we prepare for the completion of our building project.

I wish everyone a relaxing Summer break and look forward to seeing you all in September and welcoming our new Reception Classes.



On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July from 4pm until 6pm our parents are all welcome to pop in and see the classrooms, speak to the teachers and staff and see some of the children's work from the year. No appointments are needed, just pop in anytime. School reports will also be given out during the evening, but if you are unable to make it, reports will be sent home.



## **Buildings Update**

We have completed all our meetings with the building contractors and the Education Funding Agency for this academic year and I am pleased to say that so far everything is on track. Morgan Sindall will commence work on the main building from the start of the Autumn term to complete work by August 2018 and for the building to be ready by September 2018. REDS10 will undertake the Y1 temporary classroom, updated offices and group room work from 25<sup>th</sup> July until 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017. We are pleased to announce that all our pupils from September will have their lunch in our new larger group room. The playground for Y1 will be smaller but the new Reception classrooms will have a new astro turfed outdoor play area at the back with the fence being extended out towards the Academy long jump area.

## School Uniform

For your convenience ORC Sports will be selling uniform in the **Secondary School** Refectory on the following dates:

Wednesday 5th July 2017 between 6.00 pm and 9.00 pm Saturday 12th August 2017 between 10.00 am and 2.30 pm Wednesday 23rd August 2017 between 6.00 pm and 9.00 pm Saturday 2nd September 2017 between 10.00 am and 2.30 pm

You may still place orders through the school office before the end of term. Please see Mrs Andrews for further information.

## Paradise Wildlife Park

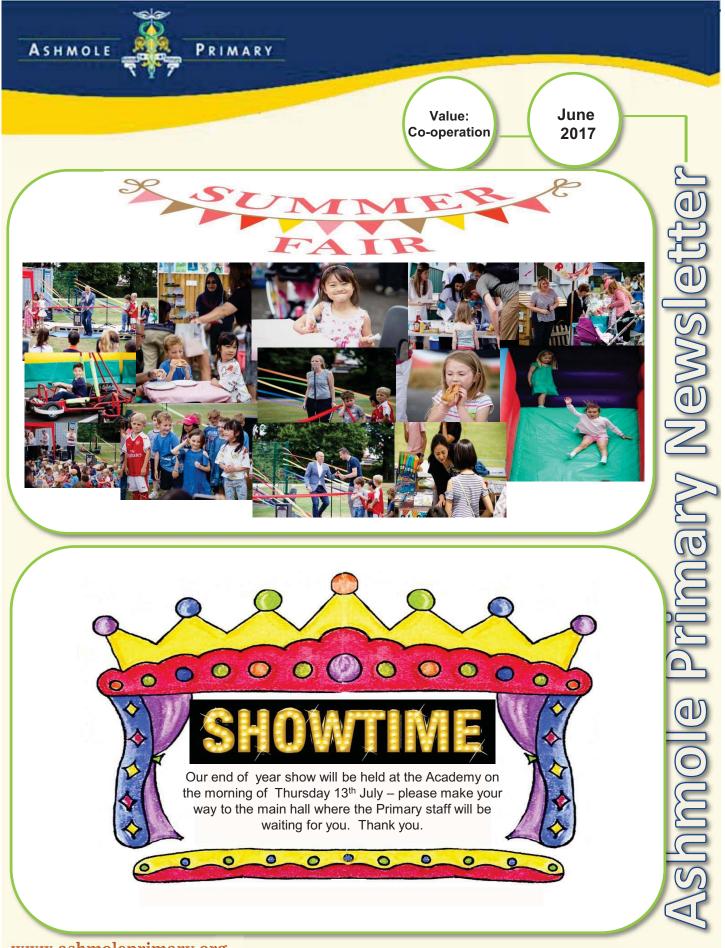
On Friday 16th June our Reception classes went on their first whole day trip and it was a huge success! As we had been learning about animals, the children were extremely excited to find out they would be going to Paradise Wildlife Park. They enjoyed experiencing a hands- on approach to learning about animals and loved watching two shows: 'Animal Antics' and 'Birds at Paradise'. We were introduced to rats, rabbits, ferrets, parrots, owls and many more! The children were thrilled to see some of the animals they had been learning about in action and the members of staff were very impressed with their outstanding behaviour when exploring the park.





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