



# South Ascot Village School Newsletter



6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Dear Parents and Carers

We have a particularly busy term ahead. Please get your diary out and get organised for the events to come...

## Attendance and Punctuality

Recent school level analysis has shown that we are dropping below our usual standards in attendance and punctuality.

Please think really carefully before keeping your child off school or booking term-time holidays. Absence has a real and significant effect on a child's progress but also has a negative effect on behaviour and well-being within school. Attending consistently allows a child to feel a sense of security and belonging with the school setting.

**School starts at 8:40.** Children need to be in school, ready to learn at this time. Being late also has a real impact. Coming in late does not only effect your child, but your child's teacher and disrupts the whole class' lesson and learning.

## Poppy Appeal 2023



Every poppy shows you care about the lives of our Armed Forces community and helps the Royal British Legion continue their vital work supporting serving and ex-serving men and women, and their families.

**The new plastic-free poppy.** For the 2023 Poppy Appeal the Royal British Legion have introduced a new plastic-free poppy, made entirely from paper. Maintaining the iconic poppy design and leaf shape, this is the first time in 28 years that a new poppy has been developed.



At South Ascot Village School, we will be selling the usual collection of Poppy merchandise which we know the children love whilst raising money for this worthwhile cause.

**Items will be available, from the school office, from Tuesday 7th November 2023.**

## Children in Need 2023

**Wear your pyjamas or onesie to school on  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

**Donate £2 (or more) to Children in Need.**



## Christmas Fair 2023



**The PTA will be holding a  
Christmas Fair on Friday  
8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from  
3pm – 6pm.**

**In return for a non-uniform day, please can the children bring in:**



**Sweet Donations on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

Individually wrapped sweets are best. NO NUTS please.

**Bottle Donations on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023.**

Wine, beer, cider, squash, fizzy pop, cooking sauces,  
condiments, shampoo – all welcome!



## Holly Mills - GB Athlete Visit



South Ascot Village School had the privilege of hosting renowned athlete, Holly Mills, on the 20th of October, 2023. Holly's visit was not only an afternoon of inspiration but also a mission to raise funds for her athletic endeavours and our school. The purpose of the visit was to inspire and motivate our children. The afternoon began with Holly delivering a captivating presentation on her career, highlighting her achievements, challenges, and the importance of perseverance. Her journey from a young aspiring athlete to a national champion was nothing short of inspiring.

Following the presentation, Holly guided the students through an exhilarating training circuit, showcasing the dedication and discipline required to excel in her field.

The students were not only impressed by Holly's athletic prowess but also by her down-to-earth nature and words of encouragement. Students were left with the belief that with hard work, you can achieve anything you set your mind to.



Holly's visit left an indelible mark on the students, showing them the power of determination and the importance of supporting aspiring athletes. Some of the funds raised during the event will contribute to her continued success on the national and international stage, which one day could be one of our very own students! The rest of the funds stayed right here at South Ascot Village School, which we will keep you posted as to how they get spent.

Thank you for all your support.





## Forest School Upgrade

A big thank you to our very own Mrs Anderson who kindly organised new logs to be delivered to our school - as our old Forest School seats as you can see, certainly did need a makeover!!!

Over the past two weeks the pupils and Forest School leaders during Forest School sessions have worked tirelessly to dig in these new logs and make them safe. We used the old seats, which literally fell apart as we moved them, to make our second 'mega' bug hotel.



We certainly are very proud of our achievements and hope the children will enjoy our efforts as well as the beetles, insects and other bugs in their new hotel too!!

In the run up to Halloween we made a giant broomstick. We used this broomstick in the year two session to act out 'The Room On the Broom'. We then suspended the broomstick in the usual 'swing knot' manner so the pupils from years 3,4 and 2 could take a real life ride on a broomstick through the woods, just like in the story! The amazement and joy seen in the pupils faces as they sat on the broomstick was matched by our pride as the pupils took turns, praised and looked after each other during these flights!!!!



## Christmas Carol Concert



The school's annual Christmas Carol Concert will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and 6:00pm in All Souls Church.

Please make sure your child is available on this evening as it is essential that all pupils take part for the enjoyment of all!

More details and ticketing information will follow soon.

## After School Club Advanced Notice

There will be **no After School club** on the last day of Autumn term – **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**



We are registered with **easyfundraising**, which is a great website to help the PTA raise funds simply by shopping online with over 3,300 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S.

Every time you shop, the PTA receives a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too!

We want raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at:



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/southscotvillageschool/>

Kind regards

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