

### Romans are Visiting Ashdon!



On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October, Class 2 had a visit from a Roman! They had a GREAT day - they did a quiz, played Roman board games, learned Latin and marching commands. They had an amazing weapons display, and finished by taking part in a battle between Boudicca's Celts and the invading Roman army. Luckily, they all lived to tell the tale!

### Ashdon's 'Facelift' has Started!

- We had a few busy people this October Half Term! We were lucky to have Gary Powell (a highly recommended caretaker from a school in Cambridge) in our school for two days, helping to start sorting out a few things out that needed to be fixed, cleaned, thrown away, cleared, pressure washed, trimmed and mended.
- We also had the whole hardworking Thacker family (Matt, Kristi Adam and Harry) in that cut down the enormous 'bush of doom' opposite Class 1. This was not a quick or easy task but I think everyone will agree that they did a marvellous job! 1-0 to the Thackers vs 'Bush of Doom'.
- We had Stuart Hume in to paint the banisters as well during the previous term and these look absolutely fabulous.
- Adam O'Sullivan and his dad kindly fixed the cupboard doors in the hall and this looks much more pleasing to the eye now!
- We also had some super kind parents that helped with the initial sorting and clearing of the first lot of clutter in the Summer holidays—Jemma and Stuart Hume; Ken Turnip; Kate Wickson; Debbie Gibson and Kristi Thacker.
- We also had Kate Wickson purchasing and planting our lovely plants in the EYFS/KS1 sensory learning area during the summer holidays.
- You also might have seen that we had the EYFS and KS1 outdoor learning resurfaced with artificial grass. We were very lucky in being successful in applying for a grant from 'The British and Foreign School Society' to fund this project. This will be the second project funded by 'The British and Foreign School Society' at Ashdon. We will invite them very soon to come and see how their funds had a positive impact on our children and their learning. We want to thank them for their kindness in funding this project at Ashdon Primary.

***We have many things on our 'Facelift To Do List' and might ask for volunteers to help out if they have the time to do so. Please look out for these notices in the newsletter. This will also be mentioned in the Friday assemblies, so if you have a little bit of time and you can help out, please let us know.***

***In the meantime, please look out and see if you can spot the changes! Feel free to let us know what you think—as I always say: "Feedback is a gift and one can only change 'things' if you know 'things'".***





# Christmas Fair


**FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER**  
**FROM 15:30 IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
**PLEASE GET IN TOUCH IF YOU CAN HELP**

# **YES DAY!**

**FRIDAY, 1ST DECEMBER**

**THIS NON-UNIFORM DAY, WE ARE SAYING YES TO:**



**Nail varnish**  
**Funky Hats**



**Bright hair accessories**  
**Backwards clothing**




**Pyjamas**  
**Football Kits**



**Funky tights**  
**Odd socks**



**Crazy hair**  
**Temporary Tattoos**



**Dressing up**  
**General non-uniform**

**In exchange for non-uniform day, we are asking for donations of nut free chocolate, which will be used in our famous chocolate tombola at the Christmas Fair!**

**Please hand in your donations to your class teacher.**

## Thanks so much!!!!

I just want to say a massive thank you to a few parents that were incredibly kind in helping Ashdon with the inevitable 'face lift' process!

Thank you to Stuart Hume that painted the banisters leading to the pupil entrance and exit gate as well as the banisters leading to the playground! We really appreciate this and want to say that it looks really shiny and new now! :-)

I also want to say a HUMONGOUS thanks to the Thacker family who gave up their Friday in the half term to come and tackle what we named 'the bush of doom'! It took a lot of work to cut down this enormous bush. Lots and lots of different equipment was 'shipped in' from the Thacker residence to demolish this bush.

They also sorted out the drains and scooped out buckets of mud and leaves—a truly muddy job.

I cannot express our gratitude for all these acts of kindness. We are so blessed to have such parents in our school! Thanks so much.

I also want to say thank you to Adam O'Sullivan and his dad who fitted the cupboard doors in the hall! It looks lovely to have these sorted out.

One step at a time...

Ashdon's 'Facelift' has just started!!

## Attendance Winners!



**First Place: Class 2 = 100%**



**Second Place: Class 3 = 94.17%**



**Third Place: Class 1 = 91.3%**

*Well done Class 2 you are our weekly winners!!! You earned yourselves an extra 10*

## Important Dates and Events:

- Wednesday 8th November—Dodgeball tournament for 6 pupils in Year 3/4 to attend at 09:30-12:00 at Lord Butler's LC
- Thursday 9th November—Rescheduled Cross Country Run for KS2 pupils that were selected at 10:00 at Herbert's Farm
- Thursday 9th November—Phonics Parent Workshop for all Class 1 parents @ 15:45 in the hall
- Saturday 11th November—Armistice Day (The school will have a minute of silence at 11:00 on Friday 10th November)
- Friday 17th November—Children in Need Day (children to please bring in £1 donation as we are helping to raise money for children that are less fortunate than us)  
All staff and children to wear: Yellow; Spotty or Pudsey Bear outfits for the day.  
We will also be selling hot chocolate and Pudsey Cookies at 15:15
- Friday 8th December—Christmas Jumper Day (All staff and children to wear a Christmas Jumper and please bring in a donation of £1 to raise money for books and resources for our READING SHEDS!!)
- Friday 8th December—Ashdon Primary Christmas Fayre (Further information to be shared nearer the time)
- As you know, one of our own pupils, Izabela Gibson is playing the part as 'Titch' in the play, 'Red Riding Hood' in Saffron Walden in the new year. The play will start on the 12th January 2024. Quite a few parents has enquired about this. Quite a few parents has enquired about this and mentioned that you would like to go and see this play with your children, and I did mention in one of our assemblies that I will let you know when the tickets will go on sale. Please have a look if you are interested to go and see one of Ashdon Primary's Own Pupils perform in this play.



## PTA Announcement!

*Congrats!*

*The school just want to say a huge congratulations to Jemma Hume for being selected as the new PTA Chair. We also want to say congratulations to Nancy Henry for continuing in the role as the PTA Vice Chair! Well done! We are so pleased for you and know that you will be a great success! :-)*

*We also just want to say thanks to our PTA for working so hard to make sure that the Quiz Night was a success! They made a whopping £410 for the night!*

*Well done and thank you to every one that played a part in making this a success!*