



## Next Week – Week 1

### School News and Notices

#### Parent Forum

Parent Forum met to discuss Kathy Weston's work with the school, reading strategies employed by the school and at home, and the term so far. As always, our group of volunteer parents were extremely helpful and provided some excellent suggestions for us to take forward. If you would be interested in joining Parent Forum - we meet once per term virtually in the evening - please contact Fiona Thompson:

[ftompson@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:ftompson@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk).

#### Curriculum Review

As part of ongoing curriculum review we would be very interested in hearing from parents from a BAME background who could spare an hour to meet virtually and discuss BAME representation in the school curriculum. If you would be interested in doing this, please contact Mrs Kingston: [rkingston@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:rkingston@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk).

#### Chromebooks

We have been in contact with Acer concerning an issue with some of their Chromebooks, as some students have been experiencing problems. This is with regard to a particular model of Chromebook, and the parents of affected students have been contacted individually. If you have not heard from us, your child's Chromebook is not affected by the fault.

#### Into the Sixth

A reminder to Year 11 that application forms for 6th Form need to be submitted by Friday 20th November.

#### Tooled Up Webinar - 2 December 2020 at 7.30pm

**Parenting in the Time of Covid:** Supporting Children in Optimal Ways. Tickets are limited. Click [here](#) to register for your place.

In this talk, Dr Weston will discuss the challenges we have faced, why it is important to celebrate how well we have coped, how to best support children and young people.

This talk is open to all parents who have registered as a member of Toolled Up. If you have not yet registered please click the link in the 'Tooled Up' insert on the right.

#### LRC UPDATE

On Thursday a group of Year 7 students had the opportunity of participating in a virtual live event with the internationally bestselling author of The Artemis Fowl series, Eoin Colfer. Eoin gave students some great tips on creative writing and an insight into what it was like to see his work on film. Please find attached the link from the organisers Tring Book Festival if you would like to listen to the presentation. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U96WHiz8wvs>

Congratulations to Coram who were the winners of the Year 8 Book Quiz which took place this week. It was a hotly contested competition which went to the wire with a tense tie-break situation. Well done to those students who participated.

Stationery items that were previously sold through the LRC are now available to purchase in the Shop Area of Wisepay. Please note that there is a minimum transaction value of 50p. Items will be available to collect from the LRC two working days after ordering.

#### Uniform

A reminder that black polishable shoes - not black trainers - are required footwear for students in Year 7-11.

## Key dates this half term:

- 27 November: Occasional Day
- 30 November: INSET Day

## Attachments:

- ASA Wreath Making Flyer
- ASA Christmas Hamper Flyer
- ASA Craft Workshops
- Hygiene Bank

## Communications:

- Parents/Carers on School Site
- Use of Headphones in MFL
- Y11 Trial Exam Presentation

## Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 6 November:

7R1 99.3%

8C2 99.3%

9R1 95.2%

10H1 98.5%

11R1 100%

## Tooled Up

In response to parent feedback we will be selecting a great resource on a weekly basis from Dr Kathy Weston's website for you to look at.

This week it is [50 Things To Consider If Your Child Uses Social Media](#)

If you haven't yet signed up for a Toolled Up account, click [here](#) to enter your email and choose your password. PIN number 4989.

## DSPL Courses

Please click [here](#) for a list of support groups and courses for parents/carers of children with SEN.

## Department for Education

The DFE have updated their guidance for parents and cares on what they need to know about [early years providers, school and colleges during the coronavirus outbreak](#).

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
11253	11366	10752	10864
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
13/11/2020			

## News from The ASA

### **CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING - SOLD OUT BUT extra tickets released!**

We've had such a fantastic response to this fundraising event that we've been able to secure a few more kits - BUT HURRY - only a few left! Don't miss this chance to make a beautiful wreath, support a local business and raise some funds for Ashlyns School. Use this link to buy your kit with access to an online tutorial, to make in your own time that suits you in the comfort of your own home. Supplied by a local Berkhamsted business, Apple Blossom Flowers (run by a former Ashlyns student and responsible for the fabulous flower installation at Blossom & Wild). PLEASE NOTE - collection only - details will be confirmed.

<https://www.paypal.com/instantcommerce/checkout/V2Q4RED5DYM4>

### **CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOPS - online live events with Bergin & Bath - Fri 4th 8pm and Sat 5th Dec 10am**

The wonderfully creative team behind Bergin & Bath (who ran our popular Creative Classroom at last year's Craft Fair) are running two, Christmas-themed, craft workshops this term, with £5 per ticket going to the ASA. Fun, interactive and suitable for all abilities, use these links to sign up. Kits will be delivered (or details for collection in Berkhamsted).

<https://www.berginandbath.co.uk/events/ashlyns-school-christmas-cracker-workshop>  
<https://www.berginandbath.co.uk/events/ashlyns-school-needle-felted-pudding-workshop>

### **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS - deadline for donations is Friday 4th Dec**

**Tickets on sale Friday 20th Nov - £5 for 3 numbers, £10 for 6 numbers etc.**

Don't forget to donate to the Christmas Hampers - there have been some fantastic donations so far, and we're particularly looking for items for the Bakes & Treats, Home & Garden, World Food & Drink and Movie Night In hampers. Thank you in advance.

Please note Parents not permitted to drop off at school - please drop off at the locations on the flyer or email the ASA. Students can bring in donations (no alcohol).

**WOODS GARDEN RECEIPTS** - Woods give us money-back in vouchers which helps the upkeep of the LRC garden, please remember to save your receipts, any amount, and send into school (envelope marked ASA WOODS receipts). Thank you.





**Ashlyns School  
Association**

# **CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING**

**Decorate a festive wreath in the comfort of your  
own home with a fabulous DIY kit!**

**Kit includes a pine wreath, festive decorations, a  
ribbon of your choice, printed instructions and a  
how to video tutorial from local business Apple  
Blossom Flowers.**

**£30 each**

**Order yours here:**

**<https://www.paypal.com/instantcommerce/checkout/V2Q4RED5DYM4>**

**All orders must be placed by Friday 13th  
November**

**Kits will be available for collection on a nominated  
day & address in late November/ early December**



Make Embroidered

# Christmas Crackers

and raise money  
for the school



An **online workshop**  
hosted by local crafters,  
Bergin & Bath.

**FRIDAY 4th  
DECEMBER**  
8:00pm

**£5** from every ticket sale  
will go to Ashlyns School

**Ticket Price: £20**

**Book your tickets at**  
**[www.berginandbath.co.uk](http://www.berginandbath.co.uk)**  
**/workshops**



BERGIN & BATH

Charity number 289788



Make a needle-felted

# Christmas Pudding

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# The Hygiene Bank Collection



The Hygiene Bank was started in 2018 by Lizzie Hall, when she became aware of hygiene poverty in the UK. Since its humble beginnings, it now has 766 hygiene product collection points throughout the UK and has recently partnered with Boots at 245 of their stores nationally. They weigh all their donations and currently have a total of 316,617kgs of products distributed since Hygiene Bank began.

We are partnering with Northchurch Baptist Church to collect items for the Hygiene Bank. The Hygiene Bank collects new, unused and in-date toiletries, hygiene basics, beauty and personal care and household cleaning essentials. Please see suggestions of items below. These are not exhaustive; if you need them and use them, then it is likely someone else needs and uses them too. Please do not donate half-used, old products.

## Female

Period products, shampoo & conditioner, hair styling products, face wash, cleanser and creams, body wash, body lotion, deodorant, toothpaste & toothbrush, disposable razors, nail files, make-up, perfume, gift sets.

## Male

Shampoo & conditioner, shower gels, deodorant, disposable razors & shaving foam, toothpaste & toothbrush, hair & styling products, nail clippers, men's grooming products.

## Baby/Child

Nappies & pull ups, night-time pants for older children, baby wipes, barrier cream, toothpaste & toothbrush, baby wash, baby & kids shampoo, talcum powder, nit comb & nit shampoo.

## Household

Washing powder, household cleaning, plasters, hairbrush, hair ties, loo roll, tissues, ear buds, wipes.

