



## Next Week – Week 2

### School News and Notices

#### Uniform

Well done to all students for outstanding uniform. They have been looking very smart and our new protocols for the changing rooms have been working well. Thank you for your continued support.

#### Visiting the School

Please may we ask parents not to come into school to drop things off while we are in a national lockdown. Please ensure students have everything they need before they come to school and check their timetable each day. Visits are by appointment only, in line with our Covid protocols.

#### Competition Time

The LRC are running a House Competition for Year 7 students to get creative and draw a Superhero or Manga character. Students should include a short character description and details on super powers, costume design and gadgets. Entries should be handed in to the LRC and there will be fantastic prizes for three winners and House Points for each entry received. The deadline is Monday 23 November.

#### Safeguarding

You will be aware of the recent events in parts of Europe relating to extremist and terrorist acts. The UK threat level has now been raised to severe. Many extremist groups target young people online and this has been particularly concerning during the Covid-19 pandemic as online use of young people has increased.

Right wing groups in particular, have been much more active over the past year and look to target vulnerable young people via many social media platforms and gaming sites. Many groups are expert in their use of social media. The links below provide valuable guidance and advice for parents in this area. Please have a look through the information and discuss this with your child.

<https://educateagainsthate.com/parents/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/radicalisation/>

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us in school.

#### Safeguarding Part II

When students leave school, they are subject to the new national restrictions in place which can be found [here](#). Police have asked us to remind students that they should therefore not congregate in town, but should go swiftly home, maintaining social distancing - and that obstruction of police in enforcing these rules will be challenged robustly.

#### DFE Guidance Update: Clinically Extremely Vulnerable students

- Students who have been identified by their doctor as still considered clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV), are advised not to come into school. The [government guidance](#) on shielding and CEV people has been updated to reflect this position. School provide remote learning for any students in this category.
- Students who live with people who are CEV, but are not CEV themselves, are still expected to come into school.

If you believe this applies to your child, please check the guidance [here](#) and contact the school

**More News on the next page.**

## Key dates this half term:

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

## Attachments:

- ASA Xmas Hamper Raffle
- ASA Xmas Wreath Making
- ASD Support Group: Sleep
- ASD Support Group: Sensory Issues
- Dacorum Family Services 'Drop In Surgery'

## Communications:

- Y8 & Y9 PSHE Courses

## Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 23 October:

7C2 100%

8B2 98.9%

9B1 97.4%

10C1 98.5%

11H2 99.5%

## 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 on [rkingston@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:rkingston@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk).



### Current house points



Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
10068	10029	9611	9632
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>



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### School News and Notices Continued

#### Cars on Site

Cars will not be able to enter or leave via the main gates between 3.20-3.35pm. This is to make sure students can safely use the full width of the road. If you need to collect your child from reception for medical reasons at the end of school, please delay picking up your child until 3.35pm.

#### Y12 Parent Teacher Consultation

Thank you to all staff, parents and students for a fantastic online parents evening.

#### Policy Update

The school risk assessment has been updated on the website in line with the new national restrictions.

#### LRC

The LRC's aim is to inspire a love of reading for pleasure and for students to discover new books and authors. In partnership with the Book Trust's Book Buzz reading initiative, we recently organised a book gift for each Year 7 student to celebrate their first term at Ashlyns. Students had the opportunity to choose from 16 exciting books covering a variety of genres, styles and reading levels. We hope that students enjoy their book gifts which will be distributed during LRC lessons in early December.

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### Music Lessons

The majority of music lessons are now taking place in school.

Timetables will be posted on the Music Block notice board and on Google Classroom (code nq4d5yw), so please remind your child to check these regularly as they may be subject to change. If you are expecting to have lessons and have still not heard from HMS please let us know at:

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

If there are any current music students who would like to stop lessons at the end of the autumn term please email:

[SchoolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:SchoolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk).

## News from The ASA

### **WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP - £30 - deadline to place orders Friday 13th November - DO NOT MISS!**

We are thrilled to be able to offer you the chance to make your own Christmas Wreath, at home. This DIY kit will be supplied by a local Berkhamsted business, Apple Blossom Flowers - flyer attached. Numbers are limited so don't miss this chance to make a beautiful wreath, support a local business and raise some funds for Ashlyns School. PLEASE NOTE - collection only - details will be confirmed.

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

### **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS - DONATIONS REQUIRED - deadline for donations is Friday 4th December.**

Thank you to anyone who has donated so far - there are some fabulous donations! You can still support our local businesses by ordering online, and gift vouchers are a fantastic option.

Flyer attached for donation drop-off locations - parents are strictly NOT permitted to drop-off at school.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The hampers for Pampering & Wellbeing, and Arts & Crafts, are now closed as we have had so much for them (THANK YOU Years 7 & 12!) so please can we ask for donations towards the other themed hampers - flyer attached. Thanks in advance.

### **ASA 100 CLUB**

Congratulations to the winners of the October ASA 100 draw:

1st prize - A Barsby

2nd prize - G Okin

3rd prize - S Watts

Thank you very much to all the new supporters who have signed up over the last month. As we still cannot run many of our usual events the ASA 100 draw is a valuable source of regular funds. The more members we have, the more we raise for Ashlyns. Sign up today!

[ASA100CLUB@gmail.com](mailto:ASA100CLUB@gmail.com)



# The Ashlyns School Association Christmas Hamper Raffle 2020

Draw date 14 December

**Further information for buying  
tickets coming soon!**

**Win a fabulous hamper this Christmas –  
and raise money for the school!**

Open to all parents, carers, teachers and staff!

## We need your help...

**Please donate an item for your Year Group's hamper!**

See themes and donation ideas below – gift vouchers are also welcome,  
please consider supporting small businesses by buying local:

**Year 7 Arts and crafts**

(Paper, pencils, paints, any craft activity, etc)

**Year 8 Home and garden**

(Seeds, tools, DIY items, picnic items,  
garden games, etc)

**Year 9 World food and drink**

(Not just pasta and rice please!)

**Year 10 Christmas**

(Decorations, themed food and games, etc)

**Year 11 Bakes and treats**

(Cakes, sweets, treats, baking ingredients,  
utensils, decorations, etc)

**Year 12 Pampering and wellbeing**

(Candles, face mask, mindfulness,  
colouring in, jigsaws, etc)

**Year 13 Movie night in**

(Sweet and savoury snacks, cosy socks,  
blanket, board games, etc)

All donations must be new and unused. Food and drink items  
must have a use-by date of at least March 2021 please.

**Donations can be left at one of our drop-off locations  
listed below or sent in with students to the school:**

**30 Oakwood**

(off Shootersway)  
Berkhamsted HP4 3NQ

**4 Valley Road**

(near Westfield)  
Northchurch HP4 3PY

**9 South Park Gardens**

(off Bridgewater Road)  
Berkhamsted HP4 1JA

**9 Birtchnell Close**

(near Gossoms End)  
Berkhamsted HP4 1FE

**31 Swing Gate Lane**

(near Captains Walk)  
Berkhamsted HP4 2LL

**10 Ryder Close**

Bovingdon HP3 0HY

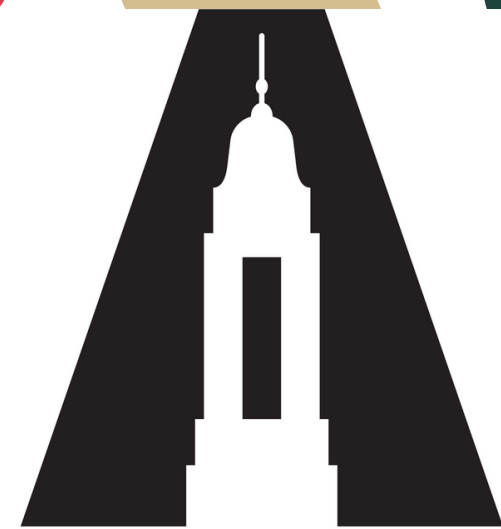
**20 Hawkins Way**

Bovingdon HP3 0UB

**Please note:**

Parents/carers are  
not permitted to drop  
off donations at school

Strictly no alcohol should  
be sent into school



**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



## **Are you a parent of a child with ASD/Communication Disorder or with Sensory Processing needs?**

A daytime support group has been set for parents in Dacorum.  
Please join us Virtually via Zoom on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

**Time** 10-11:30 AM

***Topic for discussion: Sleep***

The group is hosted by Lisa MacGovern, School Family Worker,  
With SEN School Family Workers Nicola Long and Samantha Leenders  
from Link and Dacorum Family Services

**Location:** The comfort of your very own home!

Using the following Zoom link,

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72946327207?pwd=bDVTMy9UQTNYN1VmckxmQ3ExR29DQT09>

Using login details,

Meeting ID: 729 4632 7207

Passcode: ASDPHH





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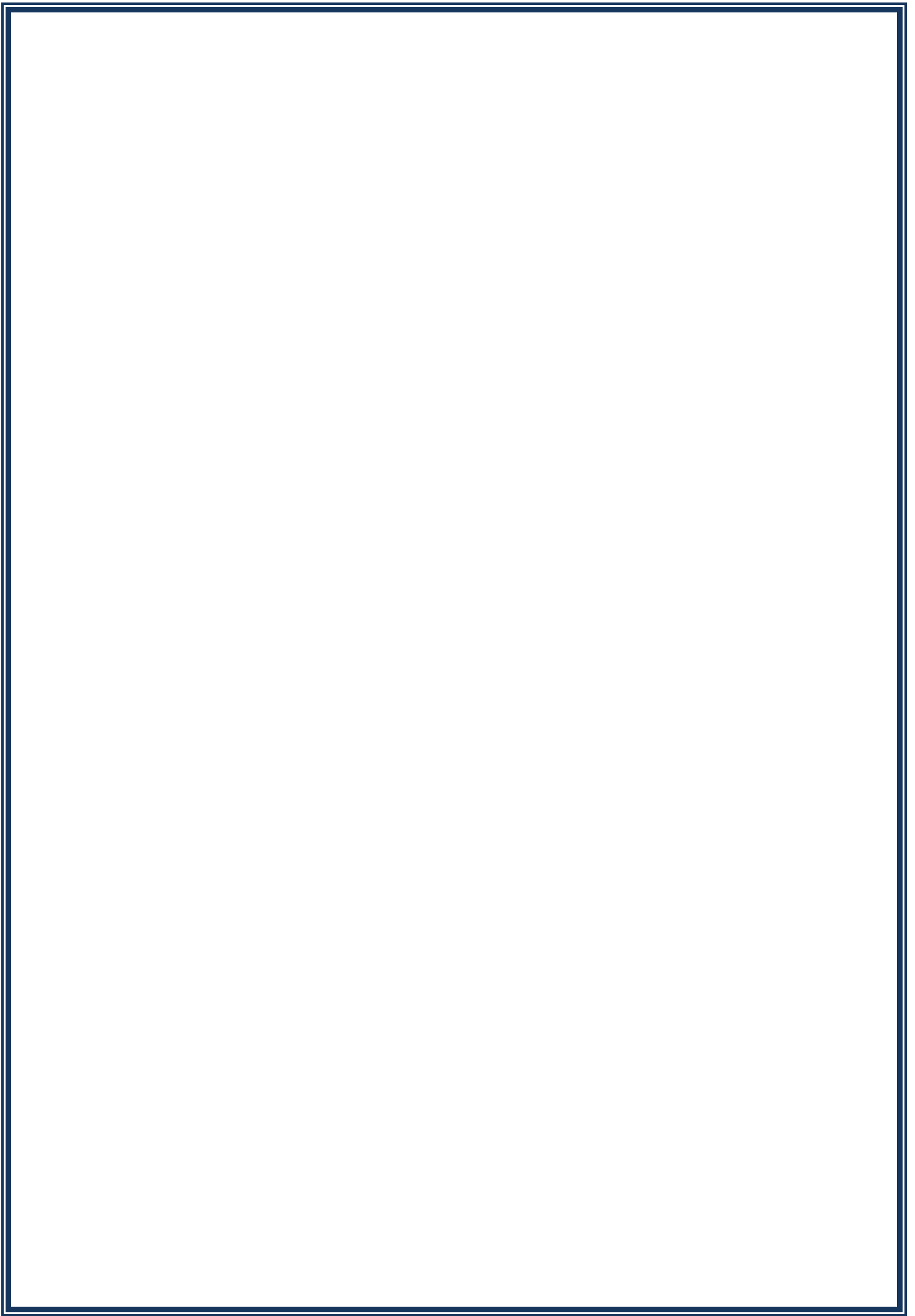
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# **Dacorum Family Services Berkhamsted "Drop in" Surgery Wednesday 18th November 2020**

**WE OFFER FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL FAMILIES with children ages 5 to 18. WE CAN HELP YOU**

Managing  
your child's  
feelings &  
behaviours

Parenting  
Advice

Family  
Wellbeing

Routines &  
Boundaries

Making  
Positive  
Changes

Linking with  
other  
Services

**Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all surgeries are via phone consultation at this time. Any interested parents/carers should email their interest to Lisa at, [lisamacgovern@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:lisamacgovern@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk), to book a time slot, with the following information: Their name & child name, Date of birth of child, Name of school, School year, phone number and presenting need.**

