



Al-Ashraf Primary School

Newsletter Term 5 – May 2018

Dear Parents,

Alham....., we have reached the end of Term 5 which has been brimming with exciting events. I would like to take this opportunity to update you on a few school matters.

Ramadhan Arrangements

As you are aware, for the month of Ramadhan, school doors have been opening at 9.00am and closing at 9.10am.

We would like to remind parents that School will be closed from 13-15th June for Eid holidays and on the 18th June for Inset day. School will reopen on Tuesday 19th June at the normal time of 8.30am IA.



Gloucester Helping Hands Food Collection

This Ramadhan, we have partnered with a local charity called Gloucester Helping Hands. They provide a food parcel service to support local individuals and families in Gloucester and the surrounding areas who are most in need.

JK to all parents & children who donated towards this appeal. With your generosity, we collected an impressive amount of food items, MA!

Police Visit

On Tuesday 22nd May, we had PCSO's Adam Poole and Stuart Hopkins from Gloucestershire Constabulary visit our year 5 & 6 children to talk about road safety.

The children found this session very useful as it raised their awareness about road safety when out and about independently.



FA Skills Football Sessions

Al-Ashraf Primary school are grateful to the FA Lidl skills Programme for sponsoring the football sessions this term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this experience and our teachers have also benefitted from the expertise and training they have received.



School Uniform

We would like to remind parents to ensure that children are dressed in the correct school uniform. We have recently noticed children coming into school wearing non uniform items of clothing.

The uniform list is available on our website at <http://primary.al-ashraf.org.uk/downloads/UniformList.pdf>

GDPR Policy

In light of the new GDPR regulations effective from 25th May 2018; we have taken an active stance at Al-Ashraf to ensure we are compliant. We would like to remind parents to return all completed GDPR consent forms to the administration office.

The school has issued a GDPR Policy and a Privacy Notice which is available on our school website.



Sports Day

Sports day will be held on 9th July 2018. This year we have partnered with a company called Inspired Through Sport (ITS). They will visit us on sports day alongside a team GB athlete for the morning session.

In the afternoon we will invite parents' to watch children's races at the Glebe Field. Further details will be sent nearer to the time IA.



Great British Eid Party

We will be celebrating our Great British Eid Party on Tuesday 19th June 2018 IA. At Al-Ashraf, we are proud of our British Heritage and have thus decided to celebrate this special occasion in a very British style!

Fees

Following a meeting of Al-Madani Educational Trust on 10th May 2018, it was agreed that the fees for 2018/19 would remain unchanged. The fees are as follows:

Year Group	2018-19 fees
Reception	£875
Year 1	£1075
Year 2	£1125
Year 3	£1175
Year 4	£1225
Year 5	£1225
Year 6	£1225

Please note: the 1st sibling discount will be withdrawn from September 2018. The existing discounts offered to parents for their 3rd/4th children enrolled across Al-Ashraf Primary School and Al-Ashraf Secondary School for Girls will continue.

Car Parking

Finally, a polite reminder that there should be no parking **AT ALL** in front of the school gates **AT ANY TIME** please. The school entrance and exit must have clear access at all times – for visitors, for staff, for deliveries and most importantly for emergency police and ambulance access.

Al-Ashraf PTA

We would like to extend a heartfelt JZK to our PTA members who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes contributing to continued developments within the school. This year, our annual fundraiser M&M has been arranged by the PTA and will take place on **Saturday 7th July 2018** IA. Please see the annex of this newsletter for further information on all the fantastic work the PTA have been up to.

Upcoming Events



School Re-opens - **Monday 4th June**

Eid-ul-Fitr Holidays - **Wednesday 13th – Friday 15th June**

Inset day – **Monday 18th June**

Great British Eid Party – **Tuesday 19th June**

Cultural Diversity Day/ School Council Fundraiser – **Tuesday 26th June**

Year 6 Residential – **Wednesday 27th – Friday 29th June**

Reception Assembly – **Monday 2nd July**

Reception, Year 1, 3 and 4 School Trip – **Tuesday 3rd July**

Year 2, 5 and 6 School Trip – **Wednesday 4th July**

Year 6 Assembly – **Friday 6th July**

Mums + Munchies – **Saturday 7th July 2018**

Sports Day – **Monday 9th July**

Prize Giving Assembly – **Tuesday 10th July**

Last day of the academic year – **Thursday 12th July**

On behalf of everyone at Al-Ashraf, I thank you all for your continued support and cooperation and wish you all a peaceful and blessed Ramadhan.



Al-Ashraf Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Background

Following the Ofsted report in February this year, it was suggested a PTA should be set up by Al-Ashraf Primary School in order to build a strong working relationship between the parents, teachers, SLT and Governors.

AH following the concerted efforts of Kathryn Akrouf (reception and year 1 parent) and Asma Pandor (Nursery and reception parent) the Al-Ashraf PTA was formed in March 2018. An initial meeting was held where the PTA constitution was outlined and agreed with the SLT and Governing Body. To ensure that parents voices from across all year groups were heard an election took place and the following class representations were elected:

PTA Chairs: Kathryn Akrouf and Asma Pandor

Secretary: Ambreen Mayat

Nursery: Summaya Patel

Reception: Sabina Ali

Year 1: Zainab Bulbul

Year 2: Fatima Bharoocha

Year 3: Fatima Patel

Year 4: Sahfiya Patel

Year 5: Estelle Hussain

Year 6: TBC

Teacher: Miss Patel (Year 4)

Madressah: Rashida Apa Pandor and Naseem Apa Veshmia

The PTA aim to meet at least once a term.

PTA Initiatives

The PTA has been busy behind the scenes to support the teachers and school and have established some innovative initiatives, some of which include:

- Donation Buckets – Donation buckets are placed in the school office for any loose change that you may have!
- Term Meetings – Each term the PTA reps and chairs meet to discuss a tabled agenda, this includes fundraising, concerns and teacher liaison. This is then fed-back to the SLT and Governors to action as appropriate.
- Teachers Wish List – Each class teacher was given a duplicate book to list resources that they required for their classroom. These books currently live in the School Office so please feel free to go and have a browse. The representative for each year group is sharing these items and if parents wish to donate or purchase these items it would be very welcomed. AH to date we have purchased the following from the teachers wish lists:
 - Amazon Fire tablet
 - Plasticine
 - Senses Kit
 - Weather Stations
 - Easel
 - Fraction Tiles
 - Maths comprehension Cards
 - White board
 - Triangles
 - Drums

Jk for all the contributions and donations!

Fundraising

In the short space of time that the PTA has been formed we have also been very busy fundraising to contribute towards the teachers wish lists and other big school projects (more details to come!)

- Tracey Hare (Year 1 parent) very kindly held a car boot sale on Sunday 15th April which raised £18! All towards the pot, Jk Tracey for your efforts.
- Ice-cream sale was held after school on Friday 20th April, needless to say it was a complete sell out and we raised £183.12!
- Tracey Hare, Estelle Hussein and Asma Pandor held a stall at the Interpal Fundraiser on Monday 7th May, selling sweet cones, drinks and arts and craft activities, this raised £50!
- Fatima Ismail (Year 1 and 3 parent, year 3 rep) organised a hot lunch across the school on Friday 11th May. Jk to Khan's Kebabs for the Pizzas and to all the parents who supported behind the scenes and on the day. The total amount raised was £350.
- Al-Ashraf Mums and Munchies (M&M) – Inshallah the PTA are aiming to hold the annual M&M on Saturday 7th July from 11.00am. Your support is needed in a variety of ways, further information out on this soon inshallah! In the meantime if you would like to help in any way please feel free to contact Asma.

Farewell

We bid a solemn farewell to Kathryn Akrouit who has stepped down as PTA chair due to personal commitments. Her hard work, determination and drive in initially setting up this PTA has been invaluable, and she will be sorely missed.

If any parent is interested in co-chairing the PTA with Asma Pandor please contact her directly on 07492999224 or email on alashrafprimarypta@gmail.com

We would like to remind you of the following:

- *Phew all this in a space of 3 month!* The PTA has been busy but we need your continued support, should you wish to become a member please email alashrafprimarypta@gmail.com or speak to any of your class reps.
- Each year group has a WhatsApp group, should you wish to be part of it please contact your class representatives
- If you have a concern/suggestion/feedback, you can raise through the PTA regardless of being member or not (details of class reps as above).

AH without the parents support the PTA would not function or continue to sustain itself, so JK to all parents for their continued effort and please remember us in your duas during this special month. Ramadhan Mubarak!



Decorating biscuits at the Interpal Event



Arts and Crafts table

Ramadan Notes

Fill in the blanks to complete a short notes about your Ramadan experiences. Choose a NOUN, ADJECTIVE or VERB from the word bank. Not all the words are used.

Every year, in the month of _____, my family goes to masjid to _____
 (noun) (verb)
 tarawih _____. A large number of people _____ for the
 (noun) (verb)
 prayer. My _____ thing is to stand on the first line _____ the
 (adjective) (adjective)
 Imam so that he is always _____ to me. Everyone loves to listen to his
 (adjective)
 _____ recitation. During the month, the Imam finishes _____
 (adjective) (noun)
 of the entire _____. By the time I return after the prayer, it is past 11
 (noun)
 o'clock. I sleep for a few hours, then I _____ up to _____ a meal, which
 (verb) (verb)
 is called the _____. Fasting in the month of Ramadan _____ my
 (noun) (verb)
 taqwa and makes me a _____ Muslim.
 (adjective)

Noun	
suhur	prayer
Ramadan	Qur'an
recitation	Shawwal
Iftar	

Adjective	
better	final
visible	favorite
across	behind
beautiful	

Verb	
increases	eat
worship	perform
assemble	sent
wake	