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## Weekly Newsletter No. 8

2nd November 2017



Dear Parent / Carer,

I am very pleased to announce that at the **PTA** meeting held at the end of last half term, Mrs Akers was appointed as the new Chair and Mrs Paterson was appointed as new Vice Chair. I wish them every success and look forward to working with them for the benefit of Askwith children.

Children will be taking part in **The Big First Aid Lesson** tomorrow afternoon. The children will watch the televised lesson and then follow this up with a discussion on safety in school and bonfire night led by Mrs Dockar.

Please find attached a **Parent Questionnaire**, this is an important part of our self improvement plan. If you would like to take part please complete and return by Friday 10th November, thank you.

A reminder that there will be a session entitled '**Supporting your child in maths**' on Tuesday 7th November at 3.45pm and repeated at 7pm, all parents welcome.

We have been informed that the planned date for the **nasal flu immunisations** for those in years Reception to 4, whose parents gave on-line consent, is Monday 13th November.

Further to Mr Finch the sports coach leaving, we have engaged a new sports coach JB Sports, who will be providing PE lessons until Christmas. Other **new staff** in school this week include Mrs Dockar's son Jack, who is volunteering in Early Years and Mr Wood in class 4, who is the supply teacher whilst Miss Thwaites is off ill; Mr Wood completed his teacher training here two years ago and we welcome him back to Askwith.

**Commemorative Poppies** are now on sale in the school office. In addition, there are some friendship bracelets and snap bands for a suggested £1 donation and wristbands and poppy reflectors for a suggested 50p donation.

We have lots of lovely, seasonal activities planned for the children; highlights include the KS2 **Pantomime** at the Clark Foley Centre (6th & 8th December) and the Early Years and KS1 **Nativity** (13th December); more information about your child's involvement in these events will follow. Please check the website under Home / Events for further 'Dates for your Diary' or ask in the office for a paper copy (previously sent home with newsletter number 4.)

Yours faithfully, Mrs E Nayler

**CROSS COUNTRY NEWS - Next race Saturday 11th November** at Ben Rhydding, details attached.

### TERM DATES—

School closes for Christmas Friday 22nd December at 2pm

School re-opens Tuesday 9th January

*Term dates for the school years 2017—2018 and 2018—2019 are on the Askwith Primary School website*

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