



# Ardley Hill Newsletter



## Message from the Head

Dear Parents

The start of a new year again...I can't believe how fast the years are flashing by. This is the beginning of my 15th year at Ardley Hill now and to be honest it feels like yesterday that I was a new starter sitting in the staffroom (now my office), looking around at the 35 staff (now almost 100), wondering how the year was going to go. I remember my first thought was how friendly and fun the staff were and I can confirm that feeling has only got stronger over the years.

It is lovely to see your children settling into their new classes and routines. I have also enjoyed hearing about the new parent 'meet the staff' meetings that have been happening. It sounds as if parents and staff alike have relished the chance to get to know one another and it's given me a great opportunity to be with your children for half an hour as well!

I am looking forward to this great start continuing and hope to see you all soon.

*Jonathan Smith*

### Dates for your Diary

3rd October - Flu immunisations (4+ - Y5)

9th October - New parents open evening 6:00—7:00pm

16th October—Individual photographs

16th October—Parents' Evening 4:00—7:00

17th October - Parents' Evening 5:00—8:00

19th October—Harvest Festival

2nd November - FOAH Firework display

19th October - End of Half Term

The Value for October is *Happiness*

## Memorial Garden

Dobbies Garden Centre and Wyevale Garden Centre have kindly donated spring bulbs for us to use to create a memorial garden.

We are aware that many children within Ardley Hill have suffered bereavements and would like to invite these children to take part in planting the bulbs in memory of loved ones.

If you would like your child to take part in planting the bulbs, could you please send in a note with your child's name and class to Mrs Marr by Friday 5th October 2018 at the latest.

Could you please also indicate whether your child would prefer to participate within a group of children, or to plant the bulbs alone.

## Uniform

We have a number of lost items at present which are unnamed in lost property.

Please please name **all** of your children's uniform / items that they bring into school—we are unable to return these items if they are not named.



## Parking Reminder

If you drive your child to and/or from school, could we please ask you to park with consideration around the Academy and neighbouring streets. Thank you. Please also ensure that you do not park on the 'School-Keep-Clear' markings around the school entrances. This includes the area in front of the car park gates. There should be **NO** stopping here at any time.



## Monthly Writing Competition – October

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**Do you want to win 50 Dojo points *and* your own writing notebook?!**

Look at the image and use it as inspiration to write a text about what you see. You could write fiction, non-fiction or a poem.

**The deadline for entries to be received by Miss Dearmer is Friday 2nd November.**



## Recent Fundraising

Thank you for all your support with our fundraisers!

Roald Dahl Day we raised £86.60

Jeans for Genes day we raised £288.26