



## Happy New Year!

**WELCOME back to all our parents, carers, children, new children and staff! We hope you all a festive and restful Christmas and are ready for the new term ahead.**

As we start the second week of the Spring term, we begin a new phase in the life of our school newsletter. From now on it will be published on a Monday. We hope this will keep parents up to date with the week as it develops.

A very happy announcement in this first issue of 2015 is to tell parents that our Deputy Headteacher, Mr Austin, is now a very proud father. Mum is also very proud. The addition to their family arrived on New Year's Day. Michael David Austin is making his presence known in the Austin household. Mr Austin will return to school after his paternity leave week commencing the 19 January.

## You can be what you wear ...

**BY THAT we mean you can be cold if you dress in thin, light summery clothes. Or you can be warm if you dress in winter clothes.**

The weather is being very unpredictable. We know that from first thing in the morning to the afternoon pick up, the sun can be shining then the heavens open.

As a school we would rather children come to school in winter school uniform with appropriate hats, coats, scarves and gloves.

Wellington boots are great for coping with puddles on the way to and from school, but no good to wear in school.

### Shoes

Please send in a sensible pair of shoes to change into. It's far better to have too much on that not enough and be cold and wet.

This is especially important when year groups go out on school trips. Year 2 parents and carers please note for later this week.

## Don't forget ...

**PLEASE remember to call the school office before 9am if your child is unwell and cannot come to school.**

ALL medical appointments, including dental visits, must be completed on a pink form and given to the school office before the event.

**THE school website is a source of information every day. The website address is given at the bottom of this newsletter.**

AND finally, a huge thank you and goodbye to a very long-serving member of the Ashford CE team. Mrs Mandy Brame, who has been at the school for a great many years, is leaving us to be able to spend more time with her youngest daughter, Emily. We shall all miss her, but remember her most fondly. I hope parents and carers who remember Mrs Brame will join the school in wishing her well in the future.

## In brief

**THERE will be a prayer group meeting on Wednesday 13 January. More details are available from the school office.**

THE latest date for applications for Reception 2015 is Thursday 15 January. If you have a sibling due to start at Ashford in September, please make sure you have completed the necessary form. Church application forms are available from the school office.

**SECONDARY school place applications must be submitted to Surrey County Council by 31 January 2015.**

CLUB letters are coming home this week. Please remember, if your child has been allocated a place, send in the club fee, £5, as soon as you receive the letter. Only those who have paid the club fee will be able to start the club.

**THE school does offer external club opportunities. There is a basketball club, as well as a gymnastics club. If your child joins an external club, all monies and registration details must be sent to the external club leaders.**

YEAR 3 start swimming after Easter. The cost is now £45 for the sessions. Parents can pay in cash, by cheque or on line through Tucasi.

**THE School Inset Date of 19 June 2015 is now confirmed.**