



Keeping our children safe ...

POISON can take many forms: the word poison literally means a substance that can cause injury, illness or death to a living organism.

In a school this could be a nut or presence of nuts in food which causes a child or adult to go into anaphylactic shock (be unable to breathe). It could be using a steroid inhaler which helps one child to breathe but causes an unpleasant reaction in another. Some people know they are allergic to certain antibiotics, for example penicillin. Yet antibiotics are prescribed by doctors to help cure diseases.

These are a few of the very

important reasons why, by law, schools cannot allow any medicines other than those which are for life threatening medical conditions, to be administered in school.

Some parents are putting medicines such as liquid paracetamol, ibuprofen, laxatives and antibiotics into their child's water bottles. This is extremely dangerous. Not only for your child, but also for other children in school.

Some parents also put diluted squash and other drinks into their children's water bottles. I am appealing to all Ashford CE parents to stop this. If anyone in

school becomes aware that this practice is continuing I regret that we will not allow water bottles to come into school pre-filled. The only drinks that will be available will be water, provided by the school.

There is a link on our school website about allergies in general. It may be of interest to parents. It may also help understanding as to why Nutella and peanut butter are not food items that should be sent into school for packed lunches

Mrs C Dyer, Headteacher

We're on the ball



OUR AFTER school club timetable kicked off this week—or should we say bounced off! The children attending Wednesday's Basketball club took part in an innovative and engaging training session with the class objective encouraging the children to always have a basketball in their hand! There are still spaces if you would like to join the club. Ask in the office for more information.

PICTURED above , the Basketball club attendees

DON'T FORGET

MUFTI DAY this Friday 30 January. The children can come to school in their own clothes in return for bringing in donations for our 2015 Spring Fayre. This will be collected on a class by class basis, so please send your children in with your unwanted new gift items or donations to our Bottle Tombola all of which will also be gratefully received.

INTER HOUSE quiz final is fast approaching—Thursday 6 February. Please ensure your child has a t-shirt in school representing their house colour to enable them to support their team. Good luck to you all!

LOST PROPERTY is an ongoing problem. At the last count we had accumulated in excess of 4 x ACE cardigans, 14 x bobble/winter hats, 3 x hoodies, 1 brand new navy NEXT coat (size small) and a pair of Harry Potter red and yellow gloves. Please be aware that any UNCLAIMED items will be donated to a local charity shop at the end of this term.