

Ash Green Special Newsletter

25 June 2020



We hope everyone is well and staying safe at this difficult time. There's such a lot going on in, and out of, school. Staff are so busy teaching the children who are here and providing online learning and home learning packs for those who are at home. We received the good news last week that FSM vouchers will still go to families over the 6 week break and we will be ensuring that learning can be accessed for children at home during Summer. There is a huge amount of work planned, and ongoing, in school. New playground equipment and markings are in place and a redecoration project will take place in August. Class staff will be in a lot during Summer as there have been a number of changes. I felt it made sense to put a lot of these things in one place, hence our 'Special Newsletter'! Thanks. Mr Sheppard

STAFFING UPDATE- FAREWELLS, WELCOMES AND CHANGES!

We have a lot of staffing changes at Ash Green this summer. We bid a very fond farewell to some very special staff.

Two senior leaders are moving on to pastures new.

Mr. Mayfield, who has been at Ash Green for 20 years as teacher, Assistant Head and Deputy Head leaves to take up a Deputy Head post in a school much nearer home, we wish him all the best and thank him for everything. He has been an outstanding teacher and leader at Ash Green.

Likewise Mrs. O'Shea, our KS1 manager and Assistant Head who leaves us after 15 years to take up a Deputy Head post in the South West of England. Again, a wonderful member of staff who we will miss enormously. She has taught many of our children and- like Mr. Mayfield- some of our parents too!

We also have a number of staff who are retiring from Ash Green!

Mr. O'Shea, our Site Manager, leaves after 18 years great service to pursue a new life in the South West! We thank him for all he has done in managing and maintaining our site to such a high standard.

Mrs. Guest, our Senior Administrator, after 33 years at Ash Green is also 'hanging up her boots'. Mrs. Guest IS Ash Green, she has worked here since before it was even Ash Green and done an incredible job running our finance and admin.

Mrs. Kemp, our Senior Nursery Nurse, has also reached retirement age and after almost 40 years in education- mainly here in Mixenden- she takes a well-deserved rest after improving the life chances of so many young children.

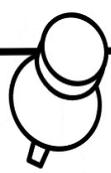
Mrs. Hick, our Home School Links Manager, is also unbelievably at retirement age too! After a quarter of a century of unstinting service particularly to vulnerable children and families, she leaves with our very best wishes.

Finally, our gardening expert, art tutor and Teaching Assistant, Mr Moss also calls time on his school career after a long and distinguished stint as a Secondary School teacher and then Primary School 'T.A' We wish him well.

Our Leadership Team at Ash Green will remain extremely strong. Mrs Cotton will continue in the role of Deputy Head Teacher and Miss Taylor (based at the Upper Site) and Miss Thompson, back from maternity leave, (based at the Lower Site) will be our Assistant Head Teachers. Mrs Crowther will be the KS2 Manager, Mrs Worthington the KS1 Manager and Mrs King our EY Manager. Miss Crowther, our SENCo, will have more dedicated time for that role and will not have class responsibility. We have made some fantastic new appointments to join our class team this year. We have appointed Miss Watkins and Miss Capon to our teaching staff. Both are experienced and very highly rated teachers- Miss Watkins comes to us from the Manchester area where she was a lead teacher and LA Moderator. Miss Capon is not only a very highly regarded teacher but also an ex-pupil of Ash Green!

Mr Elliott will be our Site Manager and he and Mr Mundy will also have a new caretaker added to the team, that appointment to be made in July. Our brilliant office team will also have a new Administrative Assistant added, that appointment will be made very shortly. We also have Teaching Assistant appointments to be finalized in the next fortnight as we then complete our class staff!

LOWER SITE	
CLASS	TEACHER
NURSERY	Mrs King
RECEPTION	Miss Parker
YEAR 1	Mrs Rayner and Mrs Main (Mrs Beaumont during Autumn term)
YEAR 2	Miss Watkins and Miss Crowther
YEAR 3	Miss Thompson
YEAR 4	Miss Hopkins
YEAR 5	Miss Bedford (Miss Richardson until February)
YEAR 6	Mrs Crowther
UPPER SITE	
NURSERY	Miss Sayle
RECEPTION	Mrs Cawthra
YEAR 1	Mrs Worthington and Mrs McHugh
YEAR 2	Miss Capon
YEAR 3	Miss Begum
YEAR 4	Miss Stewart
YEAR 5	Mr Wardman
YEAR 6	Miss Taylor



PUPIL REPORTS

Staff have worked hard to produce individual pupil reports. I have read them all and written my comments on too. It has been a pleasure, as time consuming as it is, to be able to read and write about our wonderful children- all 500 of them! Reports will be sent home with the children who will be in school (around 120) plus for their siblings. We will then arrange pick up times for the reports of families who are not in school. Keep an eye on the App and website for further details as we aim to send those home on the 9th/10th July.

PRIZE GIVING



The staff have allocated all this years prizes to individual children. Obviously we won't be able to hold a prize giving evening this year but we will ensure that we celebrate our prize winners via our website and hopefully with a short video of congratulations.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS

We welcome back the majority of our Year 6 children this Monday the 29th June. Of course we won't be able to run a leavers' assembly this year but we will make sure that we mark their last term with a celebration and things that they can take with them as a reminder of their time at Ash Green.