



# Summer Term 6 Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Dear Parents and Carers

I cannot believe how quickly the end of term has come around! As we break for the summer holiday, I hope that you find the following information useful.

## 2015-16 Draft Calendar

Please see below a list of provisional key diary dates for the next academic year – these will continue to be updated on the website as necessary. Cluster sporting events will also be added to the website calendar when confirmed.

September	<b>Monday/Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET DAYS</b>
	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the teacher – Y2 3.30pm
	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the teacher - Y1 3.30pm
	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the teacher – YR 3.30pm
	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Book week (incorporating Roald Dahl Day) Meet the teacher – Y5 3.30pm
	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the teacher - Y3 3.30pm
	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the teacher – Y6 3.30pm
	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the teacher – Y4 3.30pm
	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Friends of School AGM – 7.30pm
	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	MacMillan Coffee morning/European day of languages French breakfast / activity day
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	e-safety week e-safety parent events – dates TBC	
October	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Individual photographs
	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	World Literacy Day
	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	World Maths Day
	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	World Science Day
	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> –Friday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
November	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultation Evening
	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultation Evening
	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-bullying Week
	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	BAGS2SCHOOLS collection
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need Dress up day & photos for school calendar	
December	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Dress rehearsal
	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 performance
	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 performance
	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Reception & Nursery performance
	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Reception & Nursery performance
	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 party
	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 party
	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y1/2 party Pantomime
	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reception/Nursery party



		Disco
	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Non- uniform day
	<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Monday Jan 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>
January	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bronze Ambassador conference
February	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day
	<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup>-Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultation Evening
	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultation Evening
March	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	World Book Day
	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y3/4 Dress rehearsal
	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Y3/4 Performance
	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Y3/4 Performance
	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Disco
	<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>EASTER BREAK</b>
April	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Science week
May	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	SATS week
	<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
June	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET</b>
	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Olympic Theme Arts Week Phonics check
	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	South Peak Sports
	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Olympic Sports Day
	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	School journey
	July	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>		Summer Fair 3.30pm-6.00pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>		Quad kids KS2
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>		Y5/6 dress rehearsal
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>		Y/6 afternoon & evening performance
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>		Disco
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>		Non uniform day END OF TERM

### Academic Success

Our 2015 results in EYFS, Y1 Phonics, end of KS1 and end of KS2 remain consistently above national average – so really well done to everyone involved.

### Friends of Ashover School News

The Friends of Ashover School have raised funds for school this term through a very successful Summer Fair, disco, non-uniform day and other events as detailed in their newsletter.

As you prepare for your summer holidays, I would like to remind you of [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) - which has currently raised in excess of £260! To register;

1. Go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofashoverschool](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofashoverschool)
2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping - your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to school. It couldn't be easier!

### School News

At the beginning of July we were successfully assessed and have again been awarded the Basic Skills Quality Mark. We remain one of very few schools in the country who have continued to maintain this standard over a number of years.



I would like to advise you of some premises issues:

1: The existing kitchen is due to be demolished during the holiday. We have not been advised of an exact build date for the new kitchen however, there will be a period of time where school meals will be cooked off site and transported back to school. I request your understanding in this when we begin the new term as this will be a demanding time for our kitchen staff and midday meals supervisors.

The price of school meals is being increased by DCC to £2.00 per meal as of September. If your child is late or is not in school at the start of the day but still requires a school meal, this must be ordered BEFORE 9.30am otherwise a meal cannot be provided.

2: Office/Reception move – this work is unlikely to be completed during the holiday but may well be underway so there might be some work taking place during the Autumn Term. Once again, I would appreciate your understanding as building work is carried out – thank you.

As of September, we will once again be working towards maintaining our Healthy Schools status. As part of this, I am afraid that 'treat Friday' will have to cease. Over recent months, we have a vastly increasing number of children bringing sharing pack size bags of crisps, bags of sweets or similar into school each week – sometimes more frequently than just Friday. I would also like to request that every child brings a named drinks bottle to school from September – please ensure that only water is sent to school in drinks bottles used throughout the day.

### **Staff News**

Baby news... we'd like to congratulate Mr and Mrs Greenway on the arrival of baby Isla who was safely delivered on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

As you are aware, Mrs Preston will sadly be leaving us today after over twenty years of dedication to the school. We are delighted for Mrs Preston that she has a new and exciting challenge ahead however, we will be very sad to see her go and wish her the best of luck in her full time post at her new school.

We also say a fond farewell to Mrs Allen who has been working in Reception and Miss Hambleton who has been teaching in Year 4 since Easter. We thank them for their contributions to the school and wish them well in the future.

In September, we will be joined by Mrs Ludlow who will be teaching Year 4, Mrs Butler who will be teaching Year 1 and Mrs Ragg who will be a SENTA in Year 1. I hope that you will extend a warm welcome to them as they join our team. As our newly appointed Year 2 part time teacher is unable to join us in September due to contractual agreement, we thank Mrs Walden for agreeing to work alongside Mrs Rodda in the Autumn Term. I am also delighted that Miss Stanway will remain with us to welcome our new starters to Ashover in EYFS.

Please note the relevant 'meet the teacher' dates overleaf.

### **Children's News**

Several trips and visits have taken place this term. Many children in Y5 and 6 enjoyed a very warm week on the Isle of Wight, Reception class were very excited about their trip to 'Early Riders' at Tupton Hall School and their visit to the Butterfly House! Children in Y1 and Y2 spent a day at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park on the hottest day of the year! I would like to extend thanks to all the staff who have arranged and managed an enormous amount of educational visits since January and to Friends of School, without whom, the cost of these trips would have been significantly higher.

African Arts week was a roaring success! The drumming and dance workshops were fantastic and the artwork produced over the week was of superb quality. We managed to raise the required amount to sponsor the



children in the Gambia so many thanks to all parents and family members who supported us in this and to Friends of School who partially funded the workshops.

Sports day was a close run competition! Every child taking part demonstrated good sportsmanship and tried their hardest. Well done to red house who won overall.

During the Pro-kick Challenge, children (and staff) really demonstrated a competitive edge! Congratulations to all the winners who earned medals/footballs for being the fastest or the most successful fundraisers! We raised £875 which is incredible and will help several causes.

Our Safety Awareness week covered several aspects of personal safety including; roads, scooters, railways, quarries, e-safety and many more – we were also privileged to be visited by the Guide Dogs Association – thank you for enabling us to raise £140 to support this very worthwhile cause.

Thank you to all parents (and grandparents!) who attended our PACES (Parents and Children Exercising Simultaneously) afternoon yesterday – this was a really successful event which celebrates many different forms of exercise including tag rugby, skipping, sports-hall athletics and circus skills to name a few! I also extend our thanks to Mr Rosling and his students from Tupton Hall School who assisted us in running the event.

At our final assembly today, children were rewarded for 100% attendance and Libby in Y6 had her name pulled out of the hat and has won a brand new mountain bike – congratulations Libby! I'd also like to congratulate Caleb Renshaw in Y2 for being awarded the KS1 Achiever of the Year, Alex Knighton in Y6 for being awarded KS2 Achiever of the Year, Will Marriott in Year 6 for being awarded the William Musgrove Sportsmanship Award, Georgia Foster in Year 6 for being awarded the netball cup and Adam Winson in Year 6 for being awarded the football cup.

Today, we say a very fond farewell to our fabulous Year 6 children. They have worked incredibly hard over the year and have achieved well in their end of KS2 SATs – each and every one of them should be very proud of themselves – all the staff in school are! We have celebrated their time at Ashover during assemblies and in other activities, such as a bowling trip, throughout this week. All the staff at Ashover would like to wish them all the very best of luck as they begin secondary school in September. They have made us very proud and I know they will all continue to do so as they attend their relevant secondary schools – good bye and good luck Year 6! May I also extend school's thanks to the parents of children in Year 6 who have supported the school over the years – some parents today say good bye to Ashover having been involved with school for a considerable number of years!

Finally, I would like to extend my personal thanks to all the children, parents, Governors and staff at school who have supported me over the last two terms. I am very excited about Ashover Primary School's future and hope that everyone will continue to support me in moving the school forward.

I wish everyone a safe and happy summer break and look forward to welcoming all the children and parents back to school on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September.**

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs V Spender**  
Headteacher

