

Ashbrow School

Newsletter

September/October 2017

WELCOME BACK

Dear Parents...

The children continue to look super smart in their uniform, thank you for your support with this. We have been thinking about new beginnings and thoughts and feelings associated with a new school year. We have also thought about school rules and rewards that help support our school to be a great community to learn in. Many of you have mentioned that the children have been talking about Carrot Rewards. The Carrot Reward System is a digital tool used in school to help teachers reward behaviour and achievement.

The following children have all received a prize and certificate for their work at the start of term. We are so proud of them.

Alfie Ritchie	Sahib Singh
Luca Marsh	Logan Pearson
Chloe Buday	Lola Blackburn
Ruby Mills	Laila Joseph
Harlean Kaur	Harlean Silva
Ethan Steel	Tiana Montano

We are always delighted when children go the extra mile. Well done to them all. Thanks also to everyone who helped to facilitate this.

Also, those parents who go into the KS1 building will have seen a big change, with an extension to the dining hall and surrounding area. This allows us to reduce our lunchtime from three sittings to two, which has taken a lot of organisation but is working well.

Parking

Once again we ask that you please, please park considerately when dropping off and picking up from school. Do NOT park over the driveways, in front of garages of our neighbours or on the yellow lines - even for a short time. Inconsiderate parking causes hazards

Driving on site

Only parents collecting sick children are able to drive onto the site. Parents dropping off late children, lunches, PE kits or other equipment should park outside the main school gates. This also applies to parents collecting children for appointments. This is to minimise the number of vehicles coming onto the school site during the school day in front of garages of our neighbours or on the yellow lines - even for a short time. Inconsiderate parking causes hazards

Safety in school grounds

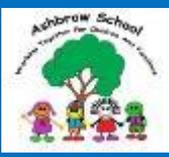
Dogs

Please ensure that dogs are not left unattended and tied to the school gates or railings before and after school. This is to protect all our children and ensure that we maintain safety at all times. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter

Bikes

Please continue to dismount when riding into the school grounds. Thank you.





Ashbrow School - 'Top of the Crops' No 1 chart toppers

For the second year running Ashbrow School is Top of the Crops after coming first in two horticultural shows. During the summer holidays the **Slaithwaite and District Horticultural Society** held their annual show. This year saw a record number of entries. Ashbrow School came first, winning the coveted Colne Valley Schools Silver Cup for best exhibit, with a basket of seasonal organically grown vegetables from the school gardens. The organisers of the show said it was "a beautiful and colourful display, very well put together".

On Saturday 9th September Ashbrow entered the '28th Organic fruit, flower, vegetable and produce show' held by the West Yorkshire Organic Group, the second oldest organic food group in Britain. The event had more than 100 classes of fruit, vegetables, flowers and produce. This year we came away winning the following:

- 1st Place - Chillies
- 1st Place - Cherry Tomatoes
- 1st Place - Carrots (main crop)
- 2nd Place - Spring onions
- 2nd Place - Marrow
- 2nd Place - Bramble jelly
- 3rd Place - Honey
- 3rd Place - Onions
- 3rd Place - Tomatoes (standard)

The produce is judged on taste and not what they look like. Our tomatoes were judged by Mr. Terry Marshall, the UK's leading expert on tomatoes. Our chillies were judged by a top Indian Chef, and judged on flavour and not heat. **The entries were described by the judges as "of a very high standard."** The show was well supported with lots of entries from around the region, so Ashbrow growers can be very proud of themselves yet again.

Congratulations to all the Ashbrow gardeners and Yvonne!



Attendance matters!

Attendance and punctuality remain one of the school's biggest priorities this year. So far this year, attendance is 96.28%, which is below where we expect it to be. Please do your best to bring your children into school every day, on time. Thank you to all those children who so far have 100% attendance!

Attendance so far for this year...

**KS1/Rec class with highest attendance:
Holly (Mrs Greenhalgh) 98.04%**

**KS2 class with highest attendance:
Holly (Miss Bennett) 98.29%**

Congratulations to both Holly classes, keep it up!

Please kindly let the office know immediately if you change any of your contact details. This is very important especially with mobile numbers



School Council

Thank you to last year's School Councillors who did such a fantastic job and showed initiative, responsibility and maturity. Please see on page 5 details of the e-safety booklet they helped to produce.

At the end of last term, each class held an election to vote for their two new School Councillors. Each class had some really impressive nominees so it was often a tough decision.

Congratulations to our 24 new School Councillors!

KS1 School Council

Yr 1 Ash	Jahmari Simpson
	Libby Swift
Yr 1 Sycamore	Eilayah Miah
	Reuben Francis
Yr 2 Holly	Taya Bowen
	Brendon David
Yr 2 Beech	Paul Charlton
	Brooke Harvey

Lower KS2 School Council

Year 3 Ash	Lillie-Mae Andrews
	Liberty Swift
Year 3 Sycamore	Lola Blackburn
	Eesa Rehman
Year 4 Beech	Rowan Francis
	Farhana Farooq
Year 4 Holly	Kristians Kazaks
	Ellise Orrell

Upper Key Stage 2 School Council

Year 5 Rowan	Harley Roscoe
	Taiyah Thomas
Year 5 Oak	Natalia Adejono
	Maja Kosmider
Year 6 Walnut CD	Rohit Kumar
	McKayla McDonald
Year 6 Walnut SH	Lauren Smith
	Tomas Blackburn

Breakfast Club

This year both breakfast clubs are busier than ever before. We love offering our pupils such a healthy, nutritious start to the day. Please note the following three things:

- 1) No child should be left alone outside KS1 breakfast club. Children are a parent's responsibility until they are signed into breakfast club. Children left alone often end up crying or hurting themselves.
- 2) Please note that the doors for Breakfast Club CLOSE at 8.30pm. If you arrive after that time, please go directly to your child's classroom.
- 3) If your child is eating breakfast at school please make sure they arrive by 8.20pm at the latest - some of the children can eat quite slowly and this makes them arrive late into their classrooms.



School meals

If you want to change from school dinners to packed lunch or vice versa please kindly give the office one week's notice whenever possible. Children cannot change on a daily basis. Please also ensure dinner money is paid through Parent Pay. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Break time snacks

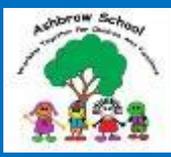
Please remember that children can only bring fruit, vegetable or a piece of cheese for their break time snack. Fruit winders, breakfast bars or similar are not allowed. This fits with our Healthy Schools awards.

We are also a NUT FREE site due to some of our children having NUT allergies.



Reminder:

We come back after half term on Tues 31 October.



School Uniform

Thank you so much for all you have done to ensure the children have come back to school looking smart. It is greatly appreciated.

Ashbrow School requires that children wear school uniform. Our uniform code has been devised to be a smart, common sense choice which is good value for money.

It is intended to give pupils a sense of togetherness and team spirit so that they can feel proud to be part of the school. There are also health and safety requirements that mean our uniform represents a safe set of clothing and footwear for busy active learners whilst ensuring that our pupils are visible and identifiable in the community - this is especially important when we are out on school trips.

At Ashbrow School the uniform code is:

- Royal Blue Sweater or Cardigan (with or without a badge)
- Blue or White Polo Shirt (with or without a badge)
- Black or Grey Trousers/Skirt/Shorts (not Beach shorts) or Blue gingham print dress
- White, navy, grey or black tights or socks.



- Stud earrings (a single stud in each ear) and watches are allowed, but must be removed for P.E.
- No make-up including nail varnish

Shoes

Please make sure children are wearing low-heeled plain black shoes (not trainers, no logos or stripes) for school. They need to wear black shoes to get their Carrot reward for uniform.



Part of the P.E. Uniform is provided and maintained by the school :

We will provide

- a T-shirt or polo shirt
- a pair of Black, Navy or Checked Shorts

You should provide trainers or black pumps/plimsolls for outdoor PE sessions

Indoor PE sessions will be in bare feet.

Stud earrings and watches will need to be removed before the lesson.

We will also provide Forest School and Outdoor learning clothing, including wellingtons. If your child prefers to bring his/her own wellingtons that is not a problem.

Make up and jewellery

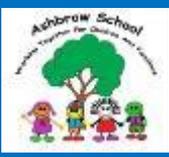
Although we discourage all earrings one pair of stud type earrings may be worn. A watch may also be worn although as with the stud earrings it must be removed for any physical activity. No make up or nail varnish is permitted to be worn. Staff will ask parents to come in to remove make up or nail varnish using a suitable wipe.

It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to provide and maintain a suitable uniform. The school has contact with the Uniform Exchange so please speak to the Learning Mentor team if any difficulties are experienced.

If a child does not come to school in the correct school uniform, we will provide that child with a suitable item of uniform to change into.

Please make sure that all school clothing, including indoor shoes are clearly marked with your child's name.

If you would like help with school uniform please contact Debbie Whitehead in Community House or ask at either school office.



Sickness

From time to time children are sick (vomit) either at home or at school. Unfortunately it is not always possible to distinguish between the causes and the general guidance we have been given for diarrhoea / vomiting etc is:

Diarrhoea and/or vomiting commonly affects children and staff and can be caused by a number of different germs, including viruses, parasites and bacteria. Infections can be easily spread from person to person (by unwashed hands), especially in children. In general, it is recommended that any staff member or child with diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms must stay away from the school or early years setting until they have been free of symptoms for at least 24 hours and feel well. Personal hygiene whilst ill must be very strict.

If your child is sick at school, we will ask you or your emergency contact to take your child home. We appreciate that this may at times feel inconvenient but you will appreciate that we do this in all cases to reduce the risk of infection for all children in school

Thank you for your understanding with this. Further guidance on infection control may be found on the Health Protection Agency website:

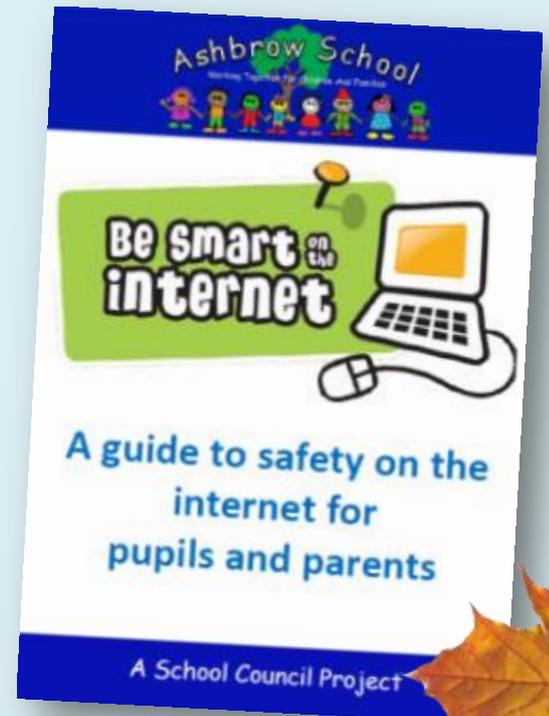
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/infection-control-in-schools-poster>

Dates for your diary

- Mon 30 Oct - Inset day - school closed
- Tues 31 Oct - First day of half term
- Deadline - high school admissions
- Friday 22 Dec - Last day of Autumn Term
- Monday 8 Jan - First day of Spring Term

On line safety

This half term your child will bring home a new Ashbrow e-safety booklet. We hope you find it useful. If you would like an additional copy, please contact Debbie Whitehead in Community House. Also if you have any ideas about how we can improve it, please let us know.



Coming soon...

Our own school app!

Very soon we will have our own new, free to download Ashbrow School app. It will be an ideal way for parents, staff, pupils and governors to keep up to date with the school's activities, calendar and latest news.

You will be able to phone and email the school direct from the app and receive push notifications from the school direct to your device. This app is not just a mobile version of the school website, it is a specifically designed app for smart phones and will improve communication which is something we know, at times can be a challenge

Reminder:

Please make sure you tell us if your contact details change.



Guide for parents
Apply online, apply on time

- ★ Name three preferences
- ★ Include your catchment school



Starting secondary school in 2018
Online only applications from 1 September 2017
Deadline for applications is 31 October 2017

quick secure easy

www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions 

High School Applications

If your child is in Year 6, the deadline for applying for a place in High School is

31 October 2017.

Please make sure you apply for 3 schools.

North Huddersfield Trust School has received a good Ofsted recently so will see a rise in applications, so please don't leave it to chance.

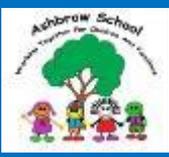
If you would like support filling in the on line admissions form, please contact Debbie Whitehead in Community House to arrange a time to fill it in together.

Halloween Fun Word Search

bat	pumpkin
black	scare
broom	skeleton
cat	spider
costumes	spirits
ghosts	spooky
halloween	vampire
hoot	witch
monster	
moon	
mummy	
night	
owl	



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Growing Success at Ashbrow School

Grow to School- Community Interest Company has started supporting Ashbrow School with establishing a food growing project called 'Growbag'. Grow will run sessions $\frac{1}{2}$ termly over the course of the school year working with year 3 to help them learn more about food growing.

The Growbag project is a growing support package for schools comprising: detailed diary, instruction sheets, seeds and plants and supported growing sessions from experienced Grow staff.

In our first Grow session, Year 3 learned about tool safety, how to plant plug plants, sow seeds and vegetable families (which vegetables belong in each family group).

The children worked hard all day and weeded, dug in compost, planted plug plants, sowed seeds and watered.

By the end of this Autumn term the children and staff will have planted:

Bed 1: Carrot and Onion Family -Spring onions and Garlic.

Bed 2: Pea and Bean and Beet Family - Broad Beans and Chard.

Bed 3: Cabbage Family - Kale and Mizuna (spicy salad leaf).



Bed 4: Cucumber Family - Corn Salad and Winter Lettuce.

Bed 5: Potato Family- Green Manure (Phacelia) and Winter Purslane (winter salad leaf).

There are more plants and seeds to sow in the Spring and Summer of 2018.

If you'd like to try growing at home it's not too late to have a go. You can plant garlic sets or broad beans, both are easy to grow and are best sown in the autumn. They can be bought easily and cheaply from local garden centres or Wilkos.



Free Football Sessions for Girls

The Zone are offering free football sessions for girls aged 6-9 year olds. They will take place at the Zone every Friday 5pm-6pm.

This is for girls of all abilities, to introduce them to football. For more information, or to book a place, telephone Ian Artley on 07901 521705.



Parent drop in sessions 2017/18



Following the feedback we received last year from parents, our School Nurses, Meinir and Kirsty, are once again holding a series of drop in sessions for parents. Come along and get expert advice on a range of issues...

All held in the Forest School Training Room, from 9am-11am

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| Tues 7th Nov - | Early Years toileting |
| Tues 16th Jan - | Head lice |
| Tues 13th Feb - | Behaviour |
| Tues 24th Apr - | Diet/Nutrition |
| Tues 15th May - | Toileting for KS2 parents
(please make an appointment) |
| Tues 5th June - | General information session |

