

Ashbrow School

Newsletter

April 2018

Welcome

Spring has well and truly sprung. It has been a lovely start back to the Summer Term and it has been delightful to welcome a number of new children and families. As ever, we have to be constantly aware of the need to keep our children safe. Thank you for all you do to support us to achieve this.

The children looked so smart on their return and they are working hard.

On sunny days please ensure that you take appropriate measures in terms of sunscreens; please apply sun cream, a minimum factor 30. Once-daily applications are the most suitable. We do try to keep everyone safe from over exposure to the sun but would appreciate your assistance. Children are particularly vulnerable to heat stroke so please be vigilant that they are not exposed to the hot sun for long periods of time.

Please take special note of the Dates for Your Diary as there are some important dates to remember, including teacher training days on **Thursday 12 July** and **Friday 13 July**.



Parking around school

We are sorry to report that we continue to receive complaints from some of our neighbours reporting poor parking around school.

The issues arise when parents/carers park across drive ways or block local residents out of their driveways. Whilst as school staff we cannot enforce the parking laws, we are in regular communication with PCSO's and always raise concerns with them.

Please park considerately around our local area respect our neighbours. Also, just a reminder that Parents/Carers cannot access the school car park before or after school to pick up/drop off; this is to keep everybody, but especially our children, safe.

Dogs are also not allowed on site; even if they are being carried; this is a Kirklees Council ruling.

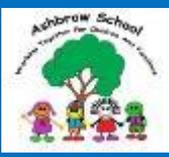


We are hoping to make improvements to our car park over the summer holidays - watch this space!



Spring

www.ashbrowschool.org.uk



Ashbrow has a new app!

This innovative app keeps parents engaged by sending all essential information straight to your phone. You will have access to regularly updated information:

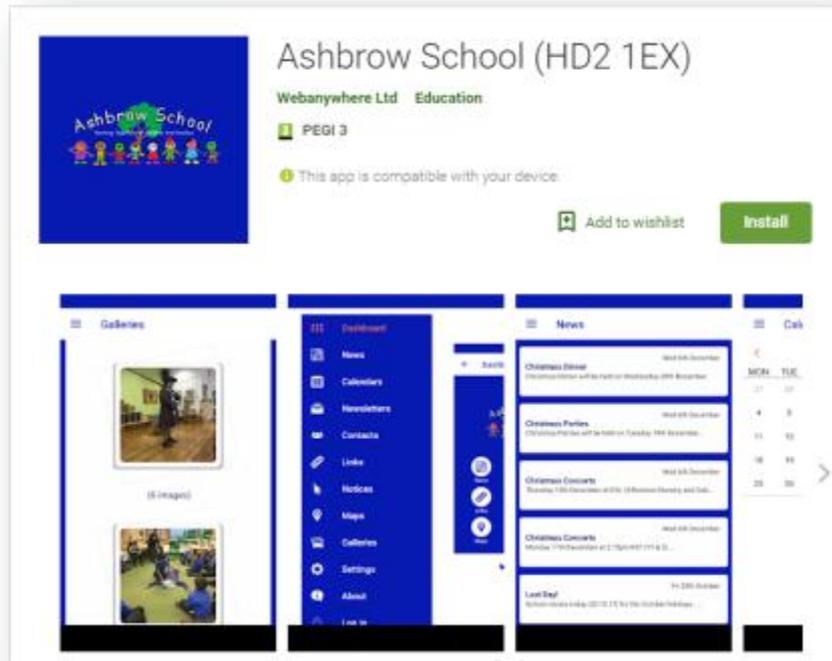
News: Keep up to date with very latest items.

Calendar: Term dates, important events and parents evenings.

Newsletters: Get newsletters from your school instantly.

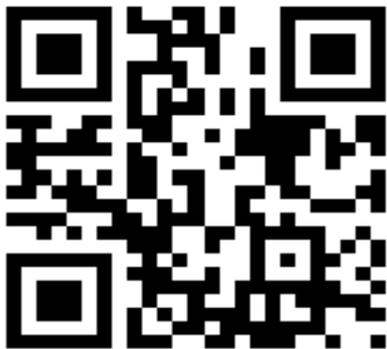
Notices: Push notifications for urgent messages and reminders.

Contacts: See who to contact and how.



To download our app please choose from the following links or use the QR code:

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Launching 1 May 2018

For larger QR codes, visit the larger notice board between the KS1 and KS2 buildings.





**forget me not
children's hospice**

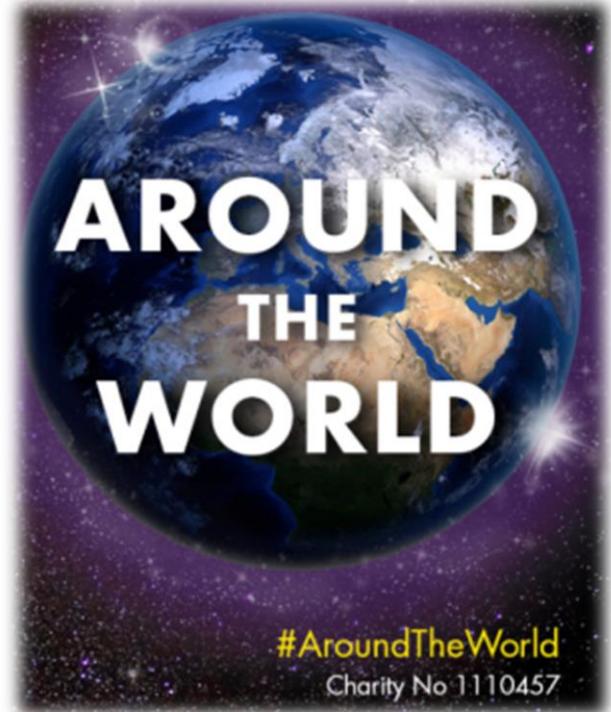
Around the World Challenge

Last year saw 24,000 children from 85 schools and youth organisations across West Yorkshire walking, skipping, running and wheeling a total of 24,900 miles - that's the circumference of the Earth- raising an astonishing £92,000 in sponsorship.

This year the Forget Me Not charity want to go even further...this time around the world - and back! Which sounds like a really, really long way, doesn't it?

The challenge for Primary Schools is for every child to travel ONE mile during Children's Hospice Week 21st-27th May 2018.

Watch out for more details on how Ashbrow School will be supporting this important local charity's event.



Attendance Matters

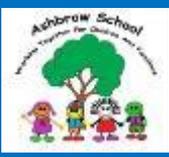


What does it mean?

Categorising attendance	
99% - 100%	Outstanding
97% - 98.9%	Excellent
95% - 96.9%	Good (expected)
92% - 94.9%	Needs to improve
90% - 91.9%	Poor
Below 90%	A major cause for concern

Our attendance target is 96.5 % across school. We currently have 95.5% attendance for the year and need every parent and every child's support. Ofsted take attendance and punctuality very seriously, as do we.

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Requesting leave of absence or holiday in term time

Authorising absence is a policy decision. The school must work within the North Huddersfield Learning Community policy adopted by the school.

All school absence is a serious matter monitored by the Local Authority, the Attendance and Pupil Support department and Ofsted and all school procedures are checked regularly.

Holidays are not permitted in term time. Leave of absence can only be granted in Exceptional Circumstances and each case will be considered on an individual basis.

Taking holidays in term time mean children quickly fall behind with their work and may require extra support to catch up.

Parents taking holidays without discussing it first or informing the school in advance will result in fixed penalty fines being issued.

This is £60 per child and per parent rising to £120 per child and parent if not paid in 28 days. If we are not informed where a child is in school time the child is classed as 'missing in Education'.

Parents may request leave of absence for exceptional circumstances. A form needs to be filled out and submitted to the head teacher with as much notice as possible. A response will be given.

Permission for a request of leave of absence will only be considered where there is an acceptable exceptional reason for this request.

2018 FIFA World Cup

In celebration of the World Cup, Ashbrow are going to be holding a FIFA 2018 World Cup Spring Bank Challenge.

We would like to celebrate the diversity of all the 32 countries taking part in the FIFA 2018 World Cup and feel that this would be a fantastic opportunity for our children and families to explore and learn about the different countries from around the world.

Watch out for a letter coming home with your child with more information!

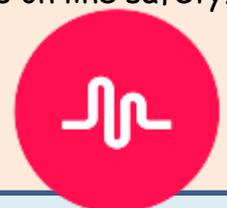


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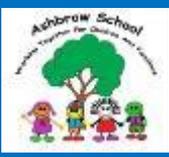


On line safety

Please can parents ensure that their children are not accessing the **musical.ly** app - the minimum age is 13 and it has been linked to some serious cases of grooming and bullying in the news. Please speak to school if you have any concerns about your child's on line safety.



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Key stage 1 tests - year 2 pupils

Your child's teacher is responsible for judging the standards your child is working at in English, maths and science, by the end of key stage 1. To help inform those judgements, pupils sit national curriculum tests in English and maths, commonly called SATs. They may also sit an optional test in English grammar, punctuation and spelling. The tests are a tool for teachers to help them measure your child's performance and identify their needs as they move into key stage 2. They also allow teachers to see how your child is performing against national expected standards. The tests can be taken any time during May and they are not strictly timed. Pupils may not even know they are taking them as many teachers will incorporate them into everyday classroom activities.

Teachers will use the results from these tests, along with the work your child has done throughout the year, to help them reach their own judgements about how your child is progressing at the end of key stage 1. These teacher assessment judgements will be reported to you by the end of the summer term.



Key stage 2 tests - year 6 pupils

If you have a child in year 6, at the end of key stage 2, they will take national curriculum tests in English reading, English grammar, punctuation and spelling and mathematics. The tests help measure the progress pupils have made and identify if they need additional support in a certain area. The tests are also used to assess school's performance and to produce national performance data. The key stage 2 tests will be taken on set dates [see below].

Monday 14 May English grammar, punctuation and spelling

Tuesday 15 May English reading

Wednesday 16 May Mathematics Arithmetic

Thursday 17 May Mathematical reasoning

At the end of the summer term parents of pupils in Year 6 will receive test results for:

- English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- English reading
- Mathematics

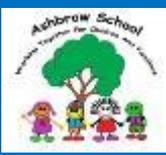
Teacher assessment

As there is no test for English writing, this will be reported as a teacher assessment judgement. This is a judgement teachers will make, based on your child's work at the end of key stage 2.

How can you help your child to prepare?

Teachers will make sure all pupils in their class are prepared for the tests. There's nothing specifically test related that you should do to prepare your child. Good eating and sleeping routines always help. You should follow the general advice teachers give about supporting your child's education throughout the year.

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Healthier lunchboxes

School meals are a great choice, but if you do make a packed lunch for your child then it's important that it contains a balanced, healthy lunch that is low in sugar and fat and high in vitamins, minerals, carbohydrates and dairy foods.

We have a handy guide in school to advise you on what foods are allowed in school - please ask at Community House for a copy. Please note that nuts should NEVER be brought into school as there are children with serious nut allergies in school.

For tips on healthy lunches, visit

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>



Celebration assemblies

As always, our children have been working exceptionally hard throughout school, on a variety of topics.

We share this hard work on:

- Monday morning [9 am] for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
- Friday morning [9am] for children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

The theme is always "Things to be proud of".

Parent are encouraged to attend the Celebration Assemblies to see the wonderful work the children are doing.

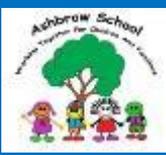
School nurse

A reminder that our school nurse is in school every Tuesday to give parents advice and support on a wide range of issues:

- Toileting
- Diet and nutrition
- Getting rid of nits and head lice
- Teeth and dental hygiene
- Routines and behaviour
- ...and more!

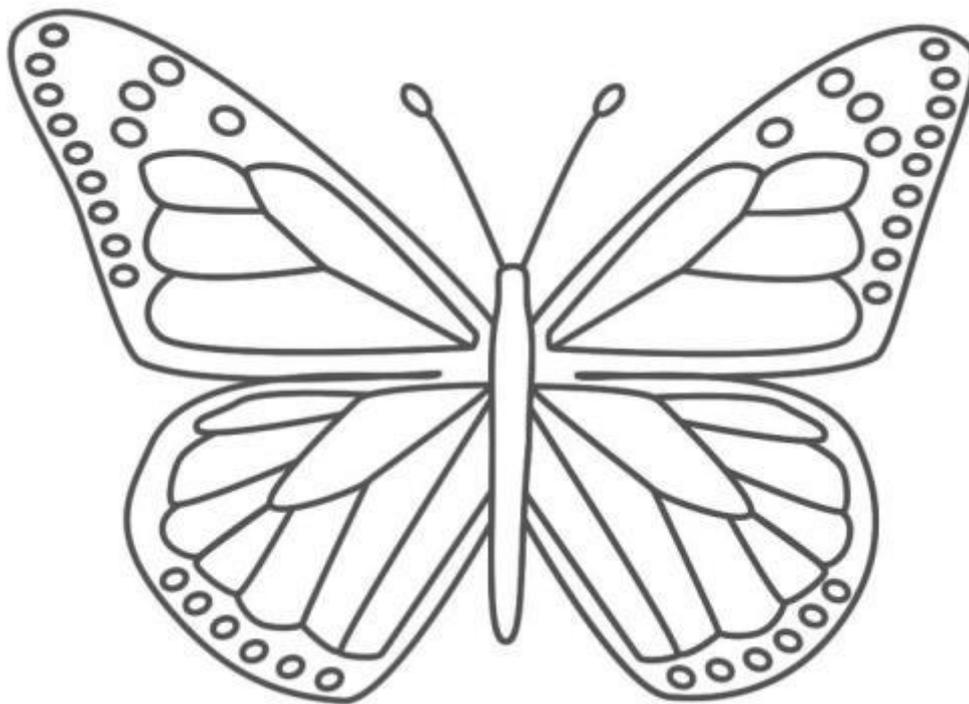


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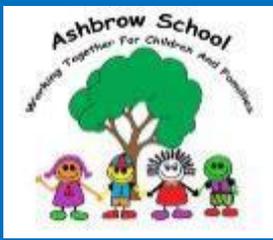


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 PICNIC
 RAINBOW
 ROBIN
 SHOWERS



Colour
me in!



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Dates for diary

During May - KS1 SATS (Year 2)

Monday 7 May - Bank Holiday Monday

w/c Monday 14 May - KS2 SATS (Year 6)

Monday 14 May - Yr 1 kite making session with parents 2-3pm

Tues 15 May - School Nurse - KS2 Toileting session by appointment

Fri 18 May - Nursery closed. Reception school trip

Friday 25 May - Last day of half term

Monday 4 June - First day of half term

Tuesday 5 June - School Nurse drop in

Friday 15 June - Fathers Day event

26/27 June - Lunch for Sept 18 Reception starters

Friday 6 July - Yr 6 Skillforce camp

Monday 9 July - Yr 1 visit Ponderosa

Thursday 12 July/Friday 13 July - School closed (inset days)

Tuesday 17 July - Ready for School event for Reception September 2018 starters

Tuesday 24 July - Last day of school year

(Return to school on Monday 3 September 2018)

Behaviour

The focus on rewarding good behaviour in school helps to create a calm and purposeful learning environment. Visitors to school this term commented favourably on the calm atmosphere. **Good education starts with good behaviour for learning.**

carrot
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Our core values have been at the heart of the school's good behaviour policy. Children are busy collecting virtual carrots and some have recently received a bronze carrot badge. The children are proud to collect the badges and wear them on their jumper /cardigans. The idea is that children are able to make everyone aware they have achieved so that they wear it, show and talk about what they did to achieve it and can be praised by each other, teachers, leaders across school, visitors and parents.

Children in Years 1 - 6 are all supported to work towards and achieve the carrot badges.

Congratulations to the pupils this term who have achieved the Bronze Carrot award. This means they have reached a high number of carrot points and usually indicates high attendance, regularly wearing correct school uniform and always working to the best of their ability in class. There are many pupils who are close to achieving this award.

