

Ashbrow School

Newsletter

July 2018

Welcome

This term we have had such wonderful weather, which has really given us the opportunity to take advantage of our outdoor space. As a school we are so lucky to benefit from our cycle track, sports field and forest school.

As the 2017/18 year draws to an end, we are so pleased to be able to tell you about some improvements to the school which will be made over the summer break.

As well as developing the car park area there will be other school site developments. The major ones include:

- The removal and construction of half of the Key Stage 2 roof. This work will take 16 weeks in total so will still be in progress when school re-opens in September.
- A number of windows will be replaced over the Summer.
- The heating system in Key stage 1 is being completely upgraded as is the lighting in the Forest Building.

Staff will not be allowed into the Key Stage 2 building for the first 3 and a half weeks.

In view of this, the school has been given permission to close at 12.45 pm on July 24th. Please kindly collect your child/ children from their classrooms. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

As we approach the Summer we would like to wish you a very happy holiday. We hope the sunshine will continue and that you find time to relax together.

We look forward to hearing all your holiday news when we return to school on Monday 3rd September.

Ashbrow continues to be a great place to learn. We are proud to be part of a wider community and who jointly work hard to support the children in developing skills for the future. Thank you for your continued support.

New classes

The children have thoroughly enjoyed spending the day in their new classes. They were all so excited and gave the very best of themselves. They will move into their new classes on Monday July 16th which will give them the opportunity to settle into the new class routines in preparation for a brisk start back in September.

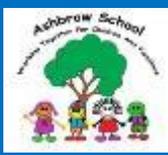
Nut free zone

Please remember that we have a number of children who are allergic to nuts. It is important for us to continue to be a safe nut free zone.



REMINDER:

We have two Inset Days on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th July. This provides staff time to complete the huge task of moving around the classrooms and resources ahead of the transition week, as well as undertake some maths training.



Heatwave: how to cope in hot weather



During the recent hot spell, a number of children have come in with sunburn or been off school with heat stroke.

Always ensure your children are protected from the sun by applying high factor sun screen (min factor 30) and giving them a hat to wear.

Most of us welcome hot weather, but when it's too hot for too long there are health risks. Please make sure the hot weather doesn't harm you or anyone you know.

The main risks posed by a heatwave are:

- **dehydration** (not having enough water)
- **overheating**, which can make symptoms worse for people who already have problems with their heart or breathing
- **heat exhaustion and heatstroke**

Tips for coping in hot weather

- Shut windows and pull down the shades when it is hotter outside. You can open the windows for ventilation when it is cooler.
- Avoid the heat: stay out of the sun and don't go out between 11am and 3pm (the hottest part of the day) if you're vulnerable to the effects of heat.
- Keep rooms cool by using shades or reflective material outside the windows. If this isn't possible, use light-coloured curtains and keep them closed (metallic blinds and dark curtains can make the room hotter).
- Have cool baths or showers, and splash yourself with cool water.



- Drink cold drinks regularly, such as water and diluted fruit juice. Avoid excess alcohol, caffeine (tea, coffee and cola) or drinks high in sugar.
- Listen to alerts on the radio, TV and social media about keeping cool.
- Plan ahead to make sure you have enough supplies, such as food, water and any medications you need.
- Identify the coolest room in the house so you know where to go to keep cool.
- Wear loose, cool clothing, and a hat and sunglasses if you go outdoors.
- Check up on friends, relatives and neighbours who may be less able to look after themselves.

Parking...again

Parking around school continues to cause problems. We rightly 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 or roads. We also have had reports of parents parking on the pavements. Whilst as a school we cannot enforce the parking laws, we are in regular communication with Community Police and share concerns with them.

Some of the local residents have been advised to take photos of cars that block private driveways and to report them.

Please park considerately around our local area.

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.





Attendance Matters

Firstly, can we say a big thank you and well done to those children who consistently arrive at school on time and every day.

Over the last few weeks of term we have noticed that there has been a drop in our attendance figures, we are further away from our target of 97% attendance than we have been for a long, long time.

Attendance is so very important; children who miss even one lesson miss out on valuable information, fall behind in the topics being taught and as each class consists of around 30 children it is a difficult task for teachers to spend time recapping lessons for children who have missed school.

We do appreciate that sometimes absences are unavoidable due to sickness or extenuating circumstances.

We would like to remind parents/carers that holidays during school time are not something that Kirklees Council permit.

School cannot authorise HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME except in exceptional circumstances. In accordance with the North Huddersfield Learning Community Policy, fines will be issued to families taking holidays in term time.

There is a clear link between poor attendance at school and lower academic achievement. In primary schools, less than 65% of children get good results in Maths and English in schools when they have an average of 15 days absence, compared to around 90% in schools where the average is less than 8 days. Many parents are surprised how quickly their children accumulate 15 days absence



Congratulations to those with 100% attendance since September 2017:

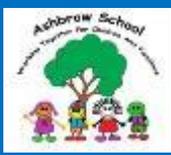
Early Years/KS1

Amelia B
Libby S
Lewis S
Etana C
Adam R
Edward C
Reece C
Mya M
Jensen W
Tanaisha L
Lenni C
Tommy S

KS2

Antonio C
Lydia L
Farhana F
Millie-Rose S
Ryley M
Jordan M
Libby G
Raynor M
Yves O
McKayla M
Ellie A
Joseph B
Macie T
Aaron U

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Issues around gaming

A new game has become popular with children across the country, including some within school. It's called Fortnite and has an age rating of 12, which of course means that our children really shouldn't be playing it.

However, we just wanted to warn parents as there have been some instances of online chat within games, where unkind things have been spoken. This has then spilled over into school which can affect the children's learning so we are asking for your cooperation with this in terms of monitoring online usage.



Around the World Challenge

The children were all amazing and did their bit to walk, cycle and run miles 'around the world' to support the work of Forget-me-not Children's Hospice.

Thank you to everyone for returning the sponsor money which was collected by the hospice.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to such a worthy cause.



forget me not children's hospice

GDPR

Important Update

The **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679** is a regulation in EU law on data protection and privacy for all individuals within the European Union.

It replaces the old Data protection regulations and came into force on 25th May 2018.

The new law states that we must obtain permission to hold details about you and your child on file, details such as email addresses, contact telephone numbers,

emergency contact details...as you will understand it is so very important that we are able to hold these details so we have a way of contacting you should we need to, especially in an emergency.

Thank you so much for all the replies we have received, we are still outstanding a few so if you could please send them back as soon as possible we would be very grateful.



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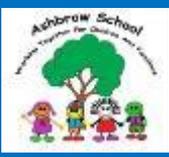
Find the ten differences!



Champions Maze!

Dribble the ball through the maze and win the World Cup...





Cycling to school

We have a number of children who cycle to school, even more so now the weather is better. Just a quick reminder about our rules and general bike safety:

- Here at Ashbrow we are happy for our pupils to come to school via bike, it is a good form of exercise and reduces the congestion from cars.
- We intend to purchase cycle racks for the bikes but in the meantime they can be left secured to fences in a safe place at the front of school.
- Please do NOT ride bikes on the school premises as this causes a danger to pedestrians. This includes the school drive.

General Bike Safety

- Before riding your bike, check that it is in good working order, check the brakes work and the tyres are inflated correctly.
- ALWAYS wear a helmet, the injuries sustained if you have an accident when cycling without a helmet can be catastrophic.
- Wear sensible footwear and clothing, especially if the weather is bad, reflective clothing should be worn in all weathers, not just in the dark.



Eating and exercising for a healthy mind

Eating a healthy, balanced diet and exercising play an important part in maintaining good health, and can help you feel your best. Knowing what foods we should and shouldn't be eating can be really confusing, especially when it feels like the advice changes regularly. However, evidence suggests that as well as affecting our physical health, what we eat may also affect the way we feel.

Improving your diet may help to:

- improve your mood
- give you more energy
- help you think more clearly.

If your blood sugar drops you might feel tired, irritable and depressed. Eating regularly and choosing foods that release energy slowly will help to keep your sugar levels steady.

Eating breakfast gets the day off to a good start. Our Breakfast Club is free to all children from Reception upwards. Also, avoid foods which make your blood sugar rise and fall rapidly, such as sweets, biscuits, and sugary drinks

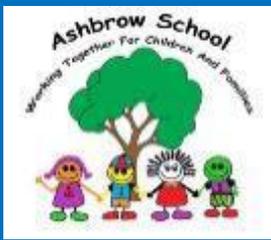
Being physically active is good for our bodies. Our physical health and mental health are closely linked - so physical activity can be very beneficial for our mental health and wellbeing too.

Here at Ashbrow we encourage healthy eating and embrace exercise. The children have recently started Running with Ricardo who is coming in daily to promote the Daily Mile before school. His enthusiasm has inspired many of our children so if you would like to see what happens for yourselves please come up the cycle track at around 8.30am.

Our school dinners are carefully selected to incorporate plenty of fresh vegetables.

We also have a wide range of sporting activities both throughout the school day and also after school. We want to help our children become healthy young adults and thank you for supporting this goal.

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Dates for diary

Monday 9 July - Yr 1 visit Ponderosa

Wednesday 11 July - Sports Day and Y6 Leavers Assembly.

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)



Putting a plan to action!

Again we are planning major refurbishments over the summer. The car park is at last going to be improved to create more spaces and make it a safer place for us all.

Thank you for your patience.

Wishing you all the best for the future

We wish all our Year 6 leavers the very best for the future. We hope they will treasure their memories of their time at Ashbrow School and go on to be a great success at their chosen high school.

We would also like to take the opportunity to say goodbye and give a huge thank you to

Mrs Holroyd

Mr Heeley

Miss Dhillon

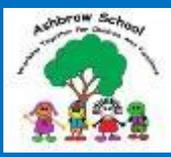
Miss Padgett

Miss Wilkinson

They have all made a big contribution to school life and will be missed.



If your child is moving into Year 6 in September, we will be writing to you after the holidays to let you know about how to apply for high school for Sept 2019! The deadline for applications is 31 October 2018. We will also let you know about Open Evenings at the local high schools, which take place in September and October.



SPORTS DAY

Wednesday 11th July 2018

Who?	Where?	When?
Morning nursery + Rowan Reception	Key Stage 1 playground	9:00 – 9:45
Afternoon nursery + Oak Reception	Key Stage 1 playground	14:15 – 15:00
Key Stage 1 (Year 1 + Year 2)	Key Stage 2 back field	9:00 – 9:45
Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 + Year 4)	Key Stage 2 back field	14:00 – 15:00
Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 + Year 6)	Cycle track	14:00 – 15:00
Nursery to Year 5 PLEASE COME TO SCHOOL IN YOUR OWN SPORTS KIT		
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly will be held on the same day at the following times:		
Year 6 WALNUT CD	Key Stage 2 Hall	9:45 – 10:45
Year 6 WALNUT SH	Key Stage 2 Hall	10:45 – 11:45

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