

Friday 2nd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

October marks Black History Month: our celebrations have started but we do not believe Black History should just be taught in a month. We are looking at our whole curriculum, including our history curriculum across the year, to ensure that is representative of all histories. We have already changed the texts that children are learning about in Reading and English lessons so that they are more diverse. We are prioritising our anti-racism work and teaching the children about white privilege. This is a long-term commitment for us at Ashmount. If you would like to be involved in this work or have helpful contacts, please contact Emma, our History Lead, or myself through the school office.

A few reminders to all parents about collecting children at the end of the day, firstly we must insist that only one adult does this to ensure no overcrowding in the playground. Also all adults must wear a face covering when coming to collect children to keep everyone safe. Additionally, when adults are collecting children from Year 1 and Year 2 please wait patiently for the staff to release your child and do not call them out as we must be clear who is taking a child to ensure everyone is safe. Finally, if you are asking a family member/friend to collect your child at the end of the day you must let the office know first in good time.

You may have noticed we are advertising a Year 1 teacher post—if you know any fabulous teachers who may want to join the amazing team at Ashmount then please pass on the link here:

<https://www.tes.com/jobs/search?keywords=Ashmount+Primary+School&displayLocation=>

Similarly, during lockdown we have sadly had a few families who have left the school due to moving house and we now have spaces in Reception, Year 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. This is unusual for Ashmount but if you have any friends who would like to join our fabulous community please spread the word!

As we do our best to limit the effects of this Covid-19 pandemic we are today issuing a letter from the NHS about when to book a test. But we are also including links about this autumn's flu vaccination programme we are urging all families to sign up to have their child vaccinated to minimise the risk of more absences from school but also to ensure there is less confusion about symptoms during this complicated time. We as a school are similarly ensuring the school staff team are vaccinated. Vaccinations for Reception to Year 6 will take place on Thursday 5th November.

Flu Vaccine information (and include date for ours?):

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>

Translated information about the Flu vaccines:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-who-should-have-it-this-winter-and-why>

Finally, tomorrow Monday 6th sees the annual visit of the school photographer to take individual child photos in school.

Best wishes and stay safe, Anthony Carmel (Headteacher)

Help support our local food bank by donating if you can

Without the boxes, packets, and tins of food items regularly donated across the UK, food banks simply wouldn't be able to run. And as food banks face an ever-increasing demand for their services, particularly in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, you can help! At Ashmount, we are hosting Food Bank Friday collections for the Muswell Hill Food Bank, supporting people in our local community.

Please donate these items if you can:

Food items

- ✦ Cereal
- ✦ Soup
- ✦ Pasta
- ✦ Rice
- ✦ Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce
- ✦ Lentils, beans and pulses
- ✦ Tinned meat
- ✦ Tinned vegetables
- ✦ Tea/coffee
- ✦ Tinned fruit
- ✦ Biscuits
- ✦ UHT milk
- ✦ Fruit juice

Non food items

- ✦ Toiletries – deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes
- ✦ Household items – laundry liquid detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid
- ✦ Feminine products – sanitary towels and tampons
- ✦ Baby supplies – nappies, baby wipes and baby food

How to donate

You can drop your donations on any day Monday - Friday. Leave them in the donation box outside the school building near the front office or children can bring them into school.

Each Friday, a member of the school community will take the donations to the food bank.

If you can help, please contact your class rep or email Ashmount Together

ashmountschoolpta@gmail.com

We've set up a
FOOD BANK FRIDAY
COLLECTION POINT
to collect food for our local
food bank this Harvest!

Please donate an item or two
from the list if you can.

**SHOPPING LIST
TOP TEN ITEMS**

- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Fruit juice (long life)
- Soup
- Pasta sauces
- Tinned sponge pudding
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- Cereals
- Tinned rice pudding
- Jam

FOOD BANK FRIDAY

www.trusselltrust.org

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Stop UK Hunger

Your donations will be going to a local food bank – a registered charity or charitable organisation which is part of the Trussell Trust network. Reg. Charity in England & Wales (1110522) and Scotland (SC044246). Reg. Ltd. Co. in England & Wales (5434524).

MUSWELL HILL FOODBANK

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Friday Night Take Away

St Mary (Ashley Road, NI9 3AD) offer a **takeaway on Friday** evenings for anyone in need of a hot meal.

Whether you are struggling to put food on the table, or struggling to cook, or are just in need of some extra support at this time. Takeaway provides both meat and vegan options, and all you have to do is message us to be included. We will ask you for your name, mobile number, family size and any dietary requirements.. Every Wednesday, for as long as you want to receive the messages, you receive a text asking if you want a meal and you simply have to reply "yes 3 meals please" or yes "5 meals". We then know if you want vegan or meat, and you are welcome to ask other questions. To sign up please either email takeaway@smhr.org.uk or text [07581340796](tel:07581340796) or call them on [020 7916 2710](tel:02079162710) and leave a message for Tamsin (our Vicar) and the team if we aren't in.

(Any information you give is only stored for the purposes of takeaway, unless you want to hear more from us in which case you simply have to ask.)

Friday Night Takeaway meals are collected between 4 and 6pm. If for some reason you are unable to collect the food that week please let us know as soon as you can, so we can give it away to someone else in need.

Friday Night Takeaway is a initiative lead by St Mary Hornsey Rise, on Ashley Road, in conjunction with a number of volunteers. **If you would like to volunteer** with us you are more than welcome to get in touch, or come down to the church, we are open Monday to Friday 12pm to 3pm (Wednesdays until 8.30pm and Fridays until 6pm).

School Diary Dates

All of October: Black History Month

Monday 6th October: Individual Photos of Children.

Thursday 5th November: Flu Vaccines Reception - year 6

Monday 16th November - Friday 20th November: Arts Week

Class Assemblies

(These assemblies will be remote or pre-recorded.)

Tuesday 19th November: 6 Blue

Tuesday 17th November: 1 Green

Tuesday 24th November: 4 Blue

Tuesday 1st December: 2 Green

Dates for the Year 1 Nativity and the Year 4 show will be confirmed soon.

Ashmount Together Events

Weekly Friday Food Bank collection (see details in this newsletter and in posters around school).

Half term: School finishes on Friday 23rd October at 3:30 p.m. and we re-open on Monday 2nd November at 9 .a.m.

Secondary Transfer 2021/2022

Here is a short video with information about how to complete the application process for secondary schools and what parents should think about before submitting their school choices:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BRvNM8MqpPA&feature=emb_title

You can find more information and the full secondary brochure here:

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-secondary-school-place>

You can check your home to school distance to any Islington school using 'your local area' on the Islington website:

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/your-area>

Home Learning -

BBC BiteSize -

Primary Catch Up Lessons Online

Home schooling may not have been easy and, however hard we have tried, there are key concepts that children will have missed. We are working hard in school to help children make up this learning. The BiteSize lessons can also help them catch up in English and Maths.

Take a look using the link below.

Primary Catch-Up Lessons



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zknj4xs>

Poster competitions!

Two poster competitions to take part in

1. Met Police Commissioner's Christmas Tree Project!

We would like to invite your children to get creative and design the poster that will advertise the appeal across London. The Commissioner's Christmas Tree Project gives a present to a child in each London borough who might not otherwise receive one.

There is no theme in particular for this year allowing full creative art work. The poster competition picture needs to be designed on an A4 size paper. Children can be as creative as they wish. Name and school should also be provided for all submitted pictures.

Children are asked kindly to submit all competition posters by **Friday 9th October**. Please give your entry to your class teacher.

The overall winning poster will be advertised internally and externally starting the campaign. The poster winner will have the opportunity to meet the Commissioner.

2. Clean Air Poster Competition

A friendly reminder that the Clean Air poster competition launches TODAY! All the details are attached in a pdf.

All entries must be handed into your child's class teacher by **Monday 5th October**.

What we will be learning next week in...

Nursery: We will be thinking about our identity and what makes us special. We will be beginning to think about Black History Month and why this is important.

Reception

English: We will be adapting 'What Makes Me a Me' and turning it into a new story. We will also explore stories that help us learn about Black History Month.

Maths: We will be learning how to recognise and order numbers 1-5, as well as count things we can't see (e.g. sounds) up to 5.

Year 1

English: We will be reading and exploring the book: Anansi Goes to Lunch by Bobby and Sherry Norfolk.

Maths: We will be learning how to add within 10, using our number bonds and by counting on.

Year 2

English: We will be writing a diary entry based on our reading of Patten's Pumpkin.

Maths: We will be continuing our learning of addition using the column method with re-grouping.

Year 3

English: We will be completing our final week of writing poetry based on James Berry's poems.

Maths: We will be adding two 3-digit numbers using the column method of addition and learning how to subtract from 2-digit and 3-digit numbers.

Year 4

English: We will be writing a character description based on 'Island born' by Junot Diaz.

Maths: We will be learning about Roman Numerals. We will also begin our addition and subtraction topic by learning to add 3 and 4 digit numbers.

Year 5

English: We will be writing a persuasive letter based on our exploration of 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'.

Maths: We will be using written methods of addition and subtraction to solve multi-step problems and use the inverse and estimation to help us.

Year 6

English: We will be learning about George the Poet and writing and performing our own spoken word poems.

Maths: We will be focusing on formal methods of multiplication and division.

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Weekly Attendance 28.09.20 – 02.10.20

Class	Percentage
Nursery a.m.	93.4
Nursery p.m.	92.7
Reception Blue	95.5
Reception Green	98.9
1 Blue	100.0
1 Green	95.4
2 Blue	97.7
2 Green	97.1
3 Blue	91.7
3 Green	97.3
4 Blue	98.0
4 Green	98.7
5 Blue	99.3
5 Green	95.4
6 Blue	96.7
6 Green	95.4

Our best attending classes for this week were:

Reception Green, 1 Blue, 4 Green and 5 Blue.

Well done children and adults. Each winning class gets an extra 5 minutes play on Monday.

At Ashmount, we are aiming for at least 97% attendance in each class.

Attendance for all pupil groups will be a huge focus this Autumn with the mantra being,

"Every minute matters , Every second counts!"

If you need support with attendance do contact Lisa, our School Home Support worker, through the office.

Congratulations to this week's current league table top three leaders in each year group of Times Tables Rock Stars!

In line with our Growth Mindset philosophy this charts the biggest improvement in correct scores over the last seven days.

Y4 = Dylan, Jeremiah, Naomi

Y5 = Ruben, Finlay, Anthony

Y6 = Chiem, Sonny, Cy



CONGRATULATIONS!