

Friday 15th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Having taken advice from the borough and reviewed our own Health and Safety plans we have decided that on Monday and Tuesday we will implement the following to keep all children safe during the extremely high temperatures that are forecast:

- Can all children bring bottled water with them, a sun hat and have sun cream applied.
- We suggest all children come in loose, light clothing—PE kit if you would prefer—this does not have to be school uniform
- There will be no PE sessions on these two days
- If you wish to collect your children after registration in the afternoon you can do so. We will though run a normal school day for any family who needs this support This will be 1:20 p.m. for all families to make dismissal arrangements manageable for the school.

Sadly, due to the above we are also having to cancel the Year 6 trip to Brighton. Once we have booked an alternative we will let all Year 6 parents know.

Thanks to everyone who completed our recent Community Values Survey. We really value your views and look forward to discussing the results on Monday at our Community Values Dialogue Workshop, between 2 – 3p.m. There are still spaces available if you would like to join us. Please do let the school office know (tel: 020 7272 7145; email info@ashmount.islington.sch.uk).

Thank you to all of you who made the summer fair possible but also attended we raised over £3,000 on the day and everyone seemed to have a fabulous day. Thank you!

Following on from a hugely successful Moving Up Day, where all children met their new class teacher, we also say sad farewells to colleagues who have made a huge impact at the school This year in no different as we say goodbye to the following staff:

Ellie Howarth—Deputy Headteacher, Ross Dempster Johnson—Deputy Headteacher, Emma McMahon—Year 5 Teacher, Charlotte Smith—Year 3 teacher, Shanai Moor—Learning Support Assistant, Sandra Johnson—Learning support Assistant.

We wish these colleagues a fond farewell but also our thanks and appreciation for their hard work during their time here.

This also means we welcome new staff, the following colleagues will join us formally in September:

Ellie—Year 6 class teacher, Fahmida Uddin—Year 2 class teacher, Shalima—Year 1 class teacher for the autumn term until Louise returns.

A reminder that end of term parties will take place on Wednesday afternoon. Please chat to teacher about food/ drink if you are able to contribute. If teachers need to adjust the day they will send a note or text home.

A reminder that you child's class books will all come home on Wednesday, except for 3 children from each class whose books I retain until the autumn half term. Please send your child in with a bag to take these home. If your child is not in next week then these books will be sent home in September from your child's new class teacher.

We know how tough things are financially for many in our community, so several things to assist. Firstly, all children who qualify for Pupil Premium will receive a voucher to support food costs over the summer. Shajia will send this from the office. Secondly, here are local links for food banks and activities there are on offer over the summer for those eligible:

Islington Food banks: <https://islington.foodbank.org.uk/>

For those eligible, holiday activities and food: <https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/things-to-do/holiday-activities-and-food> If you need help booking contact Ellie or Annabel

Best wishes,

Anthony

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ASHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL

AUTUMN TERM

First Half: Monday, 5th September 2022 – Friday, 21st October 2022

Half Term Holiday: ***Monday, 24th October 2022 – Friday, 28th October 2022***

Second Half: Monday, 31st October 2022 – Friday, 16th December 2022

SPRING TERM

First Half: Wednesday, 4th January 2023 – Friday, 10th February 2023

Half Term Holiday: ***Monday, 13th February 2023 – Friday, 17th February 2023***

Second Half: ***Tuesday, 21st February 2023 – Friday, 31st March 2023***

Easter Break: ***Monday, 3rd April 2023 – Friday, 14th April 2023***

Good Friday: ***7th April 2023***

Easter Monday: ***10th April 2023***

SUMMER TERM

First Half: Monday, 17th April 2023 – Friday, 27th May 2023

May Day: ***Monday, 1st May 2023***

Half Term Holiday: ***Monday, 29th May 2023 – Friday, 2nd June 2023***

Second Half: Monday, 5th June 2023 – Friday, 21st July 2023

INSET DAYS

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING

Tuesday, 1st September 2022

Wednesday, 2nd September 2022

Monday, 20th February 2022

Friday, 14th July 2022

Times Tables Rock Stars

Congratulations to this week's current league table leaders in each year group! In line with our Growth Mindset philosophy, this charts the biggest improvement in correct scores over the last seven days.

The top 3 most improved children for each year group this week are:

Year 3 - Ryan, Kaius, Kayden

Year 4 - Adil, Lukas A, Joshua A

Year 5 - Na'Rae, Dylan, Mihailo

Year 6 - Anthony, Adam, Alexander



The annual Summer Reading Challenge will be back in libraries across Islington this summer.

This year's theme - 'Gadgeteers' - will spark children's curiosity about the world around them. All children aged 4-11 can take part. Children under 5 can sign up to the mini-reading challenge for pre-school children.

Sign up at your local Islington library from **Saturday 9th July**.

With resources and activities from the Science Museum, the Challenge focuses on inspiring children to see the science and innovation behind everyday objects, showing that reading and science are for everyone. The Challenge and the accompanying book collection will show that imagination can unlock endless possibilities, and the library is where this starts.

Read six books over the summer and **win prizes**

All completers will be awarded a certificate and medal. For more information visit:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/gadgeteers-intro>

What we are learning next:

Nursery:

English: We will be talking about what we are looking forward to doing during the Summer Holidays.

Maths: We will be continuing to do work on everyday Maths problems.

Reception

English: We will be continuing to add text to the wordless picture book 'Hike'.

Maths: We will be using our knowledge of length, weight and capacity to describe objects

Year 1

English: We will be completing our learning in phonics for the year.

Maths: We will be learning about weight and position.

Year 2

English: We will be editing, improving and publishing our completed stories inspired by The Fox and the Star.

Maths: We will be consolidating our knowledge of key maths facts, strategies and skills from year 2.

Year 3

English: We will be finishing our non-chronological reports based on the BFG.

Maths: We will be revising and consolidating Y3 Maths objectives.

Year 4

English: We will be finishing our drafts of our recounts of our school trip. We will then edit, improve and publish.

Maths: We will be completing mathematical investigations.

Year 5

English: We will be looking at another short film as part of our Writing Through Film unit, and completing writing inspired by the film.

Maths: We will be learning to Multiply using formal written methods.

Year 6

English: We will be editing and publishing our writing.

Maths: We will be revising and consolidating Y6 Maths objectives.

School Diary Dates

Thurs 21st July: End of Term at 2pm

Full school dates are on our website.

Educational Visits and Workshops

Mon 18th July: Nursery to Year 2 Fluoride Varnish Dental Team

Tues 19th July: Year 6 - To be confirmed

End of Year - Year 6 Dates

Tues 19th July: To be confirmed

Weds 20th July: Y6 Show at 9.30am

Weds 20th July: Y6 Disco after school
(exact timing to follow on separate invitation)

Thurs 21st July: Year 6 Leavers Assembly

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Weekly Attendance 11.07.22 — 15.07.22

Class	Percentage
Nursery	97.3
Reception Blue	87.5
Reception Green	85.8
1 Blue	93.1
1 Green	87.9
2 Blue	95.0
2 Green	92.3
3 Blue	94.0
3 Green	85.0
4 Blue	85.7
4 Green	96.7
5 Blue	91.8
5 Green	97.5
6 Blue	89.3
6 Green	92.0

Our best attending classes this week were:

Nursery, 2 Blue, 4 Green and 5 Green

Well done children and adults. The best attending classes at the end of half term will get a Friday film afternoon with hot chocolate and biscuits. At Ashmount, we are aiming for at least 97% attendance in each class. Attendance for all pupils is a huge focus with the mantra being: "Every minute matters , Every second counts"

If you need support with attendance contact Peter, our School Home Support lead, or Katie and Shajia at the school office.



Volunteer in Ashmount with Number Champions

Be part of Number Champions, the charity helping children to learn and enjoy maths - including in Ashmount Primary School from November 2020.

Our trained volunteers provide one-to-one support to children who have fallen behind in maths. Through games and other activities they help children to develop skills, confidence, and enjoyment in maths.

Young children who find maths difficult often develop a "can't do, won't do" attitude, and never properly re-engage with the subject. This can impact their whole education. Early intervention can help them learn skills and gain the confidence to participate fully in class.

If you'd enjoy volunteering regularly for one and a half hours each week during the school day, and would find it rewarding to help 6 to 8 year-olds, you could be one of our in-school volunteers.

As well as bringing enthusiasm, you will need to be competent with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division – and also be confident in explaining them.

We provide training on how to interact with children in a school setting, on the early years maths syllabus, and on creative and fun ways to engage young children with maths.

To find out more please visit www.numberchampions.org.uk and contact volunteer@numberchampions.org.uk.

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Our learning in pictures: Nursery



Our learning in pictures: Year 1



Our learning in pictures: Year 2



Our learning in pictures: Year 3



Our learning in pictures: Year 6

Butterfly Workshop



Our learning in pictures: Year 6 - Finsbury Park



Guidance for people with symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19

Adults

If you have symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19, and you have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to go to work or carry out normal activities, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until you no longer have a high temperature (if you had one) or until you no longer feel unwell.

It is particularly important to avoid close contact with anyone who you know is at higher risk of becoming seriously unwell if they are infected with COVID-19 and other respiratory infections, especially those whose immune system means that they are at higher risk of serious illness, despite vaccination.

Children and young people

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

Guidance for people who have a positive COVID-19 test result

Adults

Adults who have a positive COVID-19 test result, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days after the day you took your test. At the end of this period, if you have a high temperature or feel unwell, try to follow this advice until you feel well enough to resume normal activities and you no longer have a high temperature if you had one.

Although many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days, some people may be infectious to other people for up to 10 days from the start of their infection. You should avoid meeting people at higher risk of becoming seriously unwell from COVID-19, especially those whose immune system means that they are at higher risk of serious illness from COVID-19, despite vaccination, for 10 days after the day you took your test.

Children and young people

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should not attend nursery or school and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.