

Friday 16th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we arrive at the end of term I wanted to express my appreciation of an array of colleagues who have worked on school performances this half term. For Year 1 and Year 4 in particular this is always a busy term as we prepare for the Nativity and the Year 4 musical. Both went incredibly well and I trust respective Year group parents really enjoyed their children's performances. So a huge thank you to Shelima, Charlotte, Christine and Eve in Year 1 and also to Becca, Feven, Daniella and Reece in Year 4. As ever huge thanks to Sharon for supporting with both productions. I would also like to thank Laura for her continued commitment to all of our music offer including both performances but also the school carol concert and to Adam for assisting with this. Obviously, it goes without saying that an array of children performed in all of these events magnificently—so a huge thank you to them also!

You will see on page 2 that Ashmount Together has published the amounts that we have raised so far this term from the events that we have run. It's incredible to think we have all raised £3,456 so far this year! Jon, the Chair of Governors, and I will meet with Ashmount Together after the holiday to discuss both short term and long term funding goals for the school in a financial landscape that is ever more challenging and we will update you about plans in the new year.

I would also like to thank everyone for their patience over the last few weeks when the school has struggled with both a winter vomiting bug but also a limited number of Strep A cases. This situation has effected an array of schools across London and beyond and I am hopeful that on our return in January we can return to normal attendance levels around the high 96% plus mark.

Just a reminder that tomorrow I will issue a Parent Governor Election Special as we look to appoint 2 parent governors after the Christmas break. If you are interested in standing then please talk to Jon or I. We will hold an information sharing session in the second week back in January which will answer any questions you may have about the roles but we would love to see a strong interest from our incredibly diverse parent community.

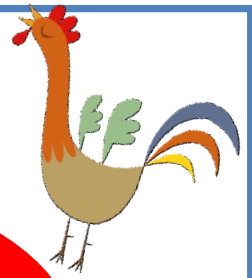
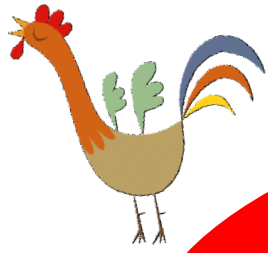
I would finally like to pass on my thanks to two colleagues who have left us at the end of term. Zoe, class teacher in Year 5 who has chose to pursue other career options outside of teaching. I am hugely grateful for Zoe's commitment to the school over the last 7 years and I am sure that you, like I, will wish her the best in her future endeavours. We have also said goodbye to Kirsten, our Early Years Education worker in Nursery. She has chosen to pursue her love of working with 2 year olds and will after her 4 years here also be hugely missed. We have thankfully been able to appoint Dionne Davies as class teacher in Year 5 who has a strong local record of leading child learning within Key Stage 2. Then in Nursery, we have appointed Elizabeth Norcup, who currently works in Year 5 but has worked across the school and will replace Kirsten in Nursery as we look to recruit specifically for the role by February. I am sure you will welcome both colleagues into their new roles in January

Finally, I trust you will all have a peaceful and restful Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 4th January.

Best wishes,

Anthony





‘EARLY BIRDS’ BREAKFAST CLUB



Time: 8am - 8.45am



Come to Breakfast and enjoy cereal, toast, seasonal fruits, unsweetened fruit juice, milk etc. and join in the many activities that are available:

Arts and crafts, music, board games, outside play and much more!

After half term *all pupils* are welcome to pick up a bagel outside the main hall when they arrive at school in the morning.

Should you arrive after the start of the school day, pick up a bagel at the school office from 9am — 9.15am

ASHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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What we are learning next:

Nursery

English: We will be reading the story 'The Three Little Pigs' and creating our own story maps.

Maths: We will be learning to show an interest and recognise numbers in our environment.

Reception

English: We will be reading 'Supertato' as part of our new topic.

Maths: We will be exploring comparison of numbers.

Year 1

English: We will be reading the story 'Beegu' and using adjectives to describe the character and setting of the story.

Maths: We will be learning to count, order and compare numbers to 20.

Year 2

English: We will be exploring our new text 'If all the world were' by Joseph Coelho.

Maths: We will be learning how to measure in centimetres and metres.

Year 3:

English: We will be learning to make inferences and predictions based on 'The true story of the 3 little pigs'.

Maths: We will be developing our knowledge of mm's, cm's and metres.

Year 4:

English: We will be exploring the novel 'Journey to Jo'Burg' by Beverley Naidoo and investigating the characters and plot.

Maths: We will be beginning our learning about fractions and exploring hundredths and mixed numbers

Year 5

English: We will be reading and exploring "The Last Wild" by Piers Torday.

Maths: We will be learning how to add fractions.

Year 6

English: We will be developing our inference, descriptive and information retrieval skills through our study of the Suffragette movement.

Maths: We will be developing our knowledge on translating and reflecting shapes on a quadrant

School Diary Dates

Full school term dates are on our website.

Educational Visits and Workshops

Year 2 and Year 5 Bletchley Park Enigma Visit

Others TBC

Class Assemblies

Tues 17th Jan 3 Green

Tues 24th Jan 2 Blue

Tues 31st Jan 6 Green

Tues 7th Feb Reception Green

Tues 28th Feb 2 Green

Tues 7th Mar 5 Green

Tues 14th Mar Reception Blue

Tues 21st Mar 6 Blue

Tues 28th Mar 4 Green

Whole School Events

Bring An Adult To School Day

Valentine's Disco

Cake Sales

6th Jan - NO SALE

13th Jan - Y3

20th Jan - Y6

27th Jan - Y1

3rd Feb - Reception

10th Feb - Y5 (Valentine Disco cake sale)

School Calendar

Start of Spring Term:

Wednesday 4th January

End of first half term:

Friday 10th February

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Weekly Attendance 12.12.22 — 16.12.22

Class	Percentage
Nursery	67.1
Reception Blue	81.3
Reception Green	82.3
1 Blue	58.0
1 Green	77.6
2 Blue	89.6
2 Green	74.4
3 Blue	90.5
3 Green	82.4
4 Blue	92.2
4 Green	87.0
5 Blue	77.5
5 Green	92.2
6 Blue	80.0
6 Green	77.0

Our best attending classes this week were:

Reception Green, 2 Blue, 4 Blue 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.

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:

Here are the most improved for each year group:

Y3: Muaz, Samuel, Ecrin

Y4: Cooper, Ryan, Kaius

Y5: Joshua A, Christian, Finn

Y6: Jacob, Georgie, Mihailo



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Our learning in pictures: Nursery



Our learning in pictures: Reception



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Our learning in pictures: Year 1



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Our learning in pictures: Year 2



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Our learning in pictures: Year 3: Freeze frames in RE, snow and our party!



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Our learning in picture Year 4



Our learning in picture Year 5



Our learning in pictures Year 6



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