

Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and that the children are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting new academic year! As mentioned in our meeting at the end of last term, there will be some changes this year, with not all children remaining in Ash Class full-time (I will have spoken with you directly if this applies to your child). In addition, there have been some staffing changes.

Miss Brooks will now be working in the Reception classroom, but we are delighted to welcome Miss Davies, who will be joining the Ash Class team for a couple of afternoons each week. Ash Class staff are named below, along with other key information about the class and term ahead. This information is also available and regularly updated on our class page on the school website. Please check this to make sure your child has everything they need each day, as this helps them to feel more settled and avoids any unnecessary upset.

I am incredibly proud of the progress the children made last year, and together with the Ash Class team, I am looking forward to building on that success in the year to come. As always, please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or email me using our class email 'ash@woodstone.leics.sch.uk'

Miss Barnes ☺

Ash Class Newsletter

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Daily Essentials

Every day, your child should bring a **named school bag** containing: a **named water bottle**, a **healthy snack**, their **reading diary and reading books**, their **Pupil Passport** and a **named lunchbox** (unless having a school lunch). All stationery needed for lessons will be provided by school.

Additional Items

Children should not bring toys into school, but we know some feel comforted to have a special teddy or special object from home. If so, we ask for these to remain in their bag during the day unless needed for reassurance.

If your child requires ear defenders, please provide a named pair from home. Fidget toys will be supplied by school for any children who benefit from them.

Key Stage 2 Children (Years 3-6)

On the KS2 playground, some children enjoy colouring in the quiet area. Therefore, KS2 children may wish to bring **one small colouring or notebook and colouring pencils**, but please note that they are responsible for looking after them.

Snacks

All Ash Class children are offered a piece of fruit at snack time before break. However, they are welcome to bring a **healthy snack** from home if they do not eat fruit. KS2 children additionally have the option to purchase a snack from the Tuck Shop at break time (a price list will be displayed on the classroom door).

Staff

Ash Class are supported daily by **Mrs Hall** and **Miss Bexton**. Additionally, **Miss Davies** assists the class on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon. On a Thursday, while I am completing my SENCo duties, **Mr Medylcott** and **Miss Knight** join the team to lead a Forest School session for the children in the morning. **Mrs Clinch** leads a cooking session on a Thursday afternoon and an ICT session on a Friday morning.

Morning Drop Offs

We are aware some parents say their goodbyes at the bottom of path which is allowed. However, please wait and ensure you have eyes on your child until we open the doors to ensure they are being safe and are not using the park. We also sometimes have a quick question for you so this way we can signal you if needed, thank you.

Reading

Children will bring home a variety of books. Their **Monster Phonics books** and **numbered books** are carefully matched to their reading level, while **shared books**, including library books, are for you to enjoy together. Please try to listen to your child read their reading books as often as possible, this makes a huge difference to their progress. Each time your child reads at home, record it in their reading diary. Where appropriate, you can also add a short comment about how they got on or how much they enjoyed the book. To encourage regular reading, children who read at home **five times a week** will be entered into a weekly raffle for a prize. Reads are counted each **Friday**.

Forest School

We would like children to come to school wearing their Forest School kit every Thursday morning. As the temperatures begin to drop, please ensure children have plenty of layers and a warm, waterproof coat. On extra chilly days, please also provide children with a hat, scarf, gloves and some warm socks as we aim to go out in all weathers. Children will need to bring a bag with their school uniform in to get changed into before lunch. Children are welcome to keep their wellies at school which means they can wear their school shoes to and from school.

PE

We will be focussing on Ball Skills and Fitness in our PE lessons this term. Our PE days are **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. Children will need both their indoor and outdoor kits in school on these days. This includes:

Indoor: White/Navy t-shirt, black shorts/leggings, socks, and pumps.

Outdoor: White/Navy t-shirt, black jogging bottoms/leggings, black/navy hoodie/jumper.

PE kits can stay in school all week. Please also include some pants in this kit if your child has accidents.

Library

Ash Class will have the opportunity to visit the library on a Friday morning. Please help us to promote a love for reading by ensuring their library books are in their bags on this day to enable them to change it for a new one.

Welcome Back Parent Meeting

Please join me in the cabin on Monday 1st September at 5.30pm to discuss this key info and learn more about day in Ash Class!

Pupil Passports

In Ash Class we don't set formal weekly homework. The children are all working at different levels and we understand that completing tasks at home can sometimes be a challenge. Instead, we ask that you focus on your child's Pupil Passport Targets. These are personalised goals designed to support your child's individual development. The more regularly these targets are revisited, the more progress we're likely to see. We know that every family's week looks different so there are no deadlines, set tasks, or minimum expectations. Just check in on the targets when you can and try to weave them into everyday routines where possible. You'll find your child's passport and targets in the plastic wallet inside their book bag, along with a Target Work Record Sheet. This can be used to jot down any activities you've done at home, progress you've noticed, or anything your child found tricky. We also use it to note when targets are worked on in school. When a child achieves one of their targets, we make a big deal of it and we'd love it if you could do the same at home! Please note, we will not set Pupil Passport targets for the first couple of weeks to allow children to settle back in.