

Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and that the children are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting new term! As mentioned in our meeting last term, we have had some staffing changes this term. The Ash Class team are named below, along with other key information about the class and term ahead - this information is also available the school website. We have updated and laminated the handy checklist of what your child needs daily for school and popped this in your child's book bag. Please check the list daily to ensure 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 so far this year and together with the Ash Class team, I am looking forward to building on that success in our final term this year. 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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General Reminders:

Items from home

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.

Show and Tell

We love to share good news in Ash Class so if your child has achieved a new skill, received a certificate/medal or been somewhere exciting, we would love to hear about it. Please email any photos and videos to the class email address. However, we ask for children not to bring in their new toys to show please - this can be done on the last day of term!

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 have the option to purchase a snack from the Tuck Shop at break time instead of bringing in a snack (a price list will be displayed on the classroom door).

Staff

Ash Class are supported daily by **Mrs Hall** and **Miss Bexton**. Additionally, we are pleased to welcome back **Miss Brooks**, who has been working with us again since February on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning, along with a Monday afternoon. On a Thursday, while I am completing my SENCo duties, **Mr Medylcott** and **Mr Oliver** (governor) 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 Reminders

Children 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** receive a prize.

Forest School

We would like children to come to school wearing their Forest School kit every Thursday morning. As the temperatures begin to rise, please ensure children still have a long sleeved top to protect their arms from branches etc. in the woods. Please also pre-apply sun cream and pack a sun hat on sunny days. 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.

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. 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!

PE

We will be focussing on swimming and football in our PE lessons this term. Our PE days are **Mondays (swimming)** and **Fridays**. Children will need both their indoor and outdoor kits in school on a Friday. 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 continue to 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.

Swimming Kits

Swimming lessons take place on a Monday afternoon. Children go for an early lunch to ensure they have some free time before the coach collects us. Please ensure you pack your child a towel, swimming costume/trunks and goggles if required. It is very helpful if you pack this in a large, good-quality shopping bag rather than a drawstring one as children are required to take their belongings onto the poolside - this means children can fit their coats and shoes into their bags easily. Please also ensure all clothing is named - we already have some unclaimed pants from last week!