

Ash Class Newsletter – Summer 1

Welcome Back!

I hope you have had a lovely Easter holiday and the children are looking forward to the summer term in Ash Class. As the weather is getting warmer, please ensure your child is wearing sun cream and has a water bottle and sun hat in school. We kindly ask for you to apply sun cream before school but children can top this up throughout the day if needed – just pop a named sun cream bottle in their bags. I am aware some parents are saying their goodbyes at the bottom of path which is no problem. However, please wait at the bottom of path and ensure you have eyes on your child until we open the doors and that they are not running off to the park. We also sometimes have a quick question for you so this way we can signal you if needed.

Thank you for your continued support!

Open Morning

We're looking forward to welcoming you to our Open Morning next week - an opportunity to step into our classroom and see some of your child's wonderful work. This will be a relaxed and informal session where your child will guide you around the classroom, share their workbooks, and explain the different learning zones. You may also have the chance to enjoy some reading or take part in a learning activity together.

To help us keep the morning calm and focussed, we kindly ask that younger siblings do not attend if possible. With this in mind, we've adjusted the start time to **9:15am**, allowing time for nursery drop-offs and other arrangements.

The session will end around **10:00am**, when we will ask parents to begin saying their goodbyes.

Pupil Passports

As you know, 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 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 ball skills and games in our PE lessons in school this half-term. Reception and Year 3 children will continue do their swimming lessons on a Monday until 9th June.

Our PE days this term are **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** and they 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.

Reading

Please continue to try and listen to your child read their reading books as often as possible. This has a HUGE impact on their development! If children read 5 times a week at home, they are entered into a weekly raffle for a prize! Reads are counted on a Friday.

Forest School

Forest School sessions will continue to be on a Thursday morning. Please provide children with a thin long-sleeved top and trousers for the warmer weather. Skin still needs to be covered due to the nettles and branches etc. but we don't want children getting too hot!