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13 October 2023

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY CREATIVITY KINDNESS ASPIRATION EQUALITY

## Diary Dates

- 20 October - Ashbrook's Got Talent
- 20 October - 'Wear it Pink' Day
- W/C 23 October - House Sports
- 26 October - Reading Celebration Assembly
- 27 October - Finish for Half Term
- 6 November - Start of Term
- 10 November - Remembrance assembly
- W/C 13 November - Community Action Week/ Kindness Week
- 22 November - Christmas Disco
- 1 December - Pyjama Day and Christmas craft morning

If you have misplaced or lost a letter please contact the school office and we can resend a copy via Class Dojo

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who supported our coffee morning, it was lovely to catch up and chat for such a good cause.

Thank you to everyone who bought in a donation.



### Wellbeing Leaders

A BIG congratulations to our Year 6 Wellbeing Leaders who planned and delivered a fantastic afternoon of wellbeing activities to all our classes across school. Thank you to Mrs Thompson for developing the group.

You are truly amazing young people who are 'making a difference'.

### Christmas Card Competition

We are holding a design the 'Ashbrook Junior School' Christmas card competition, closing date is **Friday 20 October 2023**.

We would like children to design our Christmas card that we will be sending out to Trust Schools and the surrounding community.

If your child would like to enter this competition, please pick up a card template from the School Office.

This is separate to the Rudolph design your own Christmas Cards that was sent home with children.



### New Headteacher visit

Our new Headteacher, Ms Smith, will be spending the day with us on **Friday 27 October 2023**.

This will be a chance for you to meet her at the gate or during our Living Our School Values Assembly.

**Hello!**

### SAFEGUARDING "Everybody's Business"

It is everyone's responsibility to do something if there are concerns that a child is suffering from or is at risk of significant harm.

The [safeguarding@ashbrook-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@ashbrook-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk) is monitored throughout the day. If you have any concerns that a child is a risk of serious harm then contact **Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190** or visit <http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/startingpoint>

NSPCC is a free 24 hour, 365 days a year helpline on 0800 800500 or visit [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

**NSPCC**

### Attendance Award

Congratulations to **LEWIS** Class and **RIORDAN** Class who have achieved the highest attendance for week ending 5 October 2023.



### Team Points



Week ending 13 October 2023.

**Lewis** Class had the most Dojo points collected over the past three weeks and the individual team members with the highest number of points within each team were :

Jasmine R, Ted P, Gabriella H, Noah L, Erin U, Claudia P, Anna-Milana B, Grace C, Lucy K-W, Ethan O-B, Beau L-H, Hanna F, Mason F, Emily O, Imogen S, Molly M, Mia P, Esme P, Lyla S, Harrison B, Edie P, Holly P, Elizabeth S, Finley E, George G, Jamie W, Jack F, Jacob H.

### Living Our School Values Awards

Week ending 13 October 2023.

Well done to: Luka F, Ruby S, Cooper P, Elyzza-Rose H, George P, Esmee P, Meredith J, Jamie W, Harrison B, Maya B, Lily H, Mason F.



### Ashbrook's Got Talent

Our auditions for our AGT final on **Friday 20 October 2023** at 2:15pm are well under way.

If your child is performing you will receive a Class Dojo invite from your class teacher.

### Wear it Pink!

On **Friday 20 October 2023** children can come to school in non-uniform, please wear something pink.

A **CASH** donation of £1 is payable with all money donated to Cancer Awareness.

### Derby Futsal

Mr Huntingdon will be taking part in the FA National Futsal Series on **Sunday 15 October 2023**.

If you can, please pop along to support his team at Repton Sports Centre, or you can watch Mr Huntingdon and his team on TNT Sports 1, with kick off at 11:15am.

### Reminders

- Please take five minutes this weekend to put your child's name on all their school belongings. We already have a number of unnamed items and children are upset when they can not find their clothing.
- Please can you make sure that you are aware of when your child's PE day is and what extra curricular activities they are taking part in. Before they leave for school can you please make sure that they have everything that they need.
- PE shorts should come just above your child's knee. PE pants can be worn if they are underneath a skirt, they **MUST NOT** be worn on their own. If PE shorts are too short we will ask your child to get changed back into school uniform. Children should be in school uniform at all times and get ready for PE in school. They **SHOULD NOT** be coming into school in their PE kit unless they are at a morning club and will get changed after ready for class.

### **Ashbrook Junior School Wellbeing**

On Thursday 12 October our newly appointed Year 6 Wellbeing Leads delivered an afternoon of wellbeing events across our school. All children were invited to take part in a range of activities including practicing calming breathing techniques, yoga sessions and Mindful Coloring.

Children also created their individual link for the Ashbrook Junior School Gratitude chain. Things which our children are grateful for include food, health, parents, family, pets, horse riding and, of course, football!

A huge thank you and well done to the Wellbeing Leads for such an enjoyable, and relaxing, afternoon.



# NEUROHUB

NEURODIVERGENCE THRIVES HERE

## St. James Centre

Serving the Whole Community

Hub Opening Hours:  
Calls, booked appointments and drop-ins  
Monday - Thursday 10am-13:30pm  
Friday 10am-13:00pm

Contact  
**Mob: 07561 856 320**  
Please try the mobile number first  
Tel: 01332 604 080  
Email: neurohub@stjamescentre.org

[www.stjamescentraderby.co.uk](http://www.stjamescentraderby.co.uk)  
St James' Centre, Malcoln Street, Derby, DE23 8LU

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NEUROHUBS ARE WELCOMING LOCAL SPACES FOR NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 0 TO 25 AND THEIR PARENTS AND CARERS

### Do you or your child struggle with:

- Being out and about
- Communication and interaction
- Education, work or play
- Sleeping
- Eating
- Toileting
- Crisis and behaviour
- Sensory processing

### We may be able to help by providing:

- A listening ear
- Connections to services, peers and activities
- Training for parents and individuals
- Information and advice
- Helpful fact sheets and toolkits

Joined Up Care  
Derbyshire



St. James Centre



Community Action



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Derbyshire Autism Services

Advice and support offered by these hubs are centred around the key areas of need identified by parents, including early help, guidance on matters such as eating, sleeping, communicating, environmental factors and emotional regulation.

The hubs also provide assistance regarding broader needs such as housing, financial advice and employment support in collaboration with other service providers.

Importantly, users of these hubs will not require a formal diagnosis in order to access the support they need.

## FOOD FESTIVAL

By Aspens

Autumn/Winter 2023/2024:  
4/9, 25/9, 16/10, 13/11, 4/12, 8/1, 29/1

# LUNCH WEEK 1 MENU



## MAIN EVENT

### MONDAY

Chicken & Vegetable Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta Twirlers

### TUESDAY

Mild Chicken Curry with Whole Grain Rice

### WEDNESDAY

Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

### THURSDAY

BBQ Drizzle Pizza with Baked Potato Wedges

### FRIDAY

Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers with Chips



## MEAT-FREE MAGIC

Vegetarian Dish

Sweet Chilli Vegetable Stir Fry with Whole Grain Rice

Cheesy Broccoli Pasta Bake

Homemade Cheese and Leek Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Tarka Dhal Curry (Veggie Lentil Curry) with Whole Grain Rice

Pizza Margherita with Chips



## RAINBOW ALLEY

Vegetables and Salads

Mixed Salad

Green Beans

Broccoli

Peas

Baked Beans

Salad and bread available every day



## PASTA TWIRLER

Topped Pasta

Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce



## BIG TOPPING

Filled Jacket

Crispy Skin Jacket Potatoes with Cheese or Beans



## DESSERT TROLLEY

Pudding

Toffee Sponge and Custard

Jelly & Fruit Slices

Tropical Pineapple Crumble and Custard

Orange Cookie

Vanilla Ice Cream

Cut fruit, yoghurt and jelly available every day



## Class Attendance – week commencing 9 October 2023

This week all our classes have worked extremely hard to secure the best possible attendance for their class and as individuals. We have 2 classes with 100% attendance for the week, **LEWIS** and **RIORDAN**—well done!

Attendance for w/c 9 October 2023

| Class                    | Weekly attendance Percentage | Percentage for Year |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Lewis Class Year 3       | 100%                         | 97%                 |
| Wilson Class Year 3      | 96.5%                        | 96%                 |
| Riordan Class Year 4     | 100%                         | 97.5%               |
| Elphinstone Class Year 4 | 96.5%                        | 96%                 |
| Zephaniah Class Year 5   | 95%                          | 96.5%               |
| Horowitz Class Year 5    | 95%                          | 98%                 |
| Said Class Year 6        | 98%                          | 97%                 |



## Holidays taken during term time

As part of our attendance strategy, we feel it is important to communicate the current position with respect to holidays that are taken during term time at Ashbrook Junior School.

The following is an extract from guidance supplied by the Department of Education to all schools in the United Kingdom:

‘In 2013, the Department for Education (DFE) announced important amendments to legislation surrounding the taking of holidays in term time. With effect from 1 September 2013, The Education (Pupil Registration) Regulations 2006 state that a leave of absence during term time can only be approved by a school when a written request is made in advance of the leave being taken and the circumstances of the requested leave are ‘exceptional’.

‘Exceptional circumstances’ are considered rare, significant, unavoidable and short, and any resulting absence from school could not reasonably be scheduled at another time.

Exceptional leave is NOT:

- Availability of cheap flights and/or holidays
- Availability of desired accommodation
- Parent/carers work commitments
- Poor weather experienced during school holiday periods
- Overlap with the beginning or end of term, half term.

Parents/carers should also be aware that they may be fined by the Local Authority for unauthorised absences.’

We would urge all parents considering taking time out of school during term time to talk to us directly and ensure that they have submitted a Leave of Absence Request Form.

Friends  
and family  
of all ages  
welcome!

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# Hubbub Autumn Social

Hubbub Socials are BACK!

Hosted by our community 'Get Involved' participants and our NEW Hubbub DJs.

This is a club night created with and for the learning disabled, Autistic and Neurodivergent community.

DJ, dancing and creative activities. Bring your family and friends, have a dance, get delicious food and drinks at the café and enjoy a good night out 'The Hubbub Way!'

Tickets £8



5.30pm - 7.30pm  
Wednesday  
18th October  
Deda, 19 Chapel Street

3 ways to book:

- On Deda website - [www.deda.uk.com](http://www.deda.uk.com)
- Call Deda box office on: 01332 370 911
- Book in person at Deda box office

## Caffè Torta's 5th Birthday Party



CAFFÈ TORTA'S 5TH ANNIVERSARY

## Family Fun Day

BE A PART OF THE FESTIVITIES!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, 9AM - 2M