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RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY CREATIVITY KINDNESS ASPIRATION EQUALITY

Diary Day

- 1 May - Bank Holiday - School and Tigers closed
- 2 May - Strike Day - Jupiter Class closed all day. Neptune Class closed AM only. Venus Class closed PM only
- 5 May - Coronation Family Picnic 12.00-1:00pm (Parents/ carer's welcome)
- 8 May - Bank Holiday - Coronation of King Charles III, school and Tigers closed are closed today
- 9 - 12 - May SATS Week
- 11 May - BBQ day
- 12 May - Art Competition deadline day.
- 17 May - Kenya Day
- 18 May - School Photos
- 22 May - Kwik Cricket Event
- 22 May - Transform Trust Football tournament
- 24 May - Music Day
- 25 May - Girl's Kwik Cricket Event
- 25 May - School Breaks Up
- 26 May - Inset Day, Children do not attend school.

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

Parents/Carer Evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended parent/carer evenings this week, it has been lovely for staff to share with you how your child is progressing in school. As always we are very grateful for your support and continue to enjoy working with you as a team to get the very best for all of our children.

Year 5 Pupil Leaders

Over the last two weeks I have been interviewing our Year 5 Children for a variety of leadership jobs in school.

I have been blown away by their **RESPECT**, **RESPONSIBILITY** and **ASPIRATION -** Well done Year 5.

Transform Trust Children's Parliament

On Wednesday this week I took our two Year 6 Children's Parliament representatives to Jigsaw 24 in Nottingham to join our other Transform schools.

The focus was sustainability and how our school can contribute to looking after our environment. Our children were brilliant, they presented with confidence and passion.

The Pupil Parliament and the newly appointed Eco Leaders will be working together during the summer term (and beyond) to put into action some whole school 'Sustainability' initiatives.

Class Dojo.

A polite reminder that staff will reply to Dojo/emails during the school week, Monday to Friday, term time only 8am-5pm.

School Priorities 2023-2024

Our School Priorities for this academic year are:

Ashbrook Junior School **Whole School Priorities 2022-2023**
Priority 1- Quality of Education (Curriculum): To develop a curriculum that is coherently planned and sequenced towards cumulatively sufficient knowledge and skills; Teaching is designed to help learners to know and remember more and to integrate new knowledge into larger concepts.
Priority 2- Quality of Education (English): To develop a rigorous approach to the teaching of reading that develops confidence and a culture of reading for pleasure. To develop our children's oracy skills.
Priority 3- Leadership and Management: To ensure our leaders at all levels are focused on improving their own and staff's subject, pedagogical and pedagogical content knowledge to enhance the teaching of the curriculum. Leaders at all levels are able to articulate the rationale for their subject planning and sequencing.
Priority 4- Personal Development: To ensure that PD opportunities are coherently mapped out at the beginning of the academic year and monitor pupil participation, and target children who are not engaging.

At the end of each half term I will keep you updated on the activities / outcomes that we have achieved towards these.

School Dinners Price Increase

From 17 April, there will be a price increase for school dinners. The new price will be **£2.44** per meal.

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to **MARS** Class who received highest attendance for week ending 28 April 2023.

Team Points
Week Ending 28 April 2023

NEPTUNE Team were the winners for this week and the individual team members with the highest number of points within each team were: Jamie W, Emilia C, Xander--Ray B, Beau LH, Blaire F, Francesca M, Lewis M, Lucy K-W, Robyn S, Ethan O-B, Rafe G, Archie M, Bobby F, Jayden S, Tommy H. Tom P, Aroosh M, Jack R, Junior TE, Hariott S, Owen T, Cole W.

Living Our School Values Awards
Week Ending 28 April 2023

Olivia F, Molly M, Diana L, Tom P, Maya B, Harry S-B, Noan F, Roman H, Lewis M, Havana H, Maisy C, Elijah L.

Reading Awards
Week ending 28 April2023

Bronze: Leo Y

Silver: Finley E, Aroosh T,

Gold: Martha P, Nancy B, Harry A, Mya T, Alice S, JJ T

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** 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 0808 800500 or visit www.nspcc.org.uk

Singing Club

Our Singing club is now well under way on Monday Afternoons and is very popular with over 45 children taking part. I had the privilege of joining them on Monday this week - they were brilliant!

They will be the opening/closing act at our Ashbrook's Got Talent on 15th June 2023. More information will follow.

A big Thank you to Miss McGurk for leading the club.

Year 3 and 4 Bikeability

It was lovely to see so many children take part in Bikeability this week. Our children had a great time and have developed lifelong skills to keep them safe whilst cycling.

Coronation Picnic

On the 5 May we would like to invite parents/carers to attend our Coronation Family picnic. We will be holding a picnic on the field from 12.00pm till 1.00pm. This means that you will be able to bring a packed lunch and enjoy lunch with your child/ren.

We are taking part with the Infants, so families will be able to eat together. At 1.00pm, children will be going back to class.

Art Competition (School Values)

We have so many talented artists in school and we want to showcase this around our school building. To enter our competition children should produce a piece of art work that reflects our school values

(RESPECT, RESPONSIBILTY, KINDNESS, CREATIVITY, ASPIRATION, EQUALITY).

The art work should be A4 or a sculpture. The deadline for entries is **9am FRIDAY 12 MAY 2023.**

Internet Safety—YUBO

A new app has come to our attention that we need to make you all aware of. The app Yubo allows children to connect with others and allows video streaming and the other user to have information about the user including their location. It has an age restriction of 13 so would be deemed an app that is too old for the children at Ashbrook Junior School. More information can be found at the link below:

tinyurl.com/2p8v2xvs

What is Yubo? - What parents need to know | Internet Matters

Yubo is a social media app that encourages teens to find new friends by allowing them to swipe left or right to connect and live stream.

tinyurl.com

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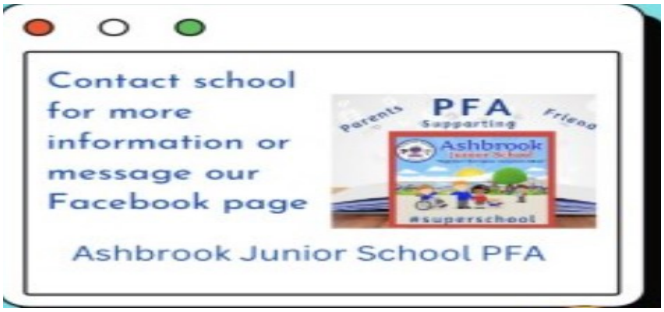
Can you help? The Ashbrook PFA need you.

The Ashbrook PFA need your help, Are you able to give up some free time to help with fundraising for the school? Whether it be joining the PFA or helping out at events?

All money that is raised at these events is put back into the school and spent on the children, so it really is a worthy cause.
If this is something you think you can help with, either contact the school office or message the PFA Facebook Page.



Kings Coronation and a PFA Fundraiser.

As part of a fundraiser, the PFA are giving you the opportunity to purchase a special ASHBROOK CORONATION PEN!!!
All proceeds will go straight to the PFA to be spent on children in school.

If you would like to purchase this very special pen, please see Parent Pay. They cost is £1, You can order as many as you like, so maybe a gift for family members, or just to keep some spare at home.
Once payment is received, the pens will be given to your child to bring home.

What a great opportunity to purchase this locally produced item.

BORROWASH YOUTH U9s FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY 10TH OF JUNE

THE HOME OF BORROWASH VICTORIA

Borrowash Victoria AFC
Anderson Electrical Arena
Borrowash Road
Derby
Derbyshire DE21 7PH

KICK OFF 12 MIDDAY

LOCAL BUSINESSES STALLS, FOOTBALL GAMES, RAFFLES, CLUBHOUSE BAR AND THE SNACK HUT!

COME AND JOIN US FOR A GREAT COMMUNITY DAY OUT!

PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN ALCOHOL!

FOOD FESTIVAL By Aspens

Spring / Summer 2023 :27th Feb, 20th Mar, 10th Apr, 1st May, 22nd May, 12th June, 3rd July, 24th July

LUNCH WEEK 2 MENU

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Event	Margherita Pizza Pasta Salad Crudites	Beef Burger in a Bun Wedges Sweetcorn	Roast Chicken & stuffing Roasties Fresh Veg & Gravy	Chicken Curry Whole Grain Rice Carrots & Peas	Golden Fish Fingers Chips Beans
Meat-Free Magic		Veggie Burger in a Bun Wedges Sweetcorn (ve)	Quorn Roast Roasties Fresh Veg & Gravy	Sweet Potato Curry Whole Grain Rice Carrots & Peas	Cheesy Bean Wrap Chips Beans
Big Topping	**Crispy Skin Jackets** Choice of tasty Toppings				
Pick and Mix	**Pick & Mix Packed Lunch** Freshly filled sandwich or wraps, health snack, home bake dessert & a piece of fruit.				
Dessert Trolley	Fruity Flapjack	Vanilla Cup Cake	Chocolate Brownie	Apple Crumble	Lemon Cookie

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Dear Parents/Carers

Teacher Strikes

As you will be aware from our previous letters, teaching members of the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action. There have been strikes on the 1 February, 1, 15 and 16 March 2023. There are further strikes planned for Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May 2023. The strike is happening as a result of a national dispute between the union and the government over pay and funding and not because of any issues at our school or with Transform Trust.

The NEU state that they are campaigning because teachers have lost 23% in real terms against inflation since 2010 and many teachers are leaving the profession as a result. One in eight teachers leave the profession after just a year in the classroom and one in three within five years. This, in turn, reduces the number of experienced teachers in the profession.

At Ashbrook Junior School, we do have some members of staff in the NEU so there will be disruption to school on Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May 2023.

I can confirm that **Jupiter Class** and **Mars Class** will be closed on **Thursday 27 April 2023**.

On **Tuesday 2 May 2023** the following classes will be closed **Jupiter Class all day. Neptune Class will be closed AM only. Venus Class will be closed PM only.** Where a class is only closed for half a day, pupils for that class should attend the remaining part of the day. Neptune pupils to come to school by 1.00pm and Venus pupils to be collected by 12.00noon.

Once again, we cannot confirm the scale of the disruption during those two days. This is because teachers can change their union before the strike dates and then participate in action.

As stated the decision to strike is not one that anyone takes lightly and please be assured when I tell you that teaching staff in our country are more concerned about the future and education service as a whole and the under-funding that occurs within it than themselves.

We will be in touch with parents of any children in Jupiter, Mars, Neptune and Venus Classes who are in receipt of Free School Meals directly.

We recognize and respect the right of our staff to take part in industrial action and ask that all members of our community continue to treat each other with respect. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and apologise for any potential disruption caused.

Many thanks

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Dear Parents / Carers

Ashbrook Junior School
King Charles III Coronation Picnic – Friday 5 May 2023

We are delighted to be able to invite you all to attend a coronation picnic event that is being held jointly with Ashbrook Infant School.

The picnic is being held on the school field from 12noon to 1pm. The kitchen will be providing the option of a picnic lunch for those pupils who wish to have a school meal as follows;

Sausage roll or Pizza slice
Choice of sandwich; Ham, Cheese, Tuna or Egg
Vegetable Sticks

Ice Cream or Ice Lolly
And
Fruit Pot

There will be no hot meal available. Cost of the picnic is payable via parentpay at the normal rate.

We look forward to seeing you all and thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs L Clark
Headteacher

Thursday 11th May

BBQ Pulled Chicken Burger
Oven Baked Wedges
Ranch Slaw

BBQ Quorn Burger
Oven Baked Wedges
Ranch Slaw

Rocket Lolly

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