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RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY CREATIVITY KINDNESS ASPIRATION EQUALITY

Diary Dates

- 26 April - Supporting Children's mental health session with parents.
- 26 April - Children's Parliament
- 26/27 April - Parents Evening
- 27 April - Strike Day
- 28 April - National Superhero Day - Mental Health Awareness
- 1 May - Bank Holiday - School and Tigers closed
- 2 May - Strike Day
- 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
- 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

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

Welcome back for our summer term, we have a fun packed programme of events planned for our children and families!

National Superhero Day - Mental Health Awareness.

Friday 28 April is National Superhero Day with a focus on positive mental health.

Our children will be doing some activities during the school day to support positive mental health and wellbeing.

Children can come to school dressed as a superhero of their choice, this could be a sports star, scientist or anyone that they admire!

All we request is that there is a small donation of **£1 paid via ParentPay**. The money raised will support wellbeing activities throughout the term.



Mental Health and Wellbeing Parent/Carer Workshop.

Please come along on **Wednesday 26 April 2023 8:45-10am** in the small hall. There will be lots of great ideas to support adult and children's wellbeing. Please look out for further information via DOJO , about external companies who will be visiting to help this session.

Thank You.

We would like to say a great big "THANK YOU" to **ALLBUILD** for kindly coming into school this week to put up our new School Values displays in the hall - Your kindness is very much appreciated.



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 **Saturn** Class who received highest attendance for week ending 21 April 2023.

Team Points

Week Ending 21 April 2023

SATURN Team were the winners for this week and the individual team members with the highest number of points within each team were:

Blaire F, Havana H, Harrison B, Logan R, Jake TE, Joey C, Zander RB, Roman H, Francesca S, Lily-Mae W, Finley E, Jacob H, Leo S, Erin C, Seth M, Logan F, Maia T, Tom P, Madeleine H, Freya C, Molly M, Isabella M, Ava C and Elliott R.



Living Our School Values Awards

Week Ending 21 April 2023

Paige S, Jake T.E, Hamish M, Layla P, Grace A, Khloe P, Erin c, Poppy S, Lacey H, Robbie J, Niall y and Tommy H.



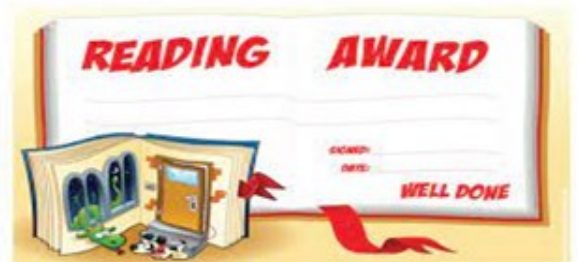
Reading Awards

Week ending 21 April 2023

Bronze: Imogen S, Kal J. Jack R.

Silver: Arabella P, Ivan F

Gold: Edie P, Esme P, Jack F, Lacey H, Havana H, Ruby S, Florence B, Mostyn W, Izabelle P, Leo O, George W, Emilia C, Ellie C, Isabella M, Pippa M, Molly M, Elliott R, Toby M, Ethan E-A, Dylan E, Byron F, Phoebe S, Bella S.



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

Derelict Buildings.

Following on from the recent fire on the site of the former Wilmot Arms in Borrowash, there is no better time than now for parents to talk to their children about the dangers of playing and entering derelict sites.

Further information can be found on the Derbyshire Police and Fire Services website <https://derbys-fire.gov.uk> and they provide the following guidance :

"Insecure disused buildings pose a serious risk to anyone who enters them. Sites such as this are often in serious states of disrepair and have a number of potential dangers within them. Those entering these types of site are leaving themselves vulnerable to serious injury and even death. They are not playgrounds and should not be treated as such".

"If you are concerned about the security of a building then you should make the relevant local authority aware. If, however, there is an on-going situation that is an emergency then you should contact the police on 999.

School Garden.

Our Eco leaders have expressed that they want to improve our school garden area. I am pleased to announce that Miss Richards has secured £500 funding from **Ockash** to support this project.

Ockash is a local charity that relies on local support for their fundraising events and donations, please support them in any way you can.

Coronation Picnic.

On the 5 May we are invited 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.



Bikeability.

Congratulations to our Year 5 children who have completed their bikeability course this week. This was a great opportunity for our children to develop life skills in bike safety.

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

Sports Competitions.

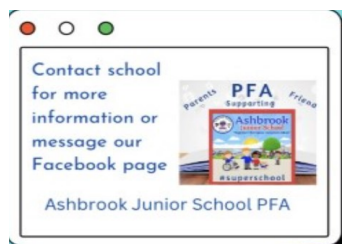
Well done to our fantastic swimming team who took part in a swimming gala at West Park this week. Girls team came 2nd Overall and the boys came in 7th place overall. The Ashbrook team finished 5th overall. Well done team Ashbrook.



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.



BORROWWASH YOUTH U9s FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY 10TH OF JUNE

THE HOME OF BORROWWASH VICTORIA



Borrowwash Victoria
AFC
Anderson Electrical
Arena
Borrowwash 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 : 20th Feb, 13th Mar,
3rd Apr, 24th Apr, 15th May, 5th June,
26th June, 17th July

LUNCH WEEK 1 MENU

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



MAIN EVENT



MEAT-FREE MAGIC



BIG TOPPING

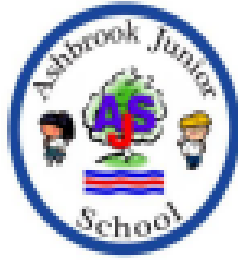


PICK AND MIX



DESSERT TROLLEY

Beef Bolognese Pasta Peas & Sweetcorn	Bangers & Mash Green Beans	Roast Chicken & Stuffing Roasties Fresh Veg & Gravy	Chicken Fajita Oven Baked Wedges Broccoli & Salsa	Golden Fish Fingers Chips Peas
Veggie Bolognese Pasta Peas and Sweetcorn	Veggie Bangers & Mash Green Beans	Veggie Sausage & Veg Traybake Roasties Fresh Veg	Bean & Sweetcorn Burrito Oven Baked Wedges Broccoli & Salsa	Vegetable Fingers Chips Peas
Crispy Skin Jackets Choice of tasty Toppings				
Pick & Mix Packed Lunch Freshly filled sandwich or wraps, health snack, home bake dessert & a piece of fruit.				
Chocolate Oat Traybake	Jelly & Fruit	Marble Sponge Cake	Apple Crumble	Oat Cookie



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20 April 2023

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

Mrs L Clark
Interim Headteacher

TBM - Together Beyond All Things More at Ashbrook Junior School



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