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Newsletter

What a busy two weeks we have had since our last newsletter. The children had a great day on Thursday 26 January 2023, for Art Day and have created some beautiful pieces, they all worked very hard. We are very much looking forward to seeing what the children come to school dressed as for number day on the **Friday 3 February 2023**.

Diary Dates

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| Fri 3 February 2023 | NSPCC Number Day |
| Fri 3 February 2023 | Year 6 Dental Survey |
| Tues 7 February 2023 | Safer Internet Day |
| Fri 17 February 2023 | Last day of term |
| Mon 27 February 2023 | First day of Spring Term |
| Tues 28 February 2023 | Geography day - Fairtrade |



NSPCC NUMBER DAY 2023

Friday 3 February 2023 is the annual NSPCC Number Day.

All the children will be participating in a range of exciting and fun activities linked to numbers.

The children will also be able to come to school in non-uniform as part of the NSPCC theme 'Dress for Digits'. For example, they could dress up as an actual number, numbers on their tops.....possibilities are endless! We look forward to seeing how creative the children can be.

We are asking for voluntary donations of £1.00, all donations need to be paid via **ParentPay**.



NSPCC

School Strike

As you will be aware the nations teachers are going on strike for a total of four days.

A dojo message with all the details you will need has been sent out and also attached to this Newsletter.

The strike planned for Wednesday 1 February 2023, will effect **MARS** and **JUPITER** class.

We will update you at a later date regarding the other strike dates.

Children's snacks and drinks

Please can you make sure that children are not bringing in energy drinks and a large number of unhealthy snacks.

Energy drinks such as Prime or anything similar will be confiscated and kept in the school office until home time.

These drinks are not to be consumed on school premises.

Please can we also remind you that children's snacks and school lunch boxes should have limited sweet treats.

If you need any hints and tips or lunch ideas, you can take a look at this website :- <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/#swap>

You can also take a look at the Eat Well guide. It shows you how to build a nutritious and balanced diet using a variety of foods. THE EATWELL GUIDE – NHS (www.nhs.uk)



Attendance Awards



Week ending: 20 January

Congratulations to **Venus Class** who have received the highest attendance for the week ending **20 January 2023**.

Week ending: 27 January 2023

Congratulations to **Neptune Class** who have received the highest attendance for the week ending **27 January 2022**

Achievement Assembly Nominations

Week Ending 20 January 2023.

Max E-M, Harper E, Bruch H, Savannah R, Harry A, Jack F, Isabella M, Ellie C, Cole W, Ewan R, Bella S and Freya C.

Week ending 27 January 2023.

Beau LH, Jake TE, Quinn G, Eaddy N, Jocelyn Y, Louie Q,



Reading Awards

Week ending: 20 January 2023

Silver Awards – Francesca M, Lewis M, Harrison D, Maddie A, Ellie C, Caitlin B, Archie M, Tom P, Kit F, Finley G, Rafe Gibbons, Hamish M, Maya B, Lily P, Jamie W.

Bonze Awards – Lilly-Mae W, Harper E, Finlay E.

Week ending: 27 January 2023

Silver Awards - Elliott R, Olivia F, Pippa M, Molly M, Ben P, Lacey H, Mostyn W, Florence B, Phoebe S, Bryon F, Leo O, Emilia C, Toby M, Izzabelle P.

Bronze Awards – Olivia B, Poppy S.



Team Point Winners

Week ending: 20 January 2023

Yellow Team were the winners this week and the individual team members with the highest number of points within each team were: Harrison D, Lacey H, Flynn B, Eaddy N, Paige S, Luca F, Elizabeth S, Holly P, Layla P, Alex F, Kal J, Lyla S, Mason F, Isabella M, Archie W, Jocelyn Y, Jack S, J-J T, Megan R, Jack R, Beatrix S, Felix P, Owen T, Carter P



Week Ending : 27 January 2023

Red Team were the winners this week and the individual team members with the highest number of points within each team were: Zak B, Rosabella S, Lewis M, Teddy E, Davey J, Leo O, Savannah R, Roman H, Maddie C, Isabelle C, Maya B, Elma D, Maddie A, Pippa M, Archie W, Elliott R, Tommy H, J-J T, Bella S, Freya C, Lola N, Shaya C, Owen T, Cherry H

Ashbrook Learning Powers

The Learning Powers award goes to **Saturn Class** for 'Using skills to help us learn' for the week ending **20 January 2023**.

The Learning Powers award for week ending **27 January 2023**, goes to **Mercury Class**, for 'Keeping your brain and mind healthy'.



Safeguarding – everyone's business

The safeguarding@ashbrook-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk is monitored throughout the day. If you have any concerns that a child is at risk of serious harm then contact **Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190** or visit 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

Childline Help Number – 0800 1111

Head Lice

Unfortunately we have headlice doing the rounds again in school.

We would ask you therefore, to check your child's hair and if lice are found, to carry out the following procedure as a matter of urgency in order to eradicate the problem.

- Wash Hair with any shampoo
- Apply any conditioner to hair – it does not have to be expensive.
- Comb Hair through with a tooth comb while still wet.
- Careful combing should be done every day for two weeks to ensure that all eggs are removed.



Please check your child's hair regularly and if you find head lice repeat the treatment.

Online Safety Posters Winners.

Thank you all so much for taking part in the Online Safety Poster Competition.

All the children produced some amazing, creative work.

The winners of the competition were :-

Olivia F – Saturn

Ruby S – Mars.

Well done and thank you to everyone for taking part.



Up to date details?

Are you and your child details up to date?

Have you had a new telephone number or has the way your child gets home from school changed?

If anything has changed could you please send the information to either Mrs Mckie or Mrs Priestly via Dojo so that the school records can be updated.



Pupil Absence

A reminder to all parents/carers, if your child is not able to attend school for whatever reason please contact the school office ideally before **9am** to report this absence.



Advanced Notice – Additional Bank holiday.

The Coronation of King Charles III is due to take place on Saturday 6 May 2023 and the UK Government has announced that **Monday 8 May 2023** will be a Public Holiday to mark the occasion.

This means that school and Tigers will be closed on Monday 8 May 2023.





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Dear Parent/Carers

Teacher Strikes

I am sure that you will all be aware from the media coverage that teaching members of the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action. The strikes will take place on Wednesday 1 February 2023, Wednesday 1, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March 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 schools or our 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 leaves the profession after just a year in the classroom and one in three within five. This, in turn, reduces the number of experienced teachers in the profession. The NEU polling shows that parents support teachers taking action to protect education standards.

At Ashbrook Junior School, we do have some members of staff in the NEU so there will be disruption to school next Wednesday. I can confirm that **Mars Class** and **Jupiter Class** will be closed on **Wednesday 1 February**. This means that children in these classes will not be able to attend school on this day. We will update you on any future strike action as soon as we are made aware of any intention to strike.

Whilst these are the only classes currently due to be closed we unfortunately cannot confirm the scale of the disruption until the morning of Wednesday 1 February. This is because teachers can change their union before next week and could then participate in the action. I am not aware of this being something that is planned by our teachers but I need to make you aware that this is a possibility.

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 of the education service as a whole and the under-funding that occurs within it than for themselves.

We will be in touch with the parents of any children in Mars and Jupiter Classes who are in receipt of Free School Meals directly. Please also get in touch with Mrs Johnstone if **all of the adults** in your home are critical workers and we will try to accommodate children within other classes.

We recognise 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 B. Johnstone
Acting Headteacher

TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More at Ashbrook Junior School

