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RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY CREATIVITY KINDNESS ASPIRATION EQUALITY

Diary Dates

- 15 January 2024 - Year 6 Swimming starts
- 15 January 2024 - Mental Health Awareness Week
- 15 January 2024 - Year 4 Sports Hall Athletics
- 16 January 2024 - Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics
- 19 January 2024 - Pyjama Day
- 22 January 2024 - Year 4 Residential Meeting - More details to follow, please check Class Dojo.

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge heartfelt thank you for welcoming me to the Ashbrook Community.

I was told that I was coming to "The best school in the world" and I now know that to be true.

The children are a real credit to you - the level of respect, responsibility and kindness I have seen this week has been second to none. I can not wait to get to know everyone properly over the next few weeks.

Please know that I am on the gate twice daily and available via Dojo message or phone.

Have a brilliant weekend.

Ms George Smith

Pyjama Day

As part of our activities for mental health week, on Friday 19 January 2024 children will be able to come to school in their pyjamas for a CASH donation of £1.

The cash donation is to be given to the class teacher.



Change of Details

Have you had a new mobile phone over Christmas, or have any of your details changed?

If they have please contact the school office with your new details so that we can make sure that we have all the correct contact details on file.



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

Attendance Award

Congratulations to **SAID** class who have achieved the highest attendance for the week ending 12 January 2024.



Living Our School Values

Week ending 12 January 2024.

Well done to : Jared S, Honey P, Noan F, Harper E, Jacob H, Rafe G, Erin C, Harrison H, Aubrey C, Ted P, Emily O, Scarlett W, Oakley C, Leo D.



Fidget Toys

Following the Christmas break we have seen an increase in the number of children bringing their own fidget toys into school.

These toys are easily misplaced, cause a great deal of upset when they cannot be located and are often a distraction to learning.

Please talk to your child's class teacher if you feel that this intervention would help your child in school. We have a wide range of resources that can be accessed and provided to help children with this need.

Safeguarding

Cycles and Scooters.

Please remember our safety measures regarding scooters and bikes—these measures are in place to help keep everyone safe :

- When arriving in the morning all riders must dismount at the pedestrian gate and walk/push their bike or scooter to the racks.
- At the end of the school day riders should wait until they leave the premises via the pedestrian gate to mount their scooter/bike.
- Riders should not use any of the ramps on school premises to ride/scoot up and down.

We have again received reports that a number of unaccompanied children riding scooters/bikes are trying to enter and exit the site via the vehicle entrance. Under no circumstances should children riding scooters/bikes enter or exit via the vehicle entrance. This is very dangerous as this entrance is often used by large delivery vehicles.

The sensors on this gate WILL NOT open for a bikes/scooters and are programmed to only allow vehicles to enter and exit.

Our staff will not open these gates for unaccompanied children entering and exiting the site via this entrance.

Earrings

A polite reminder that all earrings should be small studs only. They should not be dangly or sit outside the ear. This is for health and safety reasons

Parking

We have had a number of complaints from residents in our local community regarding cars parked over drives and on the zig zag lines.

Please can we remind you that when you are parking near school that you should do so with care and consideration to the local community.



Attendance Update—Week Commencing 8 January 2024

Our attendance award this week goes to our Year 6 Class - SAID, with an impressive 100% attendance for the week - Well Done.

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS



Did you know the Department for Education has a website for parents where the latest information regarding a range of topics such as accessing free child care, free adult training courses and school attendance can be found? Use the link below to access their latest information :

[The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/)

On 3 January 2024 Moments Matter, Attendance Counts was launched by the Department for Education. This campaign aims to raise awareness of the importance of school attendance; highlighting the benefits beyond just attainment, such as friendships and wellbeing.

Moments Matter, Attendance counts looks at providing guidance around preventable odd days of absence – or “avoidable absence” linked to coughs and colds and mild anxiety.

Their latest blog : [How to improve your child’s school attendance and where to get support](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/03/how-to-improve-your-childs-school-attendance-and-where-to-get-support/) - [The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/) contains detailed information for parents on how schools and families can work together to access support for children struggling with regular school attendance.



If you would like to talk to anyone in school about your child’s attendance please contact Mrs Thompson, our School Attendance and Safeguarding Officer.

LUNCH WEEK 2 MENU



MAIN EVENT

MONDAY
All Day Breakfast
Brunch
Sausage, Egg, Hash
Brown and Beans

TUESDAY
Pizza Margherita
with Baked Potato
Wedges

WEDNESDAY
Minced Beef and
Onion Pie with Mash

THURSDAY
Chicken
Chow Mein
(Noodles)

FRIDAY
Golden Fish
Fingers
with Chips



MEAT-FREE MAGIC Vegetarian Dish

All Day Veggie
Breakfast Brunch
Veggie Sausage, Egg,
Hash Brown and Beans

Golden Vegetable
Fingers with Baked
Potato Wedges

Super Veggie Pie
Vegetable, Lentil and
Onion Pie with Mash

Mexican Bean Wrap
with Whole Grain
Rice

Cheesy Sweetcorn
Pizza
with Chips



RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads

Baked Beans

Green Salad

Carrots

Sweetcorn

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

Banana Sponge
Cake and Custard

Jammy Crumble
Bars

Apple Crumble and
Custard

Orange
Jelly

Vanilla
Ice Cream

Cut fruit, yoghurt and jelly available every day