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RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY CREATIVITY KINDNESS ASPIRATION EQUALITY

Diary Dates

- 6 May 2024 - Bank Holiday, School Closed
- 8 May 2024 - Year 3 Greek Day
- 9 May 2024 - Class photos
- 13 May 2024- Year 6 SATs Week
- 21 May 2024 - Themed Menu
- 23 May 2024 - Dogs Trust Day
- 24 May 2024 - Reading Rocks Celebration Assembly
- 24 May 2024 - Term Ends
- 3 June 2024 - Inset Day, Children do not attend
- 3 June 2024 - Community Action Week
- 4 June 2024 - Term Starts
- 5 June 2024 - Year 6 Residential

Dear Parents/Carers.

We have had another busy week in school, with lots of staff training in order to make sure our school is the best it can be.

I have been in and out of classes this week monitoring behaviour for learning and the learning environment. I can happily report that behaviour for learning is excellent. The children are excited to learn and take responsibility seriously. The learning environment is improving all the time; it is vocab-rich, allowing our children’s vocabulary to develop. Working walls for Maths and English are developing well!

We are looking forward to a pre-residential visit to Walesby next week and are busily planning an adventure for Year 5, watch this space!

The PFA would really like some help, if you can spare a small amount of time, please contact myself or the school office, if you can help out.

Class photos

On Thursday 9 May 2024, Tempest photography will be in school in the morning to take class photos.

These will then be available for you to purchase.



School Uniform Policy

It has been noted that we have a number of students in school with different coloured strands/tips in their hair.

Please can we remind you that this is not part of the school uniform policy and could we please request that this is rectified as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Smith.

Goodbye and Good Luck

Goodbye and Good Luck to Mrs Anderton who sadly left us this week. Thank you for everything that you have done for Ashbrook Junior School.

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>



Attendance Award

Congratulations to **LEWIS** class who have achieved the highest attendance for the week ending 26 April 2024.



Living Our School Values

Congratulations to the following children: Zak B, Rafe G, Leo D, Jack H, Archie W, Jayden S, Erin C, Teddy D, Claudia P, Ollie C, Lewis M, Lyla S, Freya R and Finley E



Ockash Trail

The ever popular Ockash Bargain Trail will be taking place on Sunday 12 May 2024 between both villages.

We are pleased to inform you that Ashbrook Junior School will be holding a stall in the Methodist Church where we will be having a tombola.

Please pop along and have a go on the Tombola to raise funds for school.



Headlice

We have had a number of cases of headlice in school this week. Please would we ask that you spend sometime over the weekend checking your child's hair and treating them if needed.

The NHS website gives you lots of information about what to look for and how to treat them.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Kenya Day

We are pleased to announce that our whole school will be taking part in Kenya Day on Thursday 2 May 2024.

Everyone can come to school dressed in Kenyan flag colours (black, red, green and white) in exchange for a £1 donation where proceeds raised will be used to create reading areas at West End Destiny Academy.

During the day pupils will take part in many activities which will continue to build relationships with West End Destiny Academy pupils and staff.

Pupils are also invited to donate small toys, unwanted uniform, back packs and stationery.

If you have any further questions, please contact Miss Richards via Class Dojo.



Children Crossing

We have noticed that a handful of cars are being parked on the corner opposite the school, across from the school drive and on the pavement whilst children are being dropped off.

Although, it is only for a short time, this is obstructing the view of people trying to cross the road and come out or into school. This could lead to a serious accident.

We have been in contact with the Local Authority to see if they can support but we ask for your support in the matter to make sure that the safety of our community is paramount.





ATTENDANCE UPDATE – 22 APRIL 2024

Well done to **Lewis class** this week for achieving an outstanding weekly class attendance of **98%**.

Our year to date attendance as a whole school still remains slightly below 96%. We hope that this term we can work together to see us reach our target attendance of 96%

Department for Education - The Education Hub

Important Information for Parents: Fines for Parents for taking children out of School

In February 2024 the Department of Education introduced a new national framework for all councils and schools across the UK to follow regarding children missing school. Full information can be found on the education hub at <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/#>

Summary the key points from this new framework include:

- In addition to fines that will be given for term time holidays, the following changes are introduced within the new framework from August 2024 all schools will be required to consider issuing a fine via their local authority when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.
- The fine for unauthorised absences will increase to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days or £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days.
- If a parent receives a second fine for the same child within a 3-year period, the second fine will automatically be charged at the higher rate of £160.
- Fines will be capped to 2 fines within any 3-year period. Once this limit has been reached other action such as a parenting orders or prosecution will need to be considered.
- If parents/carers are prosecuted and attend court due to a child missing school, then they could be issued with a fine up to £2,500.
- Money raised via fines is used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

If you are concerned about your child's attendance, early intervention is key. Talking to us at the earliest opportunity and working together to understand the circumstances affecting your child's attendance will help us to offer targeted support for you and your child.

LUNCHTIME

Spring/Summer
2024:
26/2, 18/3, 8/4,
29/4, 20/5, 10/6,
1/7, 22/7

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

THE MAIN EVENT
Vegetarian Dish

Hot Dog & Hand Cut Potato Wedges

Margherita Pizza Slice

Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Baked Mac & Cheese

Golden Fishcake & Chips

MEAT-FREE MAGIC
Vegetarian Dish

Veggie Sausage & Cheese Hot Dog & Hand Cut Potato Wedges

Pineapple Topped Pizza Slice

Cheese & Onion Filo Pie with Roast Potatoes

Veggie Whole Grain Pasta Bolognese

Cheesy Bean Wrap

RAINBOW ALLEY
Vegetables and Potatoes

Sweetcorn

Potato Salad & Garden Salad

Carrots & Peas

Broccoli

Baked Beans

BIG TOPPING
Riced Jacket

Jacket Potato with Beans or Cheese or both

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DESSERT TROLLEY

Apple Crumble Slice

Orange Jelly & Clementine Slices

Chocolate Bricks

Old School Cake & Sprinkles

Maple Oat Cookies

SALAD, BREAD, YOGHURT AND FRUIT.
APPEARING DAILY

PASTA TWIRLER
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Topped Pasta
Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese

Derby Book Festival

**Summer Festival
30 May – 5th June**

Children's Events

Join us this May half term for the full programme of events for all your little (and big) bookworms.



For full details and bookings visit
www.derbybookfestival.co.uk



Ockash
TRUST



Bargain TRAIL

SUNDAY 12TH MAY
9am - 3pm

LIKE A WALK?
LOVE A BARGAIN?!

The Ockash Bargain Trail is a yard sale
spread over Ockbrook & Borrowash.

TRAIL MAPS £1 ON THE DAY
from the Co-op car park and the Methodist Hall (Borrowash)
or 14 Bare Lane (Ockbrook).

£5 stallholders fees (paid in advance), or £7 on the day.

Fundraising for children and young people in Ockbrook and Borrowash.

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DM, email ockash.trust@gmail.com or call 07746 592381 to book.

*estimate based on previous years

Registered Charity No. 1098200
New volunteers are welcomed.