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**RESPECT      RESPONSIBILITY      CREATIVITY      KINDNESS      ASPIRATION      EQUALITY**

### Diary Dates

- 1 October 2024 - Individual School photos
- 2 October 2024 - Parent/carer Evening
- 3 October 2024 - Themed Menu
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- 4 October 2024 - Inset Day - Children do not attend
- 10 October 2024 - Mental Health Awareness Day - Children to wear yellow.
- 17 October 2024 - Themed Menu

### Inset Day

On Friday 4 October 2024, there will be an Inset Day Children do not attend.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 7 October 2024.

Tigers are taking bookings for Juniors to attend during the Inset day. Please contact Lynne directly on 07502002949 or via email on [lynne.flinn@ashbrook-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:lynne.flinn@ashbrook-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk) if you would like to book your child a place.

Good afternoon,

It has been a very busy week in school.

We started with a lovely Harvest celebration with Reverend Colin from the Methodist Church and Val Bulmer. The children reflected on what they are grateful for. All children were extremely respectful.

There has been and still is, a lot of illness spreading through school and this is affecting staff and children alike. There have had to be last-minute changes and the children have dealt with this brilliantly. We will keep you up to date with staffing arrangements when we have any news.

Next week is Parents Evening and the teachers are really looking forward to meeting you to discuss your children's progress.

We are looking forward to National Poetry Day next Thursday, with a visiting poet, who will work with all the children in school. This event is paid for through school fundraising events. Please keep a look out on Class Dojo for pictures and videos from during this event.

Thank you to all who supported our Summer Fayre and the MacMillan Coffee morning, it was great to see so many of you. If you were unable to attend the MacMillan Coffee morning but would like to make a donation, please use the QR code attached to the end of this newsletter.

Best Regards,

Ms George Smith

Headteacher



### Safeguarding

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](mailto:safeguarding@ashbrook-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk) email address is monitored throughout the holidays.

If you do have any concerns that a child is at risk of serious harm then contact **Call Derbyshire** on **01629 533190** or visit <http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/startingpoint> or **999**.

### Attendance Award

Congratulations to **LEWIS** class who have achieved the highest attendance for the week ending 27 September 2024.



### Living Our School Values

Congratulations to the following: Maya B, Lacey H, Alice S, Lucy K-W, Harrison H, Oscar F, Imogen C, Theo P, Teddy E, Luka F, Ollie C, Alice M.



### School Photographs

On Tuesday 1st October 2024, Tempest Photography will be in school taking individual photos.

If you would like to have a family photo with siblings, please be at Ashbrook Junior School for 8:30am.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to collect or return any children to Ashbrook Infants.



### Mental Health Awareness Day

On Thursday 10 October 2024, we are inviting the whole school to wear something Yellow, to help raise the importance of our own Mental Health and that of others.

Children will be spending time with our Wellbeing Team who will talk to them about Mental Health and teach techniques of how to deal with their feelings.



### Thank you

We would like to say a very special "Thank you" to Miss Mandy Jeffcoat, for taking time to crochet worry worms, pumpkins, keyrings and much more to be sold on our Wellbeing Store at the Summer Fayre. Every year these items sell out and Miss Jeffcoat donates all the money to school. The Wellbeing Stall was extremely busy and enjoyed by everyone.

Thank you to Miss Gemma Fade for organising the MacMillan Coffee Morning, which was also a huge success for such a worthy charity and thank you to everyone who made and donated cakes. The Cookie Pie was extremely yummy.



### MacMillan Coffee Morning Success!

On Friday 27 September 2024, we hosted our very own MacMillan Coffee morning, and what a morning it was! Armed with coffee to wake us all up and an array of cakes that could rival any bakery, we managed to raise an incredible amount for MacMillan Cancer Support. From scrumptious cookie pies to the ever-popular lemon drizzle, no treat lasted long on the table.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated, whether it was your time, money or a batch of delicious homemade goodies. Your generosity and community spirit truly made this event special and together we've helped support an amazing cause.

Let's keep the fundraising going, if you would like to make a donation, please use the QR Code attached.

We look forward to doing it all again next year!



**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

**Week ending Friday 27 September 2024**

Our whole school attendance for the week ending Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 has, sadly, fallen below our target of 96.5%:

**96%**

All is not lost though! Remember simple steps can help us ensure that our children have as much access to school and their education as possible:

**Be on time:** school day starts at 8.55 am

**Be here as often as you can:** arrange routine appointments outside of the school day.

**Work in partnership with us :** we understand that there are times time where your child may struggle with school attendance and we are here to help. Talking to us as soon as any problems start to emerge will enable us to work together and provide early support.

When you're a bit nervous, school provides the support you need. When you're feeling lonely, school is where new friends are found and memories are made. When you're stressed, school understands and reassures you.

And when the tiredness starts to creep in, it has the exciting activities, extraordinary experiences and endless laughs that never fail to make you feel better.

School has the power to amaze, involve, prepare and reassure – it can change everything!

Whether it's giving your day a boost or building skills that will stay with you forever – magic things happen when you pass through those school gates each morning.





### **USING DESIGNATED PATHWAYS WHEN ENTERING/LEAVING SCHOOL**

As we start to see the stunning colours of autumn on our grounds, this sadly presents us with a new hazard of wet, slippery fallen leaves. Our Caretaker, Mr Simmons, does an amazing job of keeping our pathways clear and safe for us to use when entering and exiting school. However, the grass embankments and the path that has been forged through the bushes (by children running through it) are not designated pathways and are becoming very slippery and wet in the mornings.

Please remember to keep to our designated pathways for your own safety.



### **SCOOTERS AND BIKES**



It is always great to see so many of our children keeping fit and health as they walk, cycle or scooter to school. To maintain safety for everyone accessing our school, we would kindly remind you that children should dismount their scooters and bikes at the entry gate to school in the morning.

We also ask families and children to wait until they reach the exit gate at the end of the day before mounting their scooters and bikes for their journey home.

**Please remember : our disability access ramp should not be used as a bike/scooter ramp.**

Autumn Winter  
2024-25:  
9/9, 30/9, 21/10,  
11/1, 2/12,  
23/12, 13/1, 3/2

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

**THE MAIN EVENT**

Cheesy Tomato Pizza Muffins

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Chicken and Sweetcorn Cobbler

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Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes and Gravy

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Classic Cottage Pie

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Battered Fish and Chips

**MEAT-FREE MAGIC**  
veggie Dish

BBQ and Sweetcorn Pizza Slice

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Winter Vegetable Crumble

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Cauliflower Cheese, Crispy Onion Topping & Roast Potatoes (You don't have to have the onions!)

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Root Vegetable & Bean Stew with Mash

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Cheese and Tomato Toasted Wrap with Chips

**RAINBOW ALLEY**  
Vegetables and Salads

Wholegrain Pasta Salad and Green salad

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Herby Diced Potato and Carrots

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Mixed Greens

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Peas

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Baked Beans

**BIG TOPPING**  
Piled Jacks

Cheese or Beans

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Cheese or Beans

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**DESSERT TROLLEY**

Toffee Apple Sponge and Custard

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Chocolate Sprinkle Iced Cake

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Raspberry Jelly

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Fresh Fruit Salad

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Oaty Biscuit

DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGURTS AND CUT FRUIT

AVAILABLE DAILY

**PASTA TWIRLER**

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Topped Pasta  
Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese



Tell us your **FAVOURITE MEAL**

**Thursday 3rd October**

**Hot dogs**  
Wedges and beans  
or  
**Cheese and tomato**  
**Pizza**  
with  
Beans



**Chocolate Brownie**

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donation directly  
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Coffee Morning.



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donate

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- 2 Hold the camera over the QR code
- 3 Click the pop up to make a donation

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