

Ashleworth CofE Primary School

Newsletter – September 2020



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the September newsletter.

I think you will agree with me when I say that this has been a most unusual start to the new school year. Yes, we have some rules and routines to get used to. Has this dampened our enthusiasm? No, it most certainly has not. The children have been amazing. They have taken the new routines in their stride. Extra handwashing, keeping a safe distance and not sharing our belongings are now just part of our school day. I am so proud of how well the children come into school every day and how quickly they have settled back into learning. Thanks also to all of our parents who have supported the measures we have put in place.

So, what have we been up to and what lies ahead????

The focus for September has been on settling the children in. We set aside the week beginning September 14th for assessments. The teachers have undertaken a range of activities with the children and will now be using this information to modify what will be taught over the coming weeks and months. We have had to make some changes to how we communicate with you, including parental consultations. Some of you have already had either a Zoom or telephone call with your child's teacher; others are planned. If you want to arrange one of these meetings, please contact your child's teacher via Class Dojo.

We are delighted that PE and Forest School sessions are able to go ahead. Some changes have had to be made but the children are still enjoying the opportunity to be outdoors and taking part in physical activity.

There has been some wonderful artwork produced. Class 1 have painted self-portraits. We were all so impressed by these that we asked the children to paint portraits of the staff. These are now all on display in the entrance hall. They are brilliant. Class 2 are busy designing and building Viking Longboats. They have taken great care in reproducing the design and detail.

Worship continues to be central to our school day. I am delighted that Vicar Steve is coming into school, every Monday, and leading worship in both classes. The Open the Book team have taken to the movies; they have filmed this term's stories for the children to watch. Thank you to everyone who joined our Harvest worship. Your kind donations for the Food Bank have been passed on.

Last week, we sent you a short questionnaire asking for your thoughts about how we have managed the full reopening of school. If you want to share your thoughts, please can you return your responses by next Monday, October 12th.

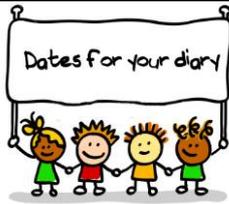
Yours sincerely,

Michelle Kelly

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9th Oct - Class 2 Forest School all day
13th Oct - Class 1 Forest School
16th Oct - Class 2 Forest School all day
23rd Oct - Inset Day
26th Oct - Half term
2nd Nov - Start of term 2

Supporting your child's learning

Every month we will share with you a resource you can use at home to build on what your child has been learning in school. This month its phonics, here are 2 websites for you to try

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>



COVID Testing

If your child is absent from school because they, or another family member, has been asked to take a COVID test, or have been specifically advised to isolate due to COVID, please would you inform school at your earliest possible convenience on their first day of absence.

COVID 19 Symptoms/Action As per the current Government guidelines, if you suspect your child may have COVID-19, please do not send them to school but follow the guidance on www.gov.uk/coronavirus

PE Lessons

PE lessons have now started, please remember that children have PE on Monday afternoons every week and Thursdays mornings except for those weeks they have forest school. Children will need to wear PE kit to school until further notice on these days. PE Kit is black or navy joggers/shorts, school PE T-shirt, school jumper/cardigan and trainers.

Reminders

- Please remember that long hair needs to be tied back
- St Peters kitchen are still providing us with packed lunches, once we have the go ahead for hot dinners we will send out a menu. If you would like a packed lunch, please let the office know at the start of the day.

Before and After school Club

If you wish to book a space for before or after school please let the school office know as soon as possible. If you know you would like your children to have a regular space, please complete the booking form which can be found on the website under the Breakfast and after school Care tab.

Emails

We are unable to send paperwork home due to the current restrictions therefore all communication is being sent home via email, text or class dojos, please remember to check these on a regular basis to ensure that you are kept up to date with information, news and updates. If you have any questions regarding the information that is being sent home, please contact the office.

Visiting School Reception

Due to COVID-19 Restrictions, please refrain from visiting School Reception unless absolutely necessary. If you do need to contact school please do so by phone on 01452 700340 or by email: admin@ashleworth.gloucs.sch.uk wherever possible.

Site Safety

Please do not let your children run around the premises before or after the school day. Thank you