



ASHCROFT INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2024

Welcome back!

Welcome back to a new school year, and a huge welcome to all of our new children starting in nursery and reception. I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer and I am delighted to say that we have had a fantastic first week back at school. I am so pleased at how well all of the children have settled in; it has been a pleasure visiting all of our classrooms and seeing the children so happy and content in their new learning environments. Well done to everyone!

As always, if you have anything that you would like to discuss or have any concerns please speak to your child's class teacher or come and see me - my door is always open.

Mrs Fellows

NO Nuts

Please remember that we are strictly a no nuts school due to several allergies. Please check your child's lunchboxes and Friday snacks carefully before sending in. Thank you.

Free School Meals eligibility checker

If you are on a lower income or in receipt of certain benefits, you may be entitled to additional support including supermarket vouchers during school holidays to spend at a supermarket of your choice.

It takes about 5 minutes and anyone can check easily at:

[Apply for Free School Meals - Staffordshire County Council](#)

All information we receive is strictly confidential.

Dates for the year

We know that parents need to plan ahead for school events, therefore we always send out an overview of dates for the school year. We also add any upcoming dates to each week's newsletter and they are also available on the school website. Please make a note of these so that you don't miss any important events.

After School Club

Please ensure that you book After School Club in advance using the online form that is sent out every Thursday (please book by midnight on Sunday evening) and that payment is made in advance via ParentPay, this includes payments using childcare vouchers etc. Thank you.

HEADTEACHER: Mrs Jayne Fellows

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER: Mrs Eluned Lane

Home Learning

As is our policy, we do not send home formal homework. Instead, as always, we will continue to focus on reading for our home learning. We will send home reading books on a regular basis and we would really encourage you to spend just a few minutes, several times a week, sharing your child's books with them. These are carefully matched to their phonics level and reading ability. This will support our reading sessions in school, which your child will receive regularly. Children who need some extra support with their reading will receive one-to-one reading sessions with school staff or our wonderful volunteers.

Celebration Assembly

Fridays will continue to be our Celebration Assembly, which the children love and we will continue to post these on Dojo. We will celebrate birthdays and any achievements from both in or outside of school. Each week four children from each class will be chosen as either a Star of the Week (for all round good behaviour and attitude to learning), Reading Rockstar, Wow Writer or Marvellous Mathematician. We will also award Attendance Ted to the class with the highest percentage attendance and the Class of the Week trophy to the class with the most raffle tickets.

Behaviour

Rewards

Children will be awarded **stickers** and **raffle tickets** for their individual good behaviour and work. The raffle ticket will be put into their class tin (with their name on it) and one ticket from each class will be picked out in Friday's celebration assembly, and the winner of the raffle will get a dip in the prize box. There is no limit to how many raffle tickets can be awarded, so the more raffle tickets the children get, the better chance they have of 'winning'. The class with the most raffle tickets in their tin will also win the **Class of the Week Trophy** and will have an extra playtime on Friday.

Sanctions

We have a visual system in all classrooms to encourage children to follow the school rules. Each classroom has a rainbow, sunshine, cloudy sun and a black cloud, all children will start the day on the sunshine, and move up to the rainbow if they have followed the rules consistently. If following a reminder, they do not follow the rules, they will be moved to the cloudy sun as a warning. If they continue to not follow the rules then they will move to the black cloud and will have a few minutes 'thinking time'.

Children are able to earn their way back to the sunshine at any time from both the cloudy sun and the black cloud, and they will be encouraged to try to end their day on the sunshine. If children continue not to follow the rules once they are on the black cloud then they may be asked to spend some thinking time in another classroom, or spend time with Mrs Fellows or Mrs Lane. Any violent or aggressive behaviour will be an instant black cloud offence and children will be taken directly to Mrs Fellows or Mrs Lane.

Summer Reading Challenge

On Wednesday 11th September we will be celebrating all those children who took part in the Library's Summer reading challenge. If you have taken part this year, please bring your certificates into school so we can all congratulate you on an amazing summer of reading.

Jeans for Genes Day

At Ashcroft we are very proud of how generous our children and families are at supporting a variety of charities, and on Friday 20th September we are again giving our support to 'Jeans for Genes Day' raising money for The Genetics Disorders UK Charity which helps many families and children with genetic disorders. It is really easy to get involved, just wear your jeans to school (or anything denim/own clothes) on that Friday instead of your school uniform and donate any amount to help others.

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LUNCHTIME AT ASHCROFT INFANTS

Week One

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Option One	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v)	Beef Burger in a Bun	Roast Gammon Dinner	Pasta Carbonara	Fish Fingers
Main Option Two	Filled Jacket Potatoes with salad (v)	Veggie Burger in a Bun (v)	Roast Quorn Dinner (v)	Sausage & Tomato Pasta (v)	Quorn Nuggets (v)
Veggies & Sides	Potato Crunchies	Potato Wedges, Peas	Mash & Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli	Garlic Bread Slice, Sweetcorn	Chipped Potatoes, Peas, Baked Beans
Light Bite	Beans on Toast	Jacket Potatoes	Tomato & Basil Pasta	Jacket Potatoes	Tomato & Basil Pasta
	Selection of Sandwiches	Selection of Rolls	Selection of Wraps	Selection of Wraps	Selection of Wraps
Dessert	Lemon Drizzle Traybake	Chocolate Cake & Custard	Orange Jelly	Chocolate Chip Muffin	Ice Cream

Allergen information for all of our dishes can be obtained by contacting the school office - 01827 213760
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