

ASHCROFT INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL Mildenhall, Tamworth, B79 8RU 'Providing the best start in life for all children'

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Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the spring term. I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas with your families and are feeling rested and ready for the new term. All of the staff would like to send a huge thank you for your kind Christmas cards, gifts and well wishes - they are never expected but very much appreciated.

The children have settled in so well to the new term already and we are so impressed with our new nursery starters who have done so well this week!

I know things are really tough for some families at the moment and it is a worrying time for so many. Don't forget we are a family here at Ashcroft and if there is anything you are struggling with we will do our best to support you – please don't hesitate to ask. I look forward to working with you all again this term.

Mrs Fellows

Attendance

Whole school attendance for the week was 95.2%. A huge well done to Rabbit Class who achieved 100% attendance. They will look after Attendance Ted next week!

Class of the Week

Well done to Rabbit Class who had the most raffle tickets this week! They will have some extra playtime and will keep the Class of the Week trophy next week.

Absence Procedures

Please follow the correct procedures to notify us of any absences. **Please do not message staff on Class Dojo** – as staff are often too busy in the mornings to check. All absences should be reported to the office by phone on 01827 213760 **OR** email <u>office@ashcroft.staffs.sch.uk</u>

Nursery Admissions

Is your child 3 years old before 1st September 2024? If yes, and you require a NURSERY place, please contact the school office for further information and an application pack.

Reception Admissions

Don't forget that applications for Reception places in September 2024 close on 15th January. To apply please visit <u>www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions</u>

HEADTEACHER: Mrs Jayne Fellows DEPUTY HEADTEACHER: Mrs Eluned Lane

Junior School Admissions

If your child is currently in Year 2 and due to start Junior School in September 2024 all applications need to be submitted online at: <u>www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions</u>

Childcare Funding

There are several options available to working parents to fund childcare including Tax Free Childcare and 30 Hours Free Childcare. To find out more information about what you may be entitled to and what the funding can be used for please visit: <u>https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator</u>

School Lunches

Monday	Mains: Cheese and Tomato Pizza OR Smoky sausage pasta bake		
(Meat free	Light Bites: Jacket potato with a choice of toppings OR Selection of wraps		
Mondays)	Pudding: Oaties		
Tuesday	Mains: All day breakfast OR Veggie all day breakfast		
_	Light Bites: Tomato and Basil Pasta OR Selection of sandwiches		
	Pudding: Jam sponge and custard		
Wednesday	Mains: Roast chicken with stuffing & gravy OR Quorn roast with stuffing &		
	gravy		
	Light Bites: Jacket potato with a choice of toppings OR Selection of filled		
	rolls		
	Pudding: Chocolate shortbread		
Thursday	Mains: Fish Fingers with chips and peas/beans OR Quorn Nuggets with chips		
	and peas/beans		
	Light Bites: Jacket potato with a choice of toppings OR Selection of		
	sandwiches		
	Pudding: Ice Cream		
Friday	Mains: Beef bolognese pasta OR Veggie mince bolognese pasta		
	Light Bites: Tomato and Basil Pasta OR Selection of wraps		
	Pudding: Rice krispie cake		

All meals served with a drink and a selection of potatoes, vegetables and salad

Dates for your diary

February			
Mon 5 th – Fri 9 th February	Children's Mental Health Week		
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day		
Wednesday 7 th February	Parents Evening – details to follow		
Friday 9th February	Break up for half term holiday		
Monday 19 th February	Children return to school		
March			
Thursday 7th	World Book Day – details to follow		
Friday 8th	Mother's Day celebrations – details to follow		
Friday 15th	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day – donations welcome (details to		
	follow)		
Wednesday 20th	Easter activity morning – details to follow		
Friday 22nd	Break up for Easter holiday		

