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Newsletter

Friday 4th September 2026

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 few days 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 you would like to discuss or have any concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you need any further help or support, I am always happy to help.

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.

Parking
Please do not park on the school car park when you drop off or collect your children. The car park is for staff and visitors only and it is important that we keep traffic to a minimum at the beginning and end of the day to ensure the safety of the children. Thank you.

Summer Reading Challenge
On Monday 14th 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.

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.
Breakfast Club – there is no need to pre-book Breakfast Club, just drop off anytime from 7:45am.

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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
Our Celebration Assembly will continue to take place on Fridays, which the children love, and we will continue to post these on Dojo. We will celebrate birthdays and any achievements both in and outside of school. Each week four children from each class will be chosen as either a Star of the Week (for consistently positive choices 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
At Ashcroft, we want all of our children to feel happy, safe and secure in school, and we take a positive approach to behaviour. Children are praised and rewarded for making good choices and are encouraged to understand how their choices can affect themselves and others. Where children are finding this difficult, they are given clear reminders, warnings and opportunities to make a better choice. Where behaviour continues, or where a more serious incident occurs, appropriate sanctions may be applied.

<u>Rewards</u>
Children will be awarded **stickers** and **raffle tickets** for their individual good behaviour and work. Each raffle ticket will be put into their class tin (with their name on it) where one ticket from each class will be picked out in Friday's Celebration Assembly, and each winner 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.

<u>Sanctions</u>
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 continue not to follow the rules, they will be moved to the cloudy sun as a warning. If this continues, they will move to the black cloud and will have a few minutes of 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 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 dealt with immediately. Children will move straight to the black cloud and will be taken to Mrs Fellows or Mrs Lane.

Jeans for Genes Day
At Ashcroft we are very proud of how generous our children and families are in supporting a variety of charities, and on Friday 18th September we will again be supporting Jeans for Genes Day, raising money to help children and families affected by genetic conditions. 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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NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Week One	Meat-free Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option One	Fajita Pizza (v)	Chicken Wrap	Sausage with Gravy	Beef Lasagne	Fish Fingers
Option Two	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v)	Cheese & Bean Burrito (v)	Veggie Sausage with Gravy (v)	Vegetarian Mince Bolognaise with Pasta (v)	Quorn Nuggets (v)
Veggies & Sides	Potato Crunchies Sweetcorn	Crusty Wholemeal Baguette, Peas	Mashed Potato, Carrots & Broccoli	Garlic Bread & Sweetcorn	Chipped Potatoes, Peas & Baked Beans
Light Bite	Tomato & Basil Pasta (v)	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Baked Beans with Wholemeal Toast	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Spaghetti Hoops with Wholemeal Toast
	Selection of cold sandwiches	Selection of cold wraps	Selection of Cold Sandwiches	Selection of cold wraps	Selection of cold sandwiches
Dessert	Sponge Cake	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Raspberry Jelly	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Ice Cream

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