

Ashby Hill Top Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school, I hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas break and were able to spend some quality time with your loved ones. On behalf of all staff, I would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to the children and parents who brought in Christmas cards and gifts at the end of last term. We all really appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity, especially at such a busy and costly time of year.



Wellbeing Newsletter

At Ashby Hill Top, we are committed to supporting children, staff and parents in their wellbeing and mental health. We know that wellbeing, physical and mental health are all vital to successful learning. Attached to this newsletter is a wellbeing newsletter with some useful advice, activities and support for families. If you have any worries or concerns about your child's emotional behaviour or well-being, then please let school know by contacting your child's class teacher.

Parents Evening

Parents evening this term will take place on Monday 12th February and Thursday 15th February. We will notify you when the online booking system is open for you to book an appointment with your child's class teacher. You will receive your child's mid-year report on Friday 9th February.

School Uniform

Please can you ensure your children wear the correct school uniform each day. If you are struggling to provide uniform for your child, please contact school and we will be happy to help you out. Please also ensure your child wears correct PE kit on PE days. Again, if you have any problems let us know and we can help.

Snowy Weather

As we approach the cold season, it becomes necessary for us to plan for potential disruptions caused by bad weather. In light of this, I wanted to share our procedures for notifying you about school closures due to snow.



I will monitor weather conditions closely, and aim to make a decision regarding school closure by 7:00am on the day in question. We understand the importance of providing you with ample time to make alternative arrangements for your child's care and to ensure everyone's safety.

Once the decision is made, we will promptly inform all staff and parents. Our goal is to reach each of you no later than 7:15am on the day of the potential closure.



In the event of snowy conditions that impact travel to school, but allow us to open the school site safely, our registers will remain open until 10:00am, providing additional time and flexibility for drop-off.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we prioritise the safety and well-being of our children, staff, and families. Decisions around school closure due to snow are made in conjunction with governors and other local Symphony headteachers. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school. Thank you for your continued support.

Contact Details

If you have changed your mobile number over the Christmas break, please let the school office know, so that we are able to contact you should there be an emergency. Any other details such as change of address; email or other emergency contact or collection information should be given to the office too. Many thanks.

Pupil Premium Funding

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them, school will receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school. Even if your children are in EYFS or Key Stage 1- you can still apply!

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils achieve their best regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

At Ashby Hill Top Primary School we get an extra £1,345 funding from the government for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money makes a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions
- Support towards costs of trips and residentials
- Support towards costs of school uniform

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)



Please pop into the school office if you think you might be eligible to find out more about how to apply. If you need any other assistance, please see me, Miss Middleton or Mrs McAuliffe and we will be able to signpost you to other services and support.

Health and Safety on School Grounds- Bikes and Scooters

Can I remind parents that children should not cycle or scoot on the school grounds, this is to ensure everyone's safety at what are really busy times of day. Thank you.

If you have any questions, please phone school or email office@ashbyhilltop.leics.sch.uk

Regards,



Sylvie Newman
Executive Headteacher

Dates for the Spring Term 2024

Date	Event	Time
15 January	Y5/6 Visit from the Rivers Trust	a.m
16 January	Y1 & Y5 Fire Service Talk	a.m
17 January	Y4 Multiplication Meeting for parents	3.35pm
23 January	Y6 SATs meeting for parents	5-6pm
6 February	Online Safety Day	
7 February	EYFS Maths workshop for parents	3.30pm
9 February	Mid-Year Reports out	
12 & 15 February	Parents Evenings	3.30-7.30pm
16 February	British Values Day EYFS Tea Party (more details to follow)	2pm
17-25 February	Half Term	
26 February	Y1/2 Samba Drumming visit	All day
28 February	Beaumanor Residential meeting	TBC
7 March	World Book Day	All day
8 March	Y6 Warning Zone Trip	All day
15 March	FoHT non uniform day	
18 March	EYFS Book Talk meeting for parents	TBC
19 March	Y3/4 Hicks Lodge Trip	All day
20 March	Class Photographs	
22 March	Break up for Easter	3.25pm