



The Ashbeach News

Learning for life – to be the best we can possibly be.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we settle into the second half of the term, I am pleased to report that our children have returned from their break with renewed energy and focus.



We have been actively working on enhancing our playtimes, and I would like to thank you for the donations we have received so far. This week, our children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring new play opportunities with hula hoops and unleashing their creativity with cardboard boxes. To further enrich their playtime experiences, we are seeking donations of small-world toys such as dinosaur figures, animal figures, and toy cars. These items will undoubtedly spark imagination and encourage collaborative play among our children.



Given the current weather conditions and our emphasis on outdoor play, it is advisable to provide a change of clothes for your child, particularly if they are drawn to muddier areas during playtime. This is especially important for our EYFS children as they begin to spend more time outdoors, embracing the natural environment as part of their learning journey.



I am pleased to report that our recent parents' evening was a success, with the new booking system proving to be efficient and user-friendly. We appreciate your engagement in these important discussions about your child's progress.

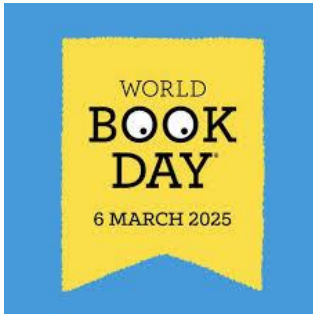


On a practical note, we still have some free school uniform items available, generously donated by Tesco. Please feel free to come in and browse these items, as they may be of use to many of our families. If you have any uniform that is too small and can be donated, please bring any items into the office.



Regarding school safety, I would like to thank you for your cooperation in parking safely at the beginning and end of the school day. I must remind everyone that the car park should not be entered during these times unless you have a disabled badge or are a taxi. This includes quick drop-offs. This policy is in place to ensure the safety of all children, particularly those crossing the car park or being dropped off by taxi.





Looking ahead, we are excited about World Book Day on Thursday, 6th March. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in their

pyjamas. We have planned a variety of engaging activities throughout the day to celebrate the joy of reading.

Parenting support with Ms Hawke

Date for next in school coffee session is **Tuesday 25th March at 2.15pm.**



If you are worried about your child's mental health or emotional wellbeing, parents and carers of young people under 13 can make a direct referral to Younited, the details as well as a host of digital resources can be found here: [Younited | CPFT NHS Trust](#)

Danielle Tetherton (Family Advisor) will be hosting a virtual coffee morning on Tuesday 11th March at 10.00am with the theme around Worries. Poster with details of how to join will follow shortly.



The Ashbeach Primary school Family Book Quiz



Do you know what the hungry caterpillar had for lunch? Or who lives in the Far Away Tree? Does anyone in your family know the name of 'the boy who lived'?

To celebrate World Book Day, we will be holding a FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT all about popular children's books. The questions will be aimed at all children as well as some classic children's fiction questions for the adults!

A family hamper will be provided for the winning team.

WHEN? Thursday 6th March 2025

Door opens: 5.30pm

Quiz begins: 6pm

There will be 6 rounds of questions, with 9 questions per round.

WHERE? The Ashbeach Primary School

HOW MUCH? **FREE** (Any donations will be used to purchase new books for the library.)

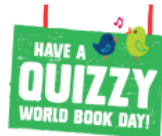
Maximum of 6 members per team. Complete the slip below to **reserve a table** for your team. Alternatively, turn up on the night.

I would like to reserve a table for _____ people.

Our team name will be _____

(e.g. Horrid Henry Heroes, Book Worms, The Twits etc)

My child's name is _____



In the evening, we invite you to our first ever Family Book Quiz. The Friends Of Ashbeach will be selling refreshments, including hot dogs and cakes. We are delighted to welcome a local bookseller who will have a stall offering books for £3 and £5. If you're interested in purchasing, please remember to bring cash. The winning team will be rewarded with a hamper of goods. FOA will also be holding a raffle alongside the prize giving!

We look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events and appreciate your continued support in making our school community vibrant and engaging.



What's coming up

Ashbeach Common Grounds Day

Parents, families, neighbours invited to join us for another wonderful day prepping the common for the children's lessons and adventures. We need help building verandas, clearing and restoring the pond, planting, cutting back hedges and brambles, making wood stores and many more mini tasks. If you are able to spare an hour or two, have tools that can be used to help and love making spaces ready for play, then please let Mrs Jenner know!

These are the dates that we need your help:

Saturday 22nd March 9am - 3pm

Saturday 28th June 9am – 3pm

Saturday 27th September 9am – 3pm



SCAMP Afterschool club – need more girls to join and unleash their inner performer!!

All children welcome from years 4- 6



SCAMP at Ashbeach CLUB

AFTERSCHOOL
MONDAYS FROM SEPTEMBER
3:15-4:10 YEARS 4-6

sign up NOW

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COSTS APPLY

Activities: Sing, Dance Perform!, Act

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Under 16



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TIGER



Ms Hawke has been lucky enough to secure a ballot place for the London Marathon this year. She is looking forward to completing it to raise money for Friends of Ashbeach. Unfortunately, due to an ongoing injury she is

unable to run it as she has previously, but has been getting in speedy long walks in preparation for it. We are sorting out the finer details for sponsorship and will invite the children to do their own physical challenge in the week leading up to the marathon - more details to come.



Easter Holiday Scheme Places

FULLY FUNDED ✓

Would your child like to attend a fully funded holiday scheme this Easter where fun experiences, a meal and snacks are included?



Children in receipt of benefit-related free school meals are eligible to attend a participating holiday scheme for up to 16 hours.

For details and the wider eligibility criteria please scan the QR Code or visit: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf

Questions: HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



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ASHBEACH SCHOOL VALUES

HONESTY

- We have integrity
- We are truthful
- We are true to ourselves
- We ask for help when we need it



EVOLVE

- We value change
- We grow and learn
- We mature
- We improve



ASPIRE

- We challenge ourselves
- We aim to be the best we can possibly be
- We want to learn
- We push ourselves to improve



RESILIENCE

- We have a growth mindset
- We learn from our 'mistakes'
- We keep trying
- We use our tools to help us 'get out of the pit'



TEAM

- We work together
- We celebrate that we are all different
- We are one family
- We support each other and are kind to one another



Diary Dates

2025

03 Mar	Yr 6 English Challenge
06 Mar	World Book Day
06 Mar	Family Quiz Night Doors open at 5.30pm
07 – 16 Mar	British Science Week
17 – 21 Mar	Common Day for each Class
18 Mar	Dolphin & Koala Library Bus visit
21 Mar	Red Nose Day – red dress up!
22 Mar	Ashbeach Common - Come & Help Day, all families welcome
25 Mar	Family Support - Coffee and Chat, 2.15pm in the Barn
03 Apr	Easter Crafts morning parents invited 9-12pm,
03 Apr	FOA Easter Bonnet competition
07 – 21 Apr	Easter Holidays
15 Apr	Library Bus visit
22 Apr	Start of Summer Term
24 Apr	Tempest – class photos
27 Apr	Ms Hawke does the London Marathon!!
05 May	Bank holiday – school closed
12 – 15 May	Year 6 SAT's week
15 May	Favourites For Lunch (census)
20 May	Dolphin & Koala Library Bus visit
26 – 31 May	Half term holiday
02 Jun	Teacher Training Day
03 Jun	Back to school
03 Jun	Yr R Vision Screening session
17 Jun	Dolphin & Koala Library Bus visit
28 Jun	Ashbeach Common - Come & Help Day, all families welcome
30 – 01 Jul	YR5/6 Grafham Waters Residential
15 Jul	Dolphin & Koala Library Bus visit
22 Jul	FOA Outside Summer Disco
23 Jul	Last Day of Term
24 Jul	Summer Holidays start
01 Sep	Teacher Training Day
02 Sep	Teacher Training Day
03 Sep	Autumn Term starts
27 – 31 Oct	Half term holiday
03 Nov	Teacher Training Day
04 Nov	Back to school
19 Dec	Last Day of Term

