



The Ashbeach News

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Dear Parent's and Carers,



The spring term has got off to a great start and the children are enjoying their new topics. Year 4 and 5 are enjoying their swimming lessons;



Dolphins had fun last week on their 'walkabout' & creating Australian art. Some

members of our school choir attended the O2 Young Voices concert and had a fantastic time. Thank you to Mrs Goater and



Mrs Jenner for organising this fantastic event.



Reinforcing high expectations

We have been reinforcing the expectations for behaviour in school and teaching the children some additional routines and strategies to support them to be safe, ready and respectful at all times. Good learning behaviour is key to ensuring the children make good progress. It is an ongoing lesson and we strive to ensure that the behaviours are taught and practiced throughout the school year. We will be continuing to revisit our rules, practicing routines and ensuring children are clear of any consequences for misbehaviour.



Additional Rewards

To encourage the children to meet the high expectations for behaviour that we set, we have introduced an additional reward system. We will continue earn class rewards and the children will be awarded positive notes which will be sent home. In addition to this, the children will be able to earn individual reward points. These will be given for excellent effort in work or behaviour. They will be able to find these in their books or will be verbally awarded them by adults in the school. Each child will be given a reward chart which they will record their points earned. Once they have earned 50 reward points, they will

receive a Bronze certificate in assembly. With each additional 50 points, they can earn a silver and then a gold certificate. We hope that this will encourage the children to strive to do their best in all aspects of school life and give recognition for the desired behaviours present in school.



Rockstars, Robots and Bees

To encourage the use of our Times Table Rockstars, Numbots and Spelling shed

platforms; we would like the children to come to school dressed as Rockstars, Robots or Bees for the day on **Monday 12th February**. During the day, we will have special games and activities associated with the platforms including a week long, class v class competition, which will be announced the following week. Please do not feel you need to spend money on costumes. Here are some ideas:

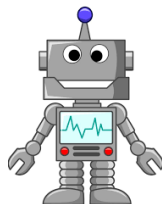


Rockstars: Mad hair, black clothes, etc

Bees: Something yellow and black, face paint, home-made antennas etc



Robots: Tinfoil covered cardboard tabard, robot themed t-shirt, anything silver or with buttons etc



Your child can come dressed in any of these options. Please remember that, in addition to reading, regular use of these platforms is the children's homework each week.

Behaviour online - home and school

One aspect of the behaviour policy is linked to the children's behaviour online both at school and at home. Any online activity that occurs at home but threatens to impact the safety or learning of other children or the good order of the school day, can be dealt with in line with the behaviour policy. In-school consequences can be given where it is deemed necessary.

We are aware of the pressures for children to be accessing the online world. We also recognise that whilst there can be many benefits, some sites pose significant risks to children. I know, as a parent how difficult it is to stay up-to-date with the latest apps and the risks and benefits of each one. Therefore, we have subscribed to The National College who have a range of helpful guides with tips specific to parents.

The first one is focused on Snap Chat and is attached to this letter. It can also be found on our school website under 'Parents' then 'Safeguarding'. Here you will find other helpful advice for popular sites and apps.

In school, we continue to address online safety as part of our existing PSHE and computing curriculum.



Snacks and water bottles

Thank you for your support in encouraging the children to have healthy snacks for break and only water in their water bottles.



Parking

Thank you for your efforts to park sensibly outside of school and not using the school car park for dropping the children off. We have seen improvements but unfortunately, we have had a complaint from a



neighbour as access to their driveway has been blocked by parked cars. Please park considerately.

Parents Evenings

There will be an opportunity for you discuss your child's progress with their class teacher(s) on Tuesday 27th & Thursday 29th February 2024. Bookings will open week commencing 5th February.



Friends Of Ashbeach

The pre-loved book sale has been fantastic - the children have loved being able to choose from oodles of books to take home for £2, so far the funds raised are going past £100! This is another wonderful way to share stories and literacy with your children at home.



This advice is from the National Literacy Trust. For more advice and ideas on how to engage your child with reading visit <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/parent-support/reading-your-child/>

FRIENDS OF ASHBEACH

Valentine's Disco

**FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY
5:30PM - 7PM**

£2.50 ENTRY (INCLUDES BAG OF SWEETS)

HOTDOGS £1, FOAM GLOWSTICKS £1,
POPCORN 50P, CRISPS 50P,
DRINK CARTONS 30P, INFLATABLES £1
AND NECKLACES £1

PLEASE
BRING
MONEY IN A
NAMED
PURSE

STRICTLY
NO MOBILE
PHONES

LGBTQ+ YOUTH GROUPS

FROM AUTUMN 2022

IN-PERSON GROUPS		ONLINE GROUPS
PETERBOROUGH	Every Monday, 6-8pm Ages 13-18 & 18-30	TRANS & NON-BINARY ONLINE GROUP Every other Thursday, 6-7pm
ELY	Every Monday, 6-8pm Ages 13-18 & 18-30	DISABILITY / NEURODIVERSITY ONLINE GROUP Every other Thursday, 6-7pm
HUNTINGDON	Every other Wednesday, 6-8pm, Ages 13-25 Alternating with St Neots group	FAMILY PROGRAMME
ST NEOTS	Every other Wednesday, 6-8pm, Ages 13-25 Alternating with Hunts group	MEET 'N' EAT EVENTS ACROSS THE COUNTY 3rd Week of the Month, 6-8pm
CAMBRIDGE	Every Wednesday, 6-8pm Ages 13-18 & 18-30	MORE GROUPS, TRIPS AND EVENTS TO COME
MARCH & WISBECH	On alternating Thursdays, 6-8pm, Ages 13-25	<small>*Exact times may be subject to change</small>

The Kite Trust. FOR MORE INFORMATION
 Email: youthwork@thekitetrust.org.uk
 Visit: www.thekitetrust.org.uk
 Call: 01223 369508

Ashbeach Common Rejuvenation Project

We are thrilled to be getting started on this mammoth project to get the common area fit for purpose for our children now and those in the years ahead to be able to return to learning outdoors. Exploring, building dens, growing, environmental recycling and protection are all areas that we want to develop and keep as an important part of our school life. We are asking for as many staff, parents, children, family volunteers to join us on **Saturday 23rd March** to get going on the project. Please let the office know if you are able to help?



Starting February 2024

BIG moments of summer fun

ALL STARS CRICKET

For all 7 to 15 year old, boys and girls.

Unleash your cricket passion by joining us for AllStar Cricket fun, teamwork and unforgettable moments on the field. All skill levels welcome. Let's hit boundaries together as Ramsey host junior teams at all ages this summer!

Winter nets training starts every Sunday in February and first two Sundays in March from 3pm to 4pm at One Leisure, Ramsey for under-9's, under-11's and under-13's

£3 per session with Qualified Coaches holding DBS.

Message us on socials or email ramseycricketclubjuniors@gmail.com for more information

details on our senior training and under 15's to follow

Find us on Ramsey Cricket Club

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



OFSTED

We use Parent View surveys throughout the year to see how we can improve. Please follow the link to complete the survey.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Alternatively, if you would rather not create a log in, I would still like to hear your opinions: I would appreciate if you could fill in this

quick survey. There is an option to write your name if you have a specific issue; however, it can be completed anonymously. Scan the QR code for the survey.



Diary Dates

2023

01 Feb	FOA Book Sale
08 Feb	Vision Screening for yrR
09 Feb	FOA Valentines Disco 5.30-7pm
12 Feb	Rockstars Robots & Bees Day
19 - 23 Feb	Half Term
27 Feb	Parents Evening
29 Feb	Parents Evening
05 Mar	Height & Weight Checks for YrR/6
05 Mar	Mothering Sunday Gift Sale
06 Mar	Mothering Sunday Gift Sale
07 Mar	World Book Day
08 Mar	Ladies in School morning
19 Mar	Library Bus visit - Yr 2 & 3
23 Mar	Ashbeach Common Project Starts
27 Mar	FOA Cake Sale
28 Mar	Last day of Spring term
15 Apr	Teacher Training Day
16 Apr	Summer Term starts
16 Apr	Library Bus visit - yr 2 & 3
02 May	Local Elections in the Barn
06 May	Bank Holiday (no school)
13 - 16 May	yr6 SAT's week
16 May	Favourites for lunch day
20 May	Class photos
21 May	Library Bus visit - yr2 & 3
27 - 31 May	Half term
11 Jun	Fathers Day gift sale
12 Jun	Fathers Day gift sale
14 Jun	Gents in School morning
18 Jun	Library Bus visit - yr2 & 3
27 & 28 Jun	Abbey College transition days
1 - 5 Jul	Bikeability for yr5 & 6
08 Jul	Sports Day & picnic lunch
11 - 12 Jul	Yr 5 & 6 Residential trip
16 Jul	Library Bus visit - yr2 & 3

More dates will follow as they are arranged



School holiday and term dates

2023/2024 academic year		
	Starts	Ends
Autumn term begins	Monday 4 th September 2023	Friday 20 th October 2023
Autumn half term	Monday 23 rd October 2023	Friday 27 th October 2023
Autumn term continues	Tuesday 31 st October 2023	Wednesday 20 th December 2023
Christmas holiday	Thursday 21 st December 2023	Wednesday 3 rd January 2024
Spring term begins	Friday 5 th January 2024	Friday 16 th February 2024
Spring half term	Monday 19 th February 2024	Friday 23 rd February 2024
Spring term continues	Monday 26 th February 2024	Thursday 28 th March 2024
Easter holiday	Friday 29 th March 2024	Friday 12 th April 2024
Summer term begins	Tuesday 16 th April 2024	Friday 24 th May 2024
Summer half term	Monday 27 th May 2024	Friday 31 st May 2024
Summer term continues	Monday 3 rd June 2024	Friday 19 th July 2024
Summer holiday	Monday 22 nd July 2024	2024/25 dates to be confirmed

Professional Days

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 30th October 2023

Thursday 4th January 2024

Monday 15th April 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Bank Holidays

Monday 6th May 2024