



The Ashbeach News

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

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Dear Parents and carers

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you enjoyed the half term break. It was an abrupt end to the first half-term; Anglian water were inundated with calls due to the extreme rain. When they visited us, they found that the one of the two pumps at the pumping stations had broken which caused the water to back up in school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your understanding and swift collection of the children.



THANK YOU!

Thank you for your support to the events

of last term. We managed to gather a wonderful selection of good to send to the



Ramsey Food Bank after our Harvest Festival.

The choir sang beautifully at the Ramsey St Mary's church for their harvest celebration. It was a good practice for them as they will be busy singing at the Ramsey Rural Museum and in the Ramsey town centre for the official light switch on.



Last term, there was much excitement at school when we were visited by two lorries. By



the end of the day, we had lots of



children aspiring to drive a heavy goods vehicle. This visit was able to happen through the links of a parent.

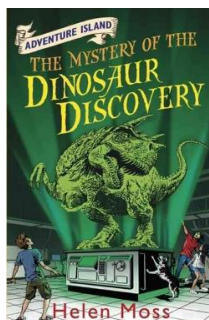




We always enjoy learning about different careers so if you would like to come in and talk to the children about your career, please do get in touch with the office.

This half term we have a number of interesting things happening: author visits; KS2 trip to Duxford; whole school panto visit; NSPCC assemblies and workshops; KS1 Christmas production and all of the usual Christmas activities. Keep an eye on the calendar on the school website

Author visit:



We are lucky enough to have booked a visit from author, Helen Moss. She is coming to school for the day on **Friday 24th**

November.

She will be completing

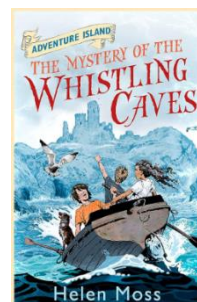
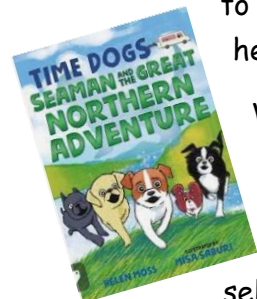
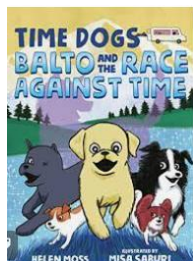
some writing workshops with each class and at the end of the day, she will be available

to sign copies of her books.

We have arranged for local book

seller to supply a 'pop

up' book shop. She will have a limited number of Helen Moss books for sale alongside some books by other authors. In order to ensure you are able to purchase a book by Helen Moss and get it signed on the day, you will have to opportunity to pre-order a book. Mrs Jenner will be in touch shortly with information on how to do this.



Helen Moss writes books for a variety of ages

which makes her particularly suitable to visit our school. Here are some of her collection:



Parents Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the first parents evening. This meeting will be to discuss how your child has settled into school this year and their general progress. Our Chair of Governors, Joan Morters, will be present and available to talk to if you have any comments or concerns as will I.

Attendance

As we approach the winter months, the children are more susceptible to coughs



and colds. We want to encourage children to come into school as much as possible in order to achieve their best. If you are unsure if your child should stay a home, please follow this link for some helpful government advice. [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Opening Times Just a polite reminder that the gates open at 8.40am in the morning. Lessons start at 8.45am promptly. Now the EYFS children are all settled in, we would love to have everyone in between 8.40 and 8.45am. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



Online safety / WhatsApp groups

Please read the leaflet attached to the newsletter which gives you some guidance on keeping children safe online. Every year, we deal with issues with children who are using platforms such as Whatsapp and snapchat. Whilst we do recommend parents take note of the age recommendations for these sites, we understand the pressures faced by you as parents and the children. Please read the leaflet carefully and look at the following sites for further information and guidance.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

FOA Upcoming Events -

3rd Nov - Halloween Disco 5.30-7pm including a bring in your own carved pumpkin competition

5th Dec - Theatre trip to watch the Aladdin Pantomime. Transport paid for by FOA

Dec TBC - Christmas Disco 5.30-7pm



Autumn Term PE days

Penguin (EYFS) - Wednesday

Dolphin & Penguin Yr1 -

Monday

Koala - Wednesday

Bears - Tuesday

Sea Otter - Thursday - Swimming lessons are

from Thursday 2nd

November until the 14th

December. Any donations

towards transport are

gratefully received as the

fee has so drastically gone up, but we still need to include this as part of the curriculum.



Ashbeach Christmas Fayre Non-uniform day

We are hosting our annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday the 25th November to help raise funds for our children, and would like to ask for donations towards a raffle table in exchange for the children having a non-uniform day on 10th November. **This has changed date due to it being Children In Need** If you have any suitable donations, please bring them into the office on the 10th November. Thank you in advance!

Children In Need
Dress Up Day - Friday
17th November

Please come to school dressed in something



spotty or in non-uniform for a £1 donation that will go directly to the BBC's Children In Need Appeal



We are delighted to let parents know that we have been re-awarded the Rainbow Flag Award for another 2 years. We first achieved the award Mrs Challinor leading the application and we all felt the value of award so have continued the work. The Rainbow Flag Award is a national quality assurance framework for all schools and youth-centred organisations. The award focuses on positive LGBT+, (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, plus other related identities), inclusion and visibility. The Rainbow Flag Award encourages a whole organisation approach to LGBT+ inclusion, as well as developing strategies to effectively challenge and combat LGBTphobic bullying. The work fits perfectly within our HEART values and our commitment to Learning for Life to be the Best we can possibly be. During the process of revalidation, Bethan Rees from the Kite Trust spent an afternoon at Ashbeach and spoke to children, staff and governors. You can find

more information about the Kite Trust
www.thekitetrust.org.uk .

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



10 Nov	Non-uniform Day for raffle donations
13 Nov	FOA Parents Meeting 6pm
14 Nov	New EYFS Open Morning 9.30 - 10.30am
14 Nov	Library Bus for Dolphins & Koalas
16 Nov	New EYFS Open Evening 4 - 5pm
17 Nov	Children In Need Day - spots or non-uniform dress up
24 Nov	Helen Moss - Author Visit for whole school, books on sale
25 Nov	Ashbeach Christmas Fayre
29 Nov	KS2 Trip to Duxford
30 Nov	Flu Nasal Vaccinations
05 Dec	FOA Pantomime Trip
Dec	FOA Christmas Disco
12 Dec	Library Bus for Dolphins & Koalas



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 <small>*Exact times may be subject to change</small>
MARCH & WISBECH On alternating Thursdays, 6-8pm, Ages 13-25	

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

DECORATE A PUMPKIN

COMPETITION

50p entry

PRIZES FOR THE BEST PUMPKIN!

Please bring decorated pumpkins in on the morning of Friday 3rd November!

GOOD LUCK!

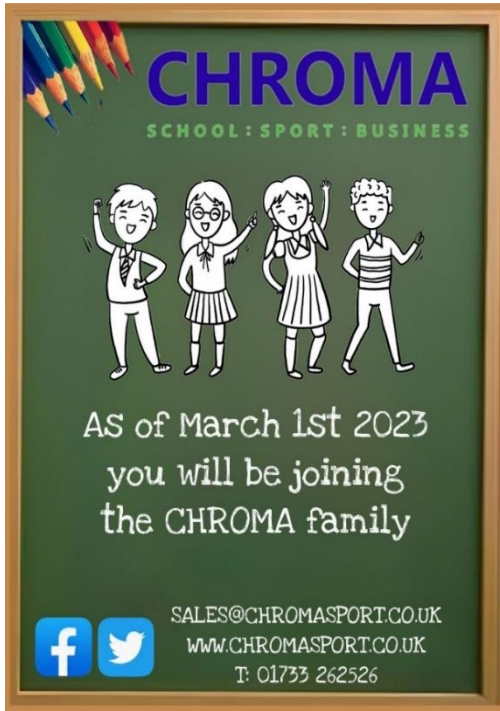
Diary Dates

2023


02 Nov	Swimming Starts in Sea Otters
03 Nov	FOA Halloween Disco 5.30-7pm
08 Nov	Parents Evening
09 Nov	Parents Evening

19 Dec	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumpers Day
20 Dec	Last day of term
04 Jan	Teacher Training Day
05 Jan	Start of Spring Term
11 Jan	Swimming starts for Yr 5



16 Jan Young Voices Concert at the O2
18 Jan Favourites for Lunch Day
19 - 23 Feb Half Term



CHROMA
SCHOOL : SPORT : BUSINESS



AS of March 1st 2023
you will be joining
the CHROMA family

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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