



# The Ashbeach News

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Dear Parents and carers

September came in with a heatwave and is being chased away by autumn winds! The month has flown by for us and we are so pleased with how the children have settled.



## Reading

On Wednesday 27th, we had a local authority English advisor in school to look at our reading provision. She was really impressed with how reading is being taught across the school and with our dedication to promote reading for pleasure. The children were calm and focused across the school without exception and I was really proud of them. Thank you with your support in encouraging your children to read at home. Sharing books is the most important way to support your children to make progress in all areas.



## Celebration Assembly

During Friday's assembly, we take the time to find out how the children are doing towards their class treat; who has received a positive note and what for and we celebrate children who have shown the school value of the week. I would also like the children to have the opportunity to celebrate any out of school achievements. Please encourage your child to share their successes with us and bring in any certificates/ medals etc on a Friday to share with the school.



## 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.



## Homework

I am happy to hear some positive feedback with regard to the homework changes. As a reminder, each child should read every evening to an adult if possible, play Spelling Shed games and play TTRS. I recommend 20 minutes of reading, 10 minutes of spelling shed and 10 minutes of TTRS nightly. If your child is not ready to read for 20 minutes (EYFS/ Y1) then I recommend they read to you for ten minutes and then you read a story aloud to them at a different time.

## Tempest Photography Session

The Tempest photographer will be visiting school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 8am. He will be taking individual photos as well as siblings. There will also be an option for Pre-school children to join us and have theirs done too!

The photos will be available to buy online, details of how will follow shortly after,



## "Our Favourite's" Lunch

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, we will be having a "Our Favourite's" for lunch. The kitchen will be making all our favourite meals for everyone to enjoy. This also coincides with our census day, so any children who have dinner on this day generates extra funding for the school. This is super important so that we can put more resources back into the curriculum.



## Keeping children safe online

We all have a part to play in keeping children safe online. Find out how with our online safety guides.

### 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/>



## TT Rockstars - update app

It's important that children use the latest versions of the app and website to ensure they receive the most secure, feature-rich and enjoyable experience of Times Tables Rock Stars. Some of the versions are so far behind that they're missing out on key updates. **Solution (if they're playing at home) please ask parents to visit:** [www.play.ttrockstars.com/reset](http://www.play.ttrockstars.com/reset) to load the latest version in their device's browser. Alternatively, you update the Times Tables Rock Stars app from the app store.



## FOA Upcoming Events -

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

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

8<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Disco 5.30-7pm



## Parents Evenings

These will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November between 3.30pm - 7pm. Bookings will open on the 31<sup>st</sup> October (after the half term break). This is an opportunity to discuss progress with your child's teacher.



## Harvest Festival

Mrs Goater and the Ashbeach Choir will be singing at Ramsey St Mary's Church on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 11am. Please feel free to join them at the service. We will be collecting non-perishable foods to donate to the Ramsey Food Bank, any donation welcome.



## Swimming

Sea Otters will be starting swimming lessons as their weekly PE sessions starting from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. More details about transport costs will follow shortly.



## Ashbeach Christmas Fayre Non-uniform day

We are hosting our annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> November. If you have any suitable donations, please bring them into the office on the 17<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you in advance!



# Ashbeach School Christmas Fayre

We are hosting a  
Christmas fayre!

Saturday, 25th November  
from 11am-2:30pm

*Lots of local business stalls!  
Hope to see you all there!*

Ashbeach Primary School, Ashbeach Drove,  
Ramsey St Mary's, Huntingdon PE26 2TG



## Autumn Term PE days

Penguin (EYFS) - Wednesday  
Dolphin & Penguin Yr1 -  
Monday  
Koala - Wednesday  
Bears - Tuesday  
Sea Otter - Thursday



Please make sure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on their class day. Every



child must also bring in a clear drinks bottle where its contents can be seen. Water bottles are still not available in school yet as they have not replaced the hazardous lids.



Thank you, as always, for your support!

Mrs Danielle Smith & the Ashbeach Team



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## HONESTY

- We have integrity
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- 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

### 2023

05 Oct	Our Favourites for Lunch
09 Oct	Tempest Photography in school
09 Oct	Lorry Visit for KS1
17 Oct	Library Bus for Dolphins & Koalas
23 - 27 Oct	Oct Half Term
30 Oct	Teacher Training Day
31 Oct	Autumn Term continues
02 Nov	Swimming Starts in Sea Otters
03 Nov	FOA Halloween Disco 5.30-7pm
08 Nov	Parents Evening
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14 Nov	Library Bus for Dolphins & Koalas
17 Nov	Non-uniform Day for raffle donations
25 Nov	Ashbeach Christmas Fayre
29 Nov	KS2 Trip to Duxford
30 Nov	Flu Nasal Vaccinations
05 Dec	FOA Pantomime Trip
08 Dec	FOA Christmas Disco
12 Dec	Library Bus for Dolphins & Koalas
20 Dec	Last day of term
04 Jan	Teacher Training Day
05 Jan	Start of Spring Term

## School holiday and term dates

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

### Professional Days

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023  
 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
 Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

### Bank Holidays

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

# RUN FOR FUN WEEK



MONDAY 16TH - FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER

## WHO FOR?

Open to all primary-age children with a focus on engaging your least active children. The event is fully inclusive with children encouraged to run, walk, scoot, roll or pedal.

## INTENT

The aim of this event is to foster social connections and promote enjoyment and wellbeing.

## FORMAT

Children love being outside with their friends, so the idea of the Run For Fun Week gives them extra motivation to be active by encouraging them to take on a running challenge with friends. There is a challenge that's just right for everyone whether you want to take part as a whole school, a class or even ask children to set themselves an individual challenge or a challenge with friends for the week. Every school is different with many already doing the Daily Mile and some with established running tracks so it's up to you to decide how to get involved in the Run For Fun Week but we hope most schools make it a whole school event with all staff and pupils getting on board.

## FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER

On the Friday of Run For Fun Week we will be setting a challenge to see how many schools, children and staff we can get running for a total of 10mins at any point during the school day so why not get your whole school involved and help us set a Partnership record.

## AWARDS

We would like to encourage children to take part in this event whilst embracing the Spirit of the Games values of determination, teamwork, passion and self-belief and will be providing schools with certificates to award to those children who best demonstrate these values throughout the week.



Ramsey St Mary's Church  
**HARVEST**  
*Festival*

SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER  
11AM

With Ashbeach School Choir

# OAK ACTIVITIES OCTOBER 2023 MULTISPORT CAMP



## WHEN

Mon 23rd - Fri 27th October 2023  
9am - 4pm

## WHERE

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