



# The Ashbeach News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is the end of another month already and our thoughts are beginning to turn to Christmas. However, as we look back on November, we have lots of exciting news to share.

## Phonics

In our last newsletter, we shared that we were working hard to embed the teaching of the phonics program Little Wandle. We invited the English Hub to come in and see the progress that we have made. They were impressed with our provision and agreed that we needed additionally reading material for the scheme. Fortunately, they agreed to fund the purchase of multiple guided reading sets, totaling £6000!

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



## KS1 Library and KS2 Graphic novels

We have worked hard in school to create a pleasant reading area and an accessible non-fiction area for key stage 1. We have created a calming jungle area with comfy seating which the children have already enjoyed using. Friends of Ashbeach (FOA) have

agreed to use £2000 of the funds you have all raised, to buy some non-fiction books for the area. Additionally, we plan to purchase some Graphic Novels specifically for Key stage 2 - these texts are very popular and appeal to both reluctant and keen readers. Thank you so much to FOA for raising the funds and to all parents and carers for their support and contribution.



## Tiny Forest



Last week, we were fortunate enough to plant our own 'Tiny Forest'! The company Earth Watch prepared the ground and demonstrated to each class how to plant their trees. Overall, we planted 600 trees. We had some special visitors to come and see the project in action: the King's representative Deputy Lieutenant Mrs Sue Freestone and the Mayor of Ramsey; Councillor Roger Brereton. They were impressed with the children's enthusiasm and hard work.



## Children in Need



Thank you for your contributions for the Children in Need non-uniform / spotty day. We raised £133.02!!

## Parking

We continue to have congestion issues caused by parents and residents parking on the corner of Ashbeach Drive. Please park considerately to allow enough room for vehicles to maneuver in and out of the junction.



## Trip to the Gurdwara

Key Stage two were lucky enough to visit the Gurwara in Peterborough last week. During the visit they learnt about how a Sikh practices their faith. It was a fantastic learning experience for the children and they were really well behaved.



## English Challenge

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> November, four year-sixes, Danielle, Lily, Alfie and Harry, took part in a local authority English Challenge. They competed against several other schools in the county and came FIRST in their round! This enabled them to be entered into the next round which took place in Cambridge. The children did brilliantly and were runners up in this round. We are so proud of them.



## Swimming

The year 6 children have finished their swimming for the year. They all worked very hard and received a certificate in assembly for their achievement. Bears start their swimming sessions on the 1<sup>st</sup> Dec for 6 weeks.



## Governors

We currently have some vacancies on our governing board. If you, or anyone you know, has the time and the skills to support the school in this capacity, please contact the school office. If you would like an informal chat to see what is involved, we can arrange a call with a current governor or a member of staff who sit on the governing board.



## Forest School

To ensure that the children get a broad and balanced curriculum with adequate time allocated for each subject, we are changing our approach to Forest School. Instead of having a timetabled session of forest school each week, Key stage 1 (All year 1 and 2 children) will weave outdoor learning into multiple subjects. This way, the children can enjoy the environment of The Common when learning about Science, Geography, Art and many other subjects. Children in EYFS will continue to have a weekly timetabled slot as they follow a different curriculum which benefits from this regular session. KS2 remains unchanged.



Thank you for your support!  
Mrs D Smith and the Ashbeach team.

## Diary Dates

### 2022

02 Dec	FOA Cake Sale
07 Dec	Catch-up Flu Vaccine Session
07 Dec	Open the Book Assembly
09 Dec	KS1 Christmas Unwrapped
14 Dec	Visual Screening for yrR & yr1
15 Dec	Christmas Performance 1.45pm
	FOA Christmas Raffle
	Christmas Performance 6.30pm
	FOA Christmas Raffle
16 Dec	Christmas Performance 9.30am
	FOA Christmas Raffle
19 Dec	Christingle at Church 1.15pm- parent walkers needed
20 Dec	Christmas jumpers, parties & lunch

### 2023

04 Jan	Teacher Training Day
05 Jan	Start of Spring Term
25 Jan	Open the Book Assembly
13 - 17 Feb	February Half Term
20 Feb	Spring Term continues
24 Feb	Whole School Theatre Show
02 Mar	World Book Day
17 Mar	Ladies in School
21 Mar	Yr R/6 Height & Weight Checks
03 - 14 Apr	Easter Holidays
17 Apr	Teacher Training Day
18 Apr	Start of Summer Term
01 May	Bank Holiday
08 May	Extra Bank Holiday for King Charles Coronation
23 May	Red Nose Day
29 - 02 Jun	May Half Term
05 Jun	Summer Term continues
16 Jun	Gents in School
19 Jul	Last Day of Term





To Sharon Hansford for continuing to organise and sell all the pre-loved school uniform. She has brought in a fantastic £150.00 which will benefit all children with extra resources.

## FOA CHRISTMAS CAKE SALE FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER



FOA are holding a cake sale during break time and after school on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Any donations of cakes would be very much appreciated can be brought into school on Friday morning.

All proceeds go directly to Ashbeach Primary School.

Thank you for your continued support.



### WEEK ONE

Served Week Commencing: • 2022: 31 October, 21 November, 12 December • 2023: 5 January, 23 January, 20 February, 13 March

**MONDAY**  
BBQ Dusted Chicken with Rice  
Italian Pasta Bake (Ve) with Crusty Bread  
  
CHILLED OPTION:  
Cheese Baguette (V)  
  
Jacket Potato with various toppings

**TUESDAY**  
Mediterranean Roll with Potato Wedges (Ve)  
Macaroni Cheese (V) with Garlic Bread  
  
CHILLED OPTION:  
Egg Roll (V)  
  
Jacket Potato with various toppings

**WEDNESDAY**  
Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing  
Sausages in Yorkshire Pudding (V) with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta  
  
CHILLED OPTION:  
Chicken Mayo Wrap  
  
Jacket Potato with various toppings

**THURSDAY**  
Cottage Pie  
Quorn Burger in a Bun (V) with Diced Potatoes  
  
CHILLED OPTION:  
Ham Roll (V)  
  
Jacket Potato with various toppings

**FRIDAY**  
Battered Fish  
Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) with Oven Chips or Pasta  
  
CHILLED OPTION:  
Tuna Sandwich  
  
Jacket Potato with various toppings

### PUPILS' CHOICE EXTRA MENU

WINTER/  
SPRING  
2022/23

### WEEK TWO

Served Week Commencing: • 2022: 7 November, 28 November, 19 December • 2023: 9 January, 30 January, 27 February, 20 March

**MONDAY**  
Pork Sausages in Gravy with Creamed Potatoes  
Cheese & Veg Pasties with Diced Potatoes (V)  
  
CHILLED OPTION:  
Tuna Sandwich  
  
Jacket Potato with various toppings

**TUESDAY**  
Chicken Pie with Herby Potatoes  
Mild Vegetable Curry (Ve) with Rice  
  
CHILLED OPTION:  
Ham Roll  
  
Jacket Potato with various toppings

**WEDNESDAY**  
Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding  
Lentil Roast (V) with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta  
  
CHILLED OPTION:  
Chicken Mayo Wrap  
  
Jacket Potato with various toppings

**THURSDAY**  
Quorn Hot Dog (V)  
Roasted Vegetable Lasagne (V) with Garlic Bread with Potato Wedges or Pasta  
  
CHILLED OPTION:  
Cheese Baguette (V)  
  
Jacket Potato with various toppings

**FRIDAY**  
Crispy Coated Salmon  
Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) with Oven Chips or Pasta  
  
CHILLED OPTION:  
Egg Roll (V)  
  
Jacket Potato with various toppings

### WEEK THREE

Served Week Commencing: • 2022: 14 November, 5 December • 2023: 16 January, 6 February, 6 March, 27 March

**MONDAY**  
Vegballs in Homemade Tomato Sauce (Ve) with Pasta  
Cheese Pinwheel (V) with Diced Potatoes  
  
CHILLED OPTION:  
Egg Roll (V)  
  
Jacket Potato with various toppings

**TUESDAY**  
Mild Chicken Curry with Rice  
Omelette, Grilled Tomatoes and Baked Beans (V) with Potato Wedges  
  
CHILLED OPTION:  
Ham Roll  
  
Jacket Potato with various toppings

**WEDNESDAY**  
Roast Pork with Sage and Onion Stuffing  
Tomato Bolognese (Ve) with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta  
  
CHILLED OPTION:  
Cheese Baguette (V)  
  
Jacket Potato with various toppings

**THURSDAY**  
Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges  
Cheese, Potato and Broccoli Bake (V)  
  
CHILLED OPTION:  
Chicken Mayo Wrap  
  
Jacket Potato with various toppings

**FRIDAY**  
Fish Fillet Fingers  
Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) with Oven Chips or Pasta  
  
CHILLED OPTION:  
Tuna Sandwich  
  
Jacket Potato with various toppings

Freshly baked bread, seasonal vegetables and bowl salads are available daily • Gravy and Custard are always available separately when on the menu • All our milk is organic - fresh from the dairy (V) = Vegetarian (Ve) = Vegan

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## 2023/2024 academic year

	Starts	Ends
<b>Autumn term begins</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
<b>Autumn half term</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
<b>Autumn term continues</b>	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2023	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
<b>Christmas holiday</b>	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024
<b>Spring term begins</b>	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>Spring half term</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2024
<b>Spring term continues</b>	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
<b>Easter holiday</b>	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
<b>Summer term begins</b>	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
<b>Summer half term</b>	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
<b>Summer term continues</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024
<b>Summer holiday</b>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</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 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 B/H
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

