



The Ashbeach News

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The conkers have fallen, the playground is covered in leaves, the wind has picked up and everyone has a cold: it must be time for October half term! It has been a long, busy and fun half-term!



I feel very grateful that I have lots of reasons to extend my thanks this half term! So here goes:

Over the weekend and on Monday at school, we have celebrated Harvest. Thank you for everyone that was able to attend. Special thanks to Mrs Goater for organizing the school choir to sing at the church. I was unable to attend but I am told they did a brilliant job. They also did a super job leading the singing in our in school harvest celebrations.



Thank you for attending parent's evening last week. I am very grateful that we have such supportive parents and a high turnout at parent's evening is a good example of this. Both evenings felt very positive and the teachers were largely able to keep to time. Thank you for your understanding with this. The teachers and I are always here if you wish to

have any further discussions about your child. Just contact the school office if you wish to arrange this.



Thank you to the parents and friends of Ashbeach who continue to donate their time and resources in order to improve our grounds. We have a lovely new



summer house in the pond area and we've had a generous donation of rubber chippings to enable the children to play within the trees in the millennium garden throughout the muddier months. Our Chair of Governors, Joan Morters, has donated her time to removing the seed trees in the 'tiny forest'. We hope to be able to let the children play in this area soon as the trees that they planted in October 2022 are sturdier.



Our Chair of Governors, Joan Morters, has also extended her generosity by donating funds to allow the children to select numerous books for their classroom.

KAPLA® Clubs UK



In addition to this, she has paid for badges to be made that were designed by the children. These badges will be awarded to children who have made improvements in their handwriting.



We have been amazed by the generosity of parents who have donated money to enable other children to have swimming lessons. On behalf of those children, I would like to express sincere gratitude.



Thank you to all parents that support the events organised by Friends of Ashbeach. Some of the money raised paid for the KAPLA construction event in school last week. It was a huge success, all the children demonstrated patience, resilience and skill in their contribution to the design.



Scholastic Book Fair

Another big thank you to everyone who visited the book fair, we raised a fantastic £464.14 for us to spend on new books for in school!!



Changes

We have a number of changes happening behind the scenes in school. We are updating our finance and data systems at the moment. This will be beneficial in the long run but we appreciate your patience while we get used to the new systems.

We have also updated our school website. We hope to update it more frequently and use it as a point of communication and information for parents. Check it out at the usual address or follow this link www.ashbeachprimary.co.uk. If there is something you would like to be included on the website, please email your ideas in to us.

Celebration assembly

Every Friday, we have a celebration assembly where we celebrate the special people of the week, focus on our school values and success towards them and hand out school certificates. We also give the children an opportunity to bring in something or talk about any outside achievements. If your child takes part in an extra-curricular activity, we would love to hear about it. It could be sporting certificates, brownie badges, competition wins or taking part in a one-off challenge. Anything that requires dedication, effort and resilience would be great to celebrate.

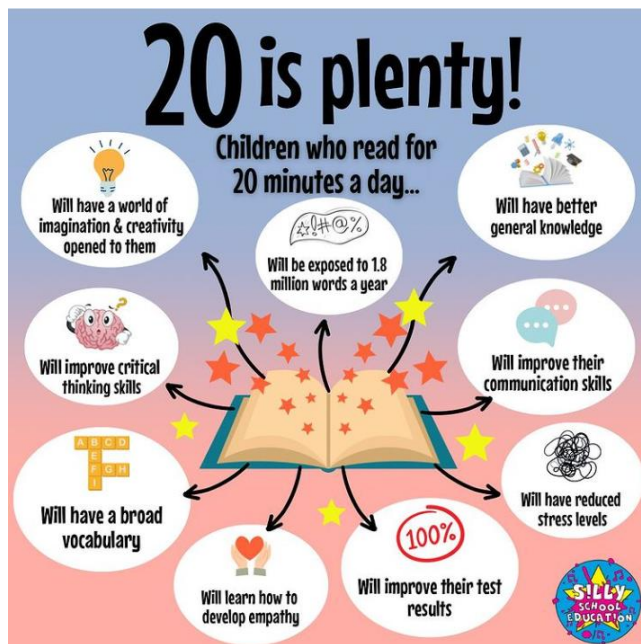


New Menu

From Monday 4th November, there will be a new dinnertime menu

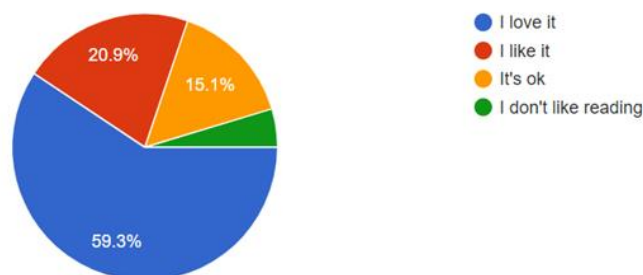
that will run through to the Easter holidays. Please visit our website to see the new options or pick up a paper copy from the office. Parents are invited to visit the HCL website to browse their healthy minds brochure:

<https://www.hcl.co.uk/feedinghealthyminds>



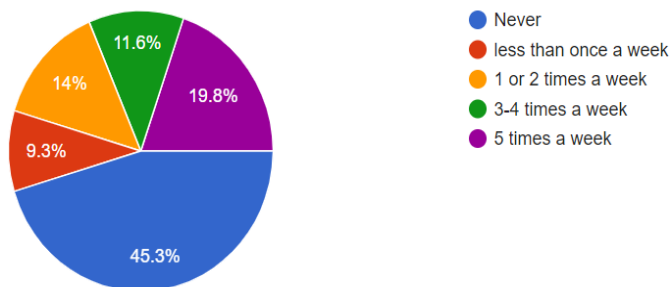
Reading survey:

This week the children completed a survey about reading. We are really happy that the children are really showing a love for reading. Only 4 children said they didn't like it and a huge 59.3% said they loved reading.



63% of children said that they read to an adult either often or every day. Thank you for your help with this. It gives them the crucial time to practice that they need to become fluent readers.

When asked how often an adult reads to them at home, we got the following results:



We know that there are huge benefits to reading regularly to children:

'There can be few things as powerful as regularly reading to a young child. It has astonishing benefits for children: comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness and fun. Giving a child time and full attention when reading them a story tells them they matter. It builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination and even improves their sleeping patterns.' (National Literacy Trust).

To encourage everyone to get reading together, we would like to create a new display in school of photos of children sharing a book at home with loved ones. Next time you are reading with your child, get someone to take a photo and email it in to us. Alternatively, you could print it out and send it in with your child. Thank you in anticipation.



Family Support Meetings for All Families
 Specialist Family Support Worker online meeting being held on Tuesday 19th November at 9.30am. QR code to follow to book a slot.
 Please come along for a coffee and chat afternoon with Ms Hawke and Danielle Tetherton – our local Family Support worker on Thursday 21st November 2.30pm in the Barn.



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

2024

- 28 Oct -01 Nov Half Term Break
04 Nov School term starts
07 Nov Swimming starts for yr5 & 6
11 Nov Anti-Bullying week
11 Nov Armistice Day
12 Nov ODD SOCKS day
15 Nov Children in Need Day
19 Nov Dolphin & Koala Library Bus visit
21 Nov Coffee & chat opportunity with our local family support worker, 2.30pm
25 Nov Flu Vaccinations yrR – 6, 12.30 – 3pm
12 Dec KS1 Christmas Production, afternoon 1.45pm
13 Dec KS1 Christmas Production, morning 9.30am
16 Dec Christingle Service, 1.30pm at Ramsey St Marys Church, all welcome to walk and join us
17 Dec Dolphin & Koala Library Bus visit
18 Dec Christmas Jumpers & Christmas dinner day
20 Dec End of Term – non-uniform, class parties

2025

- 06 Jan Teacher Training Day
07 Jan Start of Spring Term
21 Jan Young Voices Concert at the O2
21 Jan Dolphin & Koala Library Bus visit
17 – 21 Feb Half term holiday
18 Feb Library Bus visit
24 Feb Teacher Training Day
25 Feb Back to school
06 Mar World Book Day
07 – 16 Mar British Science Week
18 Mar Dolphin & Koala Library Bus visit
07 – 21 Apr Easter Holidays
15 Apr Library Bus visit
22 Apr Start of Summer Term
24 Apr Tempest – class photos
05 May Bank holiday – school closed
12 – 15 May Year 6 SAT's week
20 May Dolphin & Koala Library Bus visit
26 – 31 May Half term holiday
02 Jun Teacher Training Day
03 Jun Back to school
17 Jun Dolphin & Koala Library Bus visit
30 – 01 Jul YR5/6 Grafham Waters Residential
02 Jul Yr R Vision Screening session
15 Jul Dolphin & Koala Library Bus visit
23 Jul Last Day of Term
24 Jul Summer Holidays start

Your Education Inclusion Family Advisor



Danielle Tetherton

Education Inclusion Family Advisors offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed and confidential environment. These areas include:

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence
- Any other family challenges you might be facing

As Education Inclusion Family Advisors, we offer support in various ways:

- 1:1 sessions
- Workshops on specific topics
- Attending school events
- Signposting to other services

Please note: Currently our service is continuing to support families virtually, however, we can also offer face-to-face support when needed.

To access our service consent form, for support please use link below or scan the QR code

<https://forms.office.com/e/181EDrHG>



For more information speak to your school office or contact us directly on:
✉ danielle.tetherton@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

St Thomas a Becket Church

Lego Café

Come and get creative and
enjoy a snack and a drink

**3rd Saturday of every month
2.30-4pm in the Scout Hut**

**No need to book, just drop in!
Entry free :)
Small cost for refreshments**





RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL NATURE DAY

Wednesday 30th October
King George V Playing Field (Park Road Field)
10am - 12noon

JOIN THE MAYOR AND OTHERS FOR
A FUN FILLED TIME IN NATURE.

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

- Help to plant some bulbs
- Positioning of the bird and bat boxes
- Make a bird feeder
- Nature Activity Sheets



Huntingdonshire DISTRICT COUNCIL   **FREE TO ATTEND**



SIGN UP TO OUR

HALLOWEEN MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP

SINGING, DANCING, ACTING

30 OCTOBER AGES 9-15
9:30-3:30PM

Ramsey Mereside
Village Hall
www.scarr.mymusicstaff.com

£28 PER CHILD
£25 CURRENT SCAMP MEMBERS
SIBLING DISCOUNT OFFERED

AUTUMN NATURE MOBILES FAMILY WORKSHOPS

Tuesday 29th October
2x Workshops - 10:30am to 12:00pm and 1:30pm to 3:00pm

Explore autumn nature in the museum garden and create your own mobile using a mix of natural and nature-inspired craft materials.

£15.00 for 2 at a table, £21.00 for 3 at a table,
£26.00 for 4 at a table

Tickets numbers include adults - making their own creations!
(there must be at least one adult per table)
Aimed at children aged 5+

Limited places - online booking essential
<https://the-norris-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>



 **THE NORRIS MUSEUM**
Wherever Your Curiosity Takes You

norrismuseum.org.uk
01480 497314
41 The Broadway, St Ives PE27 5BX



HEDGEHUGS FAMILY STORY TIME

Friday 1st November
10:30am to 12:00pm

Listen to lovely Hedgehugs stories, written by Lucy Tapper and Steve Wilson. Make a clay hedgehog to take home and choose a sock for them to wear (once dry) from the washing line. Search for the hedgehogs hidden in socks around the museum.

£7.50 for 1 child, £14.00 for 2 children, £18.00 for 3 children

Aimed at children aged 3+ but everyone is welcome
One accompanying adult to every three children required

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