



DREAM

Determined risk takers who want to succeed
Resilient and respectful learners
Expressive communicators
Ambitious achievers, unafraid of mistakes
Magic happens when you dream

Inset days 2019-2020

Dec 20th (Friday) 2019

January 6th (Monday) 2020

February 24th (Monday) 2020

July 10th (Friday) 2020

Message from the Principal, Mrs Paula Baines-Chambers:

What a superb start to the academic year we have had at Ashwood. The children have demonstrated their DREAM behaviours, welcoming lots of new families into our school. We only have a few spaces left in our Early Years and in Year 1. We hit the ground running with some fantastic learning experiences across school; if you don't follow us, please visit our Twitter where you will see these great experiences showcased - **@ashwood_spencer**

Thank you for supporting our expectations and sending your child / children in the correct school uniform. Please take the opportunity to purchase new school shoes over the half term if needed, trainers are not acceptable.

A big thank you to all our dedicated staff for their hard work this half term. Also, a big thank you to our PTFA for your on-going commitment, support and for a cracking Halloween disco - we appreciate the experiences and memories you are facilitating for our children!

I wish you all a wonderful, safe half term.

Paula Baines-Chambers



Dream assemblies:

We invite you to the following DREAM assemblies and celebrations...

Wednesday 23rd October –

9:00am—Foundation Stage DREAM assembly

9:45am—Year 2 DREAM assembly

10:30am – DREAM assembly followed by parent crafts session

Friday 25th October -

9:00am—Year 3 DREAM assembly and
2:00pm for a museum exhibition

10:40am—Year 4 DREAM assembly

11:15am—Year 6 DREAM assembly

2:40pm—Year 5 DREAM assembly

Pantomime:

Last years visit to the pantomime was a huge success and it was a delight to see so many happy, excited faces!

We are delighted to announce that once again, years 1-6 will be visiting the pantomime on **Thursday 12th December**.

This years pantomime is Peter Pan.

More details will be sent home closer to the time.



Car parking:

To help keep all our children safe, may we request that if possible, each family commits to walking to school as much as possible. Thank you to all parents / carers who are already parking safely in the side streets further away from school and then walking to us. This makes it much easier and safer for our school and our neighbours.

We have been in touch with the local PCSOs to help with the current situation. If you wish to raise any concerns regarding parking, please may we request you contact Derby Highways Agency. We hope our collective voice will make a positive difference.

We are also looking to hold a meeting in school, with the support of our PTFA and local PCSOs—please keep a look out for this date.

Bicycles and Scooters:

A gentle reminder for children not to cycle or scoot in the playground. The Spencer Academies Trust, of which we are part, encourage all children coming to school on their cycles and scooters to wear a helmet. Thank you.

Absence:

A reminder that if your child is absent from school, you must **contact school** to let us know the reason for the absence. If we haven't heard from you and are unable to contact you, we have a duty of care, therefore are required to report this.

If you have recently changed your contact number, please can you update the office.

Term Time requests for Leave of Absence:

We have had a lot of LOA requests recently. ALL term time holidays are unauthorised and could incur a fine of £60 per child, per parent. This is not our rule but the Local Authorities rule, Ashwood do not see any of this fine.

All notification of plans to take LOA should be made in writing and addressed to Mrs Baines-Chambers. These can be handed in at the office or given to Mrs Baines-Chambers or Miss Walker in the morning.

All children that are absent are followed up and if we believe that a holiday has been taken in term time without notification we still go ahead with the penalty notice.

Medical Appointments

We can only agree to this if the appointment **is for the child and we have proof**, either appointment card / letter or text. Generally, a full day should not be taken to attend a medical appointment, time dependent, your child can attend school and be signed out and back in again. We are not able to authorise absence or an early collection if the appointment is for the parent / carer.