



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 2020-21

Friday 23rd October 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 22nd February 2021

Friday 9th July 2021

Message from the Principal, Mrs Paula Baines-Chambers:

I can not believe that we have nearly reached the half term holiday!

I am incredibly proud of the attitude that the pupils have consistently demonstrated this half term.

On returning to school, some things have been different for our children, yet they have remained resilient and true DREAMers. The staff have worked hard to ensure there is consistency, engaging learning opportunities, which are shared on our Twitter and also learning packs available for children who are unable to attend due to having to self-isolate. Our children's well-being has continued to be our priority.

We are continually looking to improve Ashwood and create an environment that is the best it can be for our children. Over the summer we had some work completed - we now have new tables and chairs in all classrooms and coat cupboards in the corridors. Please can you ensure that your child does not bring a large rucksack type bag to school, a book bag is all that is required.

We are soon going to be offering 30hours as part of our Nursery provision. If you are interested in your child accessing this, please can you inform one of our office team.

I wish you all a restful and safe half term.

Mrs Baines-Chambers

Thank you for helping to support 'World Mental Health Day'. We were pleased to have raised £140.68



Upcoming events:

Week beginning 16th November; we will be participating in the National Anti-bullying week - 'United against bullying'. Further information will be shared after half term.

School uniform:

- Royal blue sweatshirt
- Black or grey trousers, or knee-length skirt
- White polo shirt
- White, black or grey socks / tights
- Flat BLACK school shoes **Trainers are not acceptable**
- Blue and white striped or checked dresses for summer
- Black or grey trouser shorts

PE Kits:

- White T Shirt
- Blue or black shorts
- Black pumps and **trainers for outdoor PE**
- Sweater for **outdoor PE**
- Navy or black track suit bottoms for **outdoor PE**

Safeguarding:

A notice to parents to be vigilant when children are using mobile phones, computers, tablets etc. at home. We are mindful at school of potential dangers when children are online. Please remind your child of the need to be safe when using these devices. **Please also ensure that the apps / sites are age appropriate.** Unfortunately we are seeing an increase in incidents involving social media that are taking place out of school.

Age restrictions - TikTok is 12+ years with parental guidance, Snapchat, Facebook and Instagram are all 13+ years and WhatsApp is 16years.

A note of people in school to speak to if you have any concerns for the safeguarding of children. **Key people with safeguarding responsibilities are Miss Morgan Baines (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Sharon Mayer (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) and Mrs Paula Baines–Chambers (Principal) and Mrs Kim Smith (Vice Principal).**

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance is currently 94%. This is below what we expect as our minimum target is 97%. May we take this opportunity to remind you again that children should be in school every day and on time! If you are unsure if your child should be in school due to Covid-19, please contact school and we will advise you. We are randomly generating and rewarding 2 pupils with 100% attendance for the term (when we break for Christmas) with a 'tablet' that will be theirs to keep.

If your child is absent it is YOUR responsibility to inform school. Absences are always unauthorised until we have been informed. You can now report your child's absence from school by calling our main number 348356 and choosing option 2.

Packed lunches:

As a health promoting school, we would just like to remind you that all packed-lunches should be a healthy, balanced lunch.

Fizzy pop is not allowed in school!

Healthy snacks:

Fruit is available for pupils in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2. Pupils in all other year groups can choose to bring a healthy snack to enjoy at break time.

Healthy Eating at Ashwood:



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Drop-off times:

We please ask for consideration for pedestrians when parents in cars are dropping off their children. If you live near to the school, please leave the car at home and walk to school to drop off and collect your child.

Also, a polite reminder to not arrive too early, please stick to the start of day time for your child. This will help to ensure that the pavements are not too congested and we are adhering to social distancing. Whilst waiting for the gates to open, please respect the property of our neighbours. Thank you.

Some of our learning celebrations...

