



DREAM

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

Remaining Inset days

2018-2019

Friday 21st December 2018

Monday 25th Feb 2019

Message from the Principal, Mrs Paula Baines-Chambers:

What a busy half term we have experienced in school! There have been some wonderful trips experienced by the pupils; creating magical, lifetime memories. We have also experienced Roman days to dissecting hearts! The Early Years and KS1 were busy preparing for their Christmas performance which we all thoroughly enjoyed; thank you for joining us!

Thank you to all the families who came along to support our Christmas Fayre, it was a lovely turnout.

Twitter is now our main social media platform for sharing all the amazing learning experiences that are happening at Ashwood #DREAMers. We are also pleased to inform you that our new website is up and running:

Twitter - @ashwood_spencer

Website - Ashwoodspencer.co.uk

Applications for a parent governor are now open, please see our website for more information.

As we near the end of the term, I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a restful, peaceful Christmas.

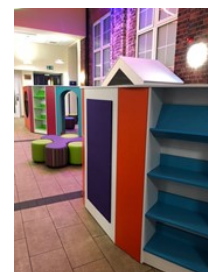
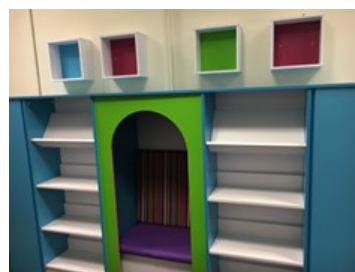
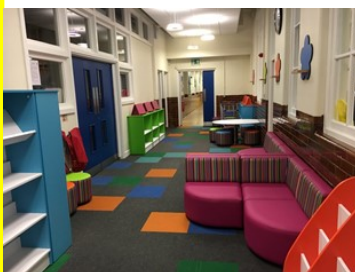
Christmas came early... investments for our pupils

Our children have worked extremely hard and have shown positive attitudes towards their learning so we felt that it was important to recognise this hard work.

As you will have seen, we have been having some work on our playgrounds over the past few weeks, thank you for your patience whilst the work was carried out. We are pleased that the new playground equipment is now ready for the children to use. We have two differing ability trim-trails, a 'jungle climber' and some outdoor gym equipment which will help to keep us busy and healthy!

We have also had three new library spaces installed inside school, to help us to continue to grow our love for reading!

Lastly, we are super excited for our visit to the pantomime this Wednesday.



Staffing changes:

We have a few staff updates: Mrs Kniveton and Mrs Bhatia will be leaving at the end of this term. We would like to thank them both for the commitment that they have given to the school over the past years and wish them both all the best.

Mrs Parkin will continue to teach Nick Sharratt class.

Class Dojo:

If you haven't already signed up, please see your child's class teacher for the log-in information. Class Dojo is a great way to communicate with parents - you can see how many Dojos your child has received linked to our DREAM expectations. It also allows you to message the class teacher.

Safety:

Just a reminder that pupils shouldn't be arriving to **breakfast club before 8:00am**.

Also, parents are responsible for **supervising their child until 8:45am** as teaching staff are in meetings.

Attendance:

We have set a **target of 97%** for our attendance. This is in-line with the National average. Please help us by ensuring your child is at school unless unwell and that they arrive on time each day. We want to reduce 'lost learning time' for our pupils; we are sharing the following information which is calculated over a school year.

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Every Minute Counts

Lateness = Lost Learning

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost

Requests for holidays during term time will not be authorised

Contact Information:

We have recently tried to contact some parents, only to find that the contact numbers are no longer available. From a safety point, we need to have **two contact names and numbers**. If you have recently changed your contact details, please can you pop into the office to ensure we have the correct details. We also now use a 'texting' service to send messages, so up to date numbers are also required to receive this information.