



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

Sept 6th (Friday) 2019

Dec 20th (Friday) 2019

January 6th (Monday) 2020

February 24th (Monday) 2020

July 10th (Friday) 2020

Message from the Principal, Mrs Paula Baines-Chambers:

Despite this half term being short, we have had a busy one! The year 2 and year 6 pupils have had their SATs tests. We have been extremely proud of the attitude that all the pupils have shown during these tests; they have been a credit to our school.

We have also been proud of the commitment and sportsmanship that our football team have shown throughout their participation in the 'Project Zao Power league', finishing 6th out of 12.

We are always looking at how we can further improve our school for the benefits of our children. We have just had a 'wetpour playground marking' area completed last Thursday. This will allow the children to keep busy at break and lunch and more importantly, keep their fitness levels going. We are in the process of getting quotes and designs for our Early Years outdoor space too... so watch this space.

Lastly, a thank you from me for your support, particularly the PTFA. We are looking forward to our second PTFA event, the school discos, this week.

Wishing you all a lovely half term,

Paula Baines-Chambers

Don't wait until you've
reached your goal to be
proud of yourself.

Be proud of every step
you take toward
reaching that goal.

Hello and goodbye...

We would like to welcome the following teachers to Ashwood:

Miss Ellison, who has been teaching Mr Quinlan's class during his absence.

Mr Billington, who started this half term and has taken on the role of Year Group Leader for Year 4.

Mr Millward, who joined us this week and has taken on the role of Year Group Leader for Year 6.

We also have a goodbye to say to Mrs Tunney. Mrs Tunney has worked at Ashwood for just over two years and has supported a lot of pupils and their families (and teachers) and will be greatly missed by everyone.

We would like to thank Mrs Tunney for the hard work and commitment she has given to the school and the care that she has shown. We are excited for her as Mrs Tunney is going to be the Principal at Chellaston Fields Spencer Academy, which is a brand new school that is opening in September.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Hart who has been working with Ashwood since the new year. Mrs Hart has been very supportive in helping us on our journey. Again we are excited for her as she will be the Principal of The Mease Spencer Academy, which is another brand new school that opens in September.

We are looking forward to working closely with both schools and wish both Mrs Tunney and Mrs Hart all the best as they embark on their journey as Principals, the pupils in both schools are very lucky to have you!

School uniform:

There have been quite a few pupils not following our policy for school uniform, particularly we are seeing a number of pupils wearing trainers.

Trainers are **not acceptable** for school, all pupils are required to wear a black pair of shoes.

PE Kits:

We are still having a lot of pupils not having the correct kit ready to start their PE lesson. It is important that your child has the correct kit each week.

If you are experiencing difficulty's with getting PE kits, please speak to your child's class teacher so that we can work together.

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 will 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.

Snapshots of learning...

