



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:

I can't quite believe how quickly this year has gone and what a journey it has been! Thank you for the continued support that you have provided over this year, supporting our DREAM expectations and working in partnership with us. Despite still having a journey to make, the school has seen some of its best results ever, with more pupils passing the phonics check, 86% (higher than last years national average) and more pupils leaving our school at the expected standard. We are committed to providing the highest quality education and experiences for all our pupils and we will continue to build on the improvements year on year. Over the year, I have been particularly impressed with the determined attitude from the children and the commitment from the staff, positively taking on board changes that have been implemented.

I look forward to once again, 'working together to believe and achieve'

Wishing you all a lovely summer,

Paula Baines-Chambers



Goodbye and hello...

We would like to say thank you and goodbye to some staff. Thank you for the commitment that you have given to the pupils of Ashwood - we wish you all the best:

Mrs R Badhan, Mrs S Dogruel, Mrs S Davies and Mr Golding

We would like to welcome the following staff to Ashwood:

Mrs Fisher - who will be teaching in Foundation Stage job sharing with Mrs Whitworth

Mr Maudsley - who will be teaching in Year 1

Miss Samson - who will be teaching in Year 5 job sharing with Mrs Caul

Miss Harrison - who will be a trainee teacher in Year 3 alongside Miss Ellison

Miss Haithcock - who will be a trainee teacher in Year 2 alongside Miss Bates

Miss Nightingale - who will be a teaching assistant in nursery

Mrs Raynsford-Toal - who will be our new receptionist

Foundation Stage 1			
Mrs Dodd			
Miss Nightingale			
Foundation Stage 2			
Mrs Qureshi (FS Director)	Mrs Fisher / Mrs Whitworth	Mr Terpilowski	
Ms Morley / Mrs Kaloya / Mrs Davis			HLTA Miss Nath
Year 1			
Mrs Clamp (SENDCo) / Miss M Baines (Safeguarding Lead) Year 1 Directors	Mrs Parkin	Mr Maudsley	
Mrs Sian / Miss Bramwell / Mrs Edwards			
Year 2			
Mrs Bill Year 2 Director	Miss Simpson	Miss Bates	
Mrs Eaton / Mrs Boyle / Mrs Walsh			Miss O’Brien
Year 3			
Mrs Flint Year 3 Director	Miss Lowndes	Miss Jo Ellison / Miss Harrison	
Mrs Thornhill / Mrs Rollinson			
Year 4			
Mr Billington Year 4 Director	Mrs Hallam	Mr Quinlan	
Mrs Sheldon / Mrs Nowak			HLTA Mrs Keane
Year 5			
Mrs Payne Year 5 Director	Miss Samson / Miss Caul	Mrs Wood	Mrs Rock (Vice Principal)
Miss Ruston / Mrs Ross			
Year 6			
Mr Millward Year 6 Director	Mr Beer	Mr Quinn	
Mrs Smith / Mrs Johnson / Mrs Churn			Katy Popple (Vice Principal)
Central Team			
Mrs Basra (Pupil Premium teacher) Mrs Sims (Bee Hive teacher)			
Sports Coaches	Miss H Baines and Miss Kowalska		
Inclusion Team			
Bee Hive – Miss Nelson Inclusion Mentor (S&L, HI, VI) - Mrs Dicker Nurture Group – Mrs Baxter and Mrs Birks The Base - Mrs Hanson Learning Mentor – Mr Stuart Family support – Mrs Mayer Attendance - Ms Walker Deputy Safeguarding – Mrs Hutchinson			

School uniform:

A reminder that the following uniform policy applies at all times

- 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:

A reminder that the following PE kit is required for all PE lessons. Any pupils who do not have a kit will be expected to wear a school PE kit.

- 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

Health and Safety:

We are committed to the health and safety of our pupils and for that reason, as of September we will require any pupil that **rides a bike or scooter to school to wear a helmet.**

If this is something that you need support with, please speak to the office.

General uniform reminders:

Nail varnish, make-up and hair dye are not permitted.

No jewellery, with the exception of 1 stud earring.

Label your child's clothing.

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.

Foundation Stage

It doesn't seem like 5 minutes since our children came into school for their very first day! They have blossomed into a group of children who are ready for the next stage in their education.

What an amazing year it has been; we have certainly made the most of our time together. We have made friends and learned about our emotions and feelings. We have shared great books like Stick Man and The Three Little Pigs and used them to develop our own reading, writing and storytelling. We have practised our sounds and letters and worked hard to develop our writing skills. We are great mathematicians and are becoming more confident in using numbers to solve problems. We have baked, built, watched, listened, danced, splashed, cared, explored, laughed, cut, persevered, tasted, climbed, sorted, read, experimented, failed and succeeded in our quest to develop our knowledge and skills to become the best learners we can be.

We linked our visits to Elvaston Castle, White Post Farm and Bosworth Water Park to our work and had a great time at all three.

The children have been ambitious achievers and made great progress by making the most of the opportunities that have been provided for them. Everyone has made us very proud and we know that Year 1 will be a great year.

Thank you for your support, this year. It has been greatly appreciated.

Year 1

We have had a fab last term in year 1 at Ashwood Spencer. In June, all of the children undertook the phonics screening check. We have worked so hard all year on our phonics and the children all achieved fabulous results, and as a year group we achieved an 86% pass rate. The children really surpassed all of our expectations with the effort, determination and resilience they showed throughout the phonics screening check process.

This term, we have learned all about poetry and written our own poems, learned all about Ellen MacArthur and read the book The Journey Home. The poems the children wrote were amazing, demonstrating the children's sound knowledge of rhyme. We were inspired by Ellen MacArthur and wrote a fact file about her life in Derbyshire. We have learned all about different endangered animals and the ways in which we can help to save them. The children all enjoyed the trip to Twycross Zoo and we learned so much more about the animals we had been learning about.

In maths, we have consolidated our knowledge of multiplication, division and doubles. Remember to keep practising over the summer holidays!

We will all miss the children and their families and wish them every success in Year 2.

Year 2

Year Two have had such a **MAREVELLOUS** final term in Year 2. We have really enjoyed reading our first chapter book 'George's Marvellous Medicine'.

We have written a diary entry from George about Grandma Kranky, written a character description of evil, old Granny, made our own marvellous medicines, wrote a poem about them and finally, we wrote a newspaper report about what happened to Grandma when she finally drank the medicine.

In STEM, we have predicted and carried out fair tests whilst using baking soda, vinegar, coke and Mentos to make Grandma's head explode. It really was **EXPLOSIVE** (Ask Mrs Qureshi!). Towards the end of George's Marvellous Medicine, Mr Kranky needed some more brown paint for the medicine, so we made him a car to get him there quicker whilst learning about wheels and axles!

We have also looked closely at the life of Ellen MacArthur and we have learnt some great facts about her, she really is inspirational to us all. We explored floating and sinking in STEM and we made Ellen MacArthur a new sailboat.

Finally, Miss Bates, Miss Simpson and Mrs Qureshi would like to say a big thank you to all parents, carers and family members that have shown support throughout the year. Children have all worked **AMAZINGLY** hard all year and we are so proud of each and every child. We will miss them all greatly, but we are looking forward to seeing them progress even further in Year 3. We wish you all a lovely summer!



Year 3

We have had a fun filled year with a variety of learning experiences across the Curriculum. Pupils have worked well together, they love working in groups and with their mastery partners. Our creative curriculum began with the Stone Age and has ended with Light and Shadow. Our trip to Oakham Castle was filled with interactive learning. We experienced how to use bow and arrows; we learnt how to be a successful Anglo Saxon warrior and made jewellery worn in the Saxon period. Our trip to the Gurudwara informed us of how religious Sikhs celebrate their special times such as births and marriages and we shared some delicious food. We made some amazing outfits that replicated the couture style of Vivienne Westward. Pupils' report comments in year 3 have shown they loved all our class texts, even the most challenging texts were commented on as being enjoyable.

Year 4

We have had a really enjoyable time in Year 4. The children have worked exceptionally hard to become ambitious achievers and we are proud of the effort and hard work they have put in. We started off the year by learning about the Romans and volcanoes as well as the digestive system, the Greeks, how rivers form, electricity and states of matter. The children have been lucky enough to go on two school trips: Magna Science Park and Rosliston Forestry Centre and even had some Romans come and visit for the day!

This term our main focus has been on improving our writing skills by using Pie Corbett's 'Talk for Writing' initiative. We have written spooky suspense stories and non-chronological reports based on an endangered animal. Over the year the children have developed both academically and socially. We wish you all the best for year 5 and are looking forward to seeing you back in September.

Year 5

Our learning in the Summer Term had been focussed around our book 'Viking Boy' where we have written some fantastic descriptions of battles, characters and Viking gods. The children have enjoyed researching the Viking way of life and deciding whether or not they really were all bloodthirsty killers, or just peaceful citizens.

Year 5 were chosen to trial our new scheme of 'Power Maths' and the children have enjoyed trying out the new workbooks and using the resources. We are looking forward to learning with them next year.

Noel Baker arranged some interesting curriculum visits for us and pupils have taken part in a design workshop, art class, food technology lesson and a PE afternoon. Some pupils even recorded a Podcast with Baasit Siddiqui! Thank you to all Year 5 pupils for their excellent behaviour when representing the school.

Having made boats in our technology lessons at school, we are excited about experiencing canoeing and taking part in teamwork activities at Conkers.

We wish all the Year 5 pupils much success in Year 6 and all the best in the future.

Year 6

As we are approaching the final stages of Year 6, would we would like to say a massive thank you to all of the children for their incredible hard work throughout the year and thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support. These are just a few of the highlights we **must** celebrate:

During the residential trip, the children showed tremendous resilience, maturity and determination to succeed. These resilience skills helped them to prepare well for their SATs. We were also very proud of the children for their excellent manners and respectful learning throughout the trip. Furthermore, we would like to congratulate the children who have attended after school booster clubs as they have demonstrated a great commitment to their learning: this commitment has enabled them to achieve huge success.

Throughout the year, we have enjoyed reading many of our class books, which have enabled us to embed our new creative curriculum approach. These include Letters from the Lighthouse and our World War Two project; Pig Heart Boy and our Science topic; and the memorable Skellig and Evolution. We have been particularly impressed with all of the hard work children have put into their project based homework about World War Two and not forgetting their Summer Viking homework (which was set at the end of Year 5).

We are now extremely busy working on our end of year assembly and performance. The children will finally be rewarded with their Year 6 Leavers Disco to celebrate their achievements and to wish them all the best for Secondary School. We look forward to seeing parents/carers at our final celebrations. We also hope all children can attend the disco to say goodbye to their friends and to check out the teachers 'amazing' dance moves!