



Parent Letter: Term 1

Year Four Ash Class



Welcome back - I hope that you all had an enjoyable Summer holiday!

All topics that will be taught this year have been carefully planned and centred around the 3 I's:

- * Intent
- * Implementation
- * Impact

This term will focus on ensuring that a rich and varied curriculum will be taught (INTENT) and the whole hearted engagement of pupils will be encouraged (IMPLEMENTATION). Through these fun, diverse learning opportunities, children will develop detailed knowledge and skills across the curriculum (IMPACT) helping aid them in their future learning.

Please also find below some further information which you may find helpful.

Homework:

- **Spellings** - spellings will be set each week on 'Spelling Shed'. Children should log in using their given user name and password (these are stuck in their reading diaries) and practise their spellings at least 5 times each week. If children have not completed their 5 by Friday they will be expected to catch up during their break time. They will be quizzed on a selection of spellings alongside a dictation every Friday.
- **Maths Homework:** Maths homework folders will be sent home. Children are expected to complete this weekly. They are labelled and answers are supplied so they can be marked at home. Folders need to be returned termly for teachers to monitor.
- **Times Tables Rockstars:** All year four children should complete a minimum of 5 studio games on TTRS each week. The children's usernames and passwords are stuck in their reading diaries. If children have not completed their 5 by Friday they will be expected to catch up during their break time. **Expectation is for children to know all their tables by the end of Year 4 so regular practise is key.**
- **Comprehension homework** - Comprehension homework folders will be sent home. Children are expected to complete this weekly. They are labelled and answers are supplied so they can be marked at home. Folders need to be returned termly for teachers to monitor.

Reading

Children should choose **one reading book** within their accelerated reader ZPD band that they will be reading at home. This book can be one from school or one that they have at home and would like to read. Reading books should come home on a daily basis.

Please ensure that you date and sign the reading diary with the page that they have read up to each time that they have read. As a school, we are trying to improve parental engagement with reading, we would encourage you to hear your child read aloud a minimum of three times a week. Asking questions about the text and discussing vocabulary is very useful as is encouraging your child to record new vocabulary with the meaning so that they can use this within their own writing where possible.

Once your child has finished a reading book they should take an 'accelerated reader' quiz about the book they have just read. If your child scores 100% on the quiz their name will go onto the 100% board and they will have the chance of winning a prize at the end of the term.

All children should be aiming to read as many books as possible.

Equipment:

- Children **do not need to bring pencil cases into school** - all equipment that the children need will be provided in school. That said, if your child would like to bring in their own black, handwriting pen (NO BIROS) they are very welcome to do so if they have a pen licence! If children do bring pencil cases into school **they will only be allowed them in class if they fit in their trays.**
- PE / Games lessons will take place for Ash class on Wednesday afternoons. Please make sure the PE kit they wear to school includes tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt- both **plain** and **no logos**.
**If your child is unable to participate, please write a note for that day or send a message via SeeSaw. If there is a long-term reason, a doctor's note would be useful. Please may we ask that the children have their hair tied back and that they are able to take their earrings out.*
- All children should try to make sure that they bring a **water bottle** in with them each day. Healthy snacks for break time also really help with concentration and learning.
- Ideally, children **should not be bringing a school bag** into school each day All they need to be bringing in each day is their water bottle, reading book and packed lunch if required.

SeeSaw:

If you have any questions or need to inform us of anything you can do so by sending a message via SeeSaw - we will be available to reply between 8am - 6pm Monday - Friday. Alternatively, feel free speak to us on the playground after school if needed.

We hope that you have found these notes helpful but please do not hesitate to speak to us should you have any questions or concerns. Before school is always an extremely busy time and we would therefore appreciate questions being raised after school or via SeeSaw where possible.

Kind regards -

Mrs Cramer, Ms Hinde and Miss Penfold

Tuesday 3rd September 2024



Dear Parents,

Please find below some important dates to put into your diaries for the 2024-2025 school year:

** Please note that these dates and times are subject to change and some dates are only relevant for specific year groups. If any other events or school trips are organised during the course of the school year then you will be informed of these via a letter, email or SeeSaw.*

2024

Term 1:

- **Tuesday 3rd September:** First day of school for all children (EYFS - Year 6)
- **Monday 9th September:** EYFS coffee & expectation afternoon for parents in the school hall (14.00)
- **Tuesday 10th September:** Year 1 & 2 coffee & expectation afternoon for parents in the school hall (14.00)
- **Thursday 12th September:** Year 6 Kent Test (11+)
- **Friday 13th September:** Flu immunisations (EYFS - Year 6)
- **Monday 16th September:** Year 3 & 4 coffee & expectation afternoon for parents in the school hall (14.00)
- **Wednesday 18th September:** SENCO coffee afternoon (14.15 in the hall - Miss Harper)
- **Thursday 19th September:** Year 5 & 6 coffee & expectation afternoon for parents in the school hall (14.00)
- **Tuesday 1st & Thursday 3rd October:** Book Fair (in hall)
- **Friday 4th October:** Harvest Festival to Year 5 parents at 9.15 & to Year 6 grandparents at 14.00
- **Wednesday 9th October:** Parents evening (in hall)
- **Thursday 10th October:** Individual school photographs
- **Thursday 10th October:** World Mental Health Day
- **Wednesday 16th October:** Parents evening (in hall)
- **Tuesday 22nd October:** Last day of Term 1 (school finishes at 15.15)

Term 2:

- **Monday 4th November:** All children return to school
- **Friday 15th November:** Children in Need (non-school uniform)
- **Friday 6th December:** Christmas Panto – A Christmas Carol
- **Monday 9th December:** KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal (9.30 in hall)
- **Tuesday 10th December:** KS1 Nativity to parents (14.00 in hall)
- **Wednesday 11th December:** Christmas Lunch
- **Thursday 12th December:** KS1 Nativity to parents (9.30 in hall)
- **Friday 13th December:** Christmas Jumper Day
- **Tuesday 17th December:** EYFS, Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party (PM)
- **Wednesday 18th December:** LKS2 - Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party (PM)



- **Thursday 19th December:** Term 2 show and share of children's work to parents in classrooms (14.30-15.15)
- **Thursday 19th December:** KS2 Carol concert at St Mary's Church (18.00)
- **Friday 20th December:** UKS2 - Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party (AM)
- **Friday 20th December:** Last day of Term 2 (school finishes at 14.15)

2025

Term 3:

- **Monday 6th January:** Trust development day – children not in school.
- **Tuesday 7th January:** First day of Term 3
- **Friday 24th January:** Young Voices at the O2
- **Monday 3rd - 9th February:** Children Mental Health Week
- **Friday 14th February:** Last day of Term 3 (school finishes at 15.15)

Term 4:

- **Monday 24th February:** First day of Term 4
- **Date TBC:** KS2 'Roots to Food' Workshop
- **Tuesday 4th March:** Pancake races to celebrate Shrove Tuesday
- **Thursday 6th March:** World Book Day
- **Friday 14th March:** Trust day – children not in school
- **Wednesday 19th March:** Parents evening (in hall)
- **Wednesday 26th March:** Parents evening (in hall)
- **Thursday 27th March:** Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Meeting (9.30 in hall)
- **Tuesday 3rd April:** Term 4 show and share of children's work to parents in classrooms (14.30-15.15)
- **Wednesday 4th April:** Year 4 Easter Service (9.30 in hall)
- **Wednesday 4th April:** Last day of Term 4 (school finishes at 14.15)

Term 5:

- **Tuesday 22nd April:** First day of Term 5
- **Wednesday 30th April:** Class Photographs
- **Throughout May:** Mental Health Awareness Month
- **Monday 5th May:** Bank Holiday
- **Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May:** Year 6 SAT's week
- **Thursday 15th May:** Bowles meeting to year 5 & 6 parents (17.00 in hall)
- **Friday 23rd May:** Last day of Term 5 (school finishes at 15.15)

Term 6:

- **Monday 2nd June:** First day of Term 6
- **Monday 2nd June – Friday 6th June:** Year 6 Bowles week
- **2nd June – 16th June:** Year 4 Multiplication Check Window
- **Monday 9th June – Friday 13th June:** Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
- **Date TBC:** Year 5 Bikeability
- **Monday 23rd June – Friday 27th June:** Sports Week
- **Wednesday 25th June:** Sports day – KS2 AM / KS1 PM

- **Thursday 3rd July:** Year 6 Gala Dinner (hosted by year 6 for year 6 parents)
- **Monday 7th July:** Trust development day – children not in school
- **Tuesday 15th July:** Year 6 production dress rehearsal to the school (9.30 in hall)
- **Thursday 17th July:** Year 6 end of year production afternoon performance **to parents** (14.00)
- **Friday 18th July:** New class transition morning, Term 6 show and share of children's work to parents (13.00-15.15) & end of year school reports sent out
- **Monday 21st July:** Year 6 end of year production evening performance **to parents** (18.00)
- **Tuesday 22nd July:** The Year 6 Leavers Service at St Mary's Church (14.00). All Year 6 parents are invited to this. The service will be followed by tea and biscuits at school.
- **Wednesday 23rd July:** The Last day of school (school will finish at 14.15). Year 6 children will come to school in fancy dress and take part in a leavers parade at 8.45am