

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to term 2. I hope you all managed to have some family time over the half term. We welcome a number of new families and I am sure that they will soon feel part of our school community. We have had another busy week in school and the children have already begun their new topics - please keep a look out for the class newsletters.

There has been new school guidance issued in relation to the new lockdown - not much has changed in primary schools that will affect our procedures. After school club and breakfast club can still run if supporting parents that work and vulnerable pupils so these will continue to run as normal. I did ring PHE England for advice as to what happens when a parent is contacted by Test and Trace and told to self-isolate. I was told that people they live with do not need to self-isolate if they **do not** have symptoms and children can continue attending school. People in their support bubble do not need to self-isolate if they do not have symptoms. Please do ring the school to check if you are unsure.

Our value for term 2 is friendship and our big question is: Is is ever right to bully a bully?

Joke of the Week from our resident comedian, Lewis:

I saw a cat when I walking down the street. It was making weeping noises. I went up to it and asked "How you feline, you don't look so good?"

Star of the week

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Year R Fledglings	Harry for his fantastic work with numbers.
Year 1 Robins	Alice for trying really hard in her writing.
Year 2 Magpies	Noah for settling so well into Magpies class and for
	all his excellent work this week!
Year 3 Owls	Lina for working really hard in Maths to master
	subtraction. Well done!
Year 4 Hawks	Isabelle for putting 110% effort into everything
Mr Hart	she has done! Well done!
Year 5 Eagles	Lily for superb attitude to work and others at the
	beginning of term 2. Well done!
Year 6 Falcons	Freya for having a sensible and mature attitude to
	all learning - you are a super role model and we are
	very proud of you, well done!

Birthdays to celebrate - have a great birthday!

Class	
Robins	Lexi and Jessica

Brief term 1 report

If your child is in years 1-6, you will have received a brief school report. This is based on our observations of the pupils as they have reconnected in school and a data snapshot. Please do not worry if your child is not expected yet - we have lots of children who are just below where they should be and please be mindful of the fact that their education has been disrupted. We are working hard to plug the gaps. If you like to discuss your child's report, please do speak to the class teacher - messages can be passed on by Mrs Bailey or Mrs Rowe in the office.

RSE Curriculum

From July 2021, changes to the curriculum in England will see relationships education made compulsory in all primary schools, and relationships and sex education (RSE) made compulsory in all secondary schools. Schools will also be required to teach health education[.] We are in the consultation stage and we welcome any feedback from parents on the proposed curriculum. Please look on the school website, under the policy section to view our powerpoint for parents, draft policy, FAQ's and a letter to parents.

https://www.ashckschool.org/school-information/policies

PTFA News

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the AGM this week (and our first ever virtual meeting!) Reports from this meeting will be available on the school website in due course. At the AGM the PTFA committee members were nominated and agreed. Welcome to our newest members and thank you to those who offered to be helpers. Your PTFA team for the school year 2020 /21 is

Samatha Dunn (Chair) Carl Watson (Treasurer) Carole Cooke (Deputy Treasurer) Bethany Barber (joint Secretary) Ellie Silverwood (joint Secretary) Zoe Brooks Sam Daunoras - Social media coordinator Katy Dobson Alice Henderson Katy Wacher Rachel Wilson Please ask any of us if you have any questions about the PTFA

Thank you for sharing your pumpkin designs and brightening up the school path this week. There was a great variety of ideas and everyone who entered will receive a small treat for their efforts. Pumpkin judges Mrs Crascall and Mrs Bailey had the difficult task of picking winners but eventually decided on 1st place - Lexi (Eagles) 2nd place - Ellis (Robins) 3rd place - Naia (Eagles) 4th place - Sophia (Hawks)

Anti-bullying week

On the 16th November we will be celebrating anti-bullying week. On Friday 20th November we will celebrate our differences by wearing odd socks to school on Odd Socks Day! This is an initiative by the Anti Bullying Alliance to promote the idea that everyone is equal. This year's theme for Anti-Bullying week is 'United against bullying'. We will be asking everyone to show their odd socks and see the difference in everyone's choices - the children will also complete other activities relating to Odd Socks Day. Sounds like a great initiative.



Poppies

Please do remember that poppies and other Remembrance items are on sale at the school. Ms Graham has our Remembrance display finished to remind us all of the sacrifices that were made in the past. Lest we forget.

Have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall Headteacher