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Ash Class Newsletter – Autumn 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year! I hope you had a restful break; the children have certainly come back to school refreshed and ready to learn.

Curriculum

We are looking forward to diving into our new topic of 'Designers and Engineers'. For more information, please view our Topic Web, which will also be available on the school website.

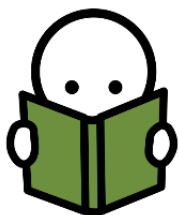


Homework

The 'Enriching Learning' homework sheet will be posted on the school website with the expectation that one completed piece is to be returned to school every **Tuesday**. Please help your child to complete homework tasks if they need it, but as far as possible let the work be their own.



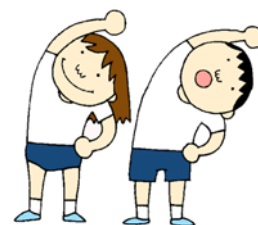
Please look out for the weekly spelling/phonics pattern sheets, which will be provided by your child's spelling/phonics teacher every **Friday**. Your child will be tested on words connected to this rule or pattern on the following **Friday**.



Children will bring home their reading diary and a reading book every afternoon. Please listen to your child read regularly (at least three times per week), talking about the story and helping them with new and unfamiliar words. Children will need to bring their reading record and books back into school every morning. We will be encouraging the children to use their independence in choosing and changing their own books. Reading records will be checked every **Tuesday**.

P.E.

The children will have P.E. lessons on Thursdays and Fridays. P.E. kits should remain in school at all times, apart from when needing to be taken home to be washed. All children should have indoor and outdoor kit, including a house t-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms, a warm long-sleeved top and trainers. **Please make sure that your child's P.E. kit and school uniform is clearly named.**



Parents' Evenings

There will be formal parent / teacher meetings on the 10th and 11th of November, where we will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress so far and targets for the year. An email will be sent nearer the time with further information.



Important Dates

- WB 21.09 – NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Week
- Wednesday 23.09 – Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
- Friday 02.10 – Open Classroom 3:15-3:45
- Wednesday 07.10 – Harvest Festival (in school - pupils only)
- Wednesday 14.10 – Climate Action Day
- Monday 19.10 – School photographer
- Tuesday 20.10 – Visit to British Motor Museum. Further information to follow.
- Wednesday 21.10 – Flu Vaccination
- Friday 23.10 – INSET Day (School closed for pupils)
- Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October – Half-Term Holiday
- WB 09.11 – Anti-Bullying Week
- Tuesday 10.11 – Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 11.11 - Parents' Evening
- Friday 13.11 – Children in Need
- WB 16.11 – Maths Week
- Friday 04.12 – Dress-down day for Elfridges sale
- Monday 07.12 and Tuesday 08.12 – Elfridges sale
- Tuesday 08.12 and Wednesday 09.12 – KS1 Nativity (2:15pm)
- Tuesday 15.12 – Christmas Service and Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 17.12 – Singing Around the Tree, Christmas Jumper Day and Cosy Christmas Night
- Friday 18.12 – Last day of term

News on these and further events will be communicated with you via email. Please note that dates are provisional at this time and subject to change.

Contact with the Class Teacher

If you wish to make contact with me, there are a number of ways that you can do this.

- You could send a message (written or verbal) with your child.
- You are able to phone the School Office, who will be able to help you or pass on a message.
- You could send an email to the school office (office.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk), who will forward your message on to me if necessary, and you can expect a response within 3 working days.
- Alternatively, I will usually be available at the end of the school day once all of the children have been collected and this would be a good time to have a quick conversation. A longer meeting can then be arranged at a mutually convenient time if required.

Reminders

- **Break-time snacks** – In Year 2, children are able to choose from our fruit / vegetable selection. Alternatively, please send a healthy snack in for your child. This should be fruit or vegetables. Cereal bars or fruit-based sweets **are not** suitable for break-time snacks.
- **Water bottles** – Please make sure that your child has a named water bottle with them every day (separate from any drink in their lunchbox) as this allows access to water as and when they require it. Please note, there should only be water in these bottles (not squash, juice, flavoured or fizzy water).
- **Outdoor clothing** – All children should be prepared for outdoor play by keeping wellies and a warm, waterproof coat in school.
- **Labelled clothing** – Please ensure that all items belonging to your child are clearly labelled with their name.

Best wishes, Miss Crockett



Building Firm Foundations For Life

Below is a reminder sheet to help encourage independence in your child.

You could put it on the fridge or your child's bedroom door so they can ensure that they have everything they need each day.

Term 1 and Term 2

Day	I need to take to school my...	Key events are...
Monday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	
Tuesday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle Homework Book	Homework Checked Reading Record Checked
Wednesday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	
Thursday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	PE
Friday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	Spelling Test PE