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Ash Class Newsletter – Autumn 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new school year in Ash Class!

It is a great pleasure to be welcoming all of your children into Ash Class this year. I am sure you will agree that this is an incredibly exciting time for your child as they return to school, reunite with their friends and establish a familiar routine. Whilst there may be initial worries and a period of adjustment, the happiness and well-being of your child is paramount to their return to school so please do get into contact if you have any concerns.

If I haven't had chance to introduce myself or speak to you yet, hopefully I can do so over the coming weeks!

Curriculum

This term we will be exploring our topic of '**London's Burning**'. For more information, please view our Topic Web on the school website.

Homework

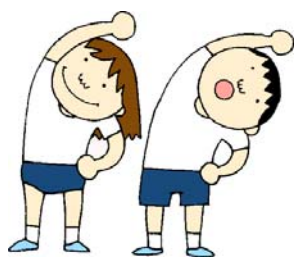
Homework activities can be found on the Ash Class page of the website and a copy will be in the children's homework books. On a **Wednesday**, the children should hand in any work that they have done at home to allow time for marking, before it is given back on a **Friday**. Please help your child to complete homework tasks if they need it, but as far as possible let the work be their own. Spelling homework will be given out on a **Thursday** in preparation for the following week.

Reading Books

Children will bring home their reading diary and a reading book. Please listen to your child read regularly - talking about the story and helping them with new and unfamiliar words and understanding. Children will need to bring their book bags and reading books into school every day. We will be encouraging the children to use their independence in changing and choosing their own books, but if you feel that they



need support with selecting reading material at the right level, please don't hesitate to contact me.



P.E.

P.E. will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, but it is essential that children have kit in school every day. Please make sure that children have suitable clothing for outdoor P.E. (jumper, sports trousers and trainers), as for the time being, all P.E. lessons will take place outside. This is in order to maximise the opportunity to work outside as much as possible and allow children to have plenty of space in an open environment.

Teaching Assistants

During the Autumn term, we are incredibly lucky to have Mrs Cresswell with us all day Monday-Thursday and Miss Aston all day on a Friday.

Important Dates

Wednesday 15th September- Individual pupil photos

Thursday 23rd September- Lower School Girls Football match

Thursday 30th September- Race for life

Tuesday 5th October- Harvest Festival

Tuesday 12th October – Whole School Flu nasal spray

Thursday 21st October- Break up for Half Term

Friday 22nd October- INSET day, pupils NOT in school

*****October Half Term*****

Monday 1st November- Children return to school & South Africa Week

Tuesday 2nd November- Great Fire of London Workshop for Ash and Chestnut Class in school

Monday 15th November- Anti-bullying week

Friday 17th December- Break up for Christmas holidays at 3:15 p.m.

Contact

Should you need to contact me about any matters arising, you may email me directly on the following email address:

ecaulfield@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk

Please be aware that any messages sent may not be seen until later in the school day or after school. In all cases, I will endeavour to reply to you within three working days. If the matter is more urgent, for example about attendance or changes to the routine of collecting your child, then you should contact the school office.

Reminders

- **Water bottles** – Please make sure children have a 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, the children should only have water in these bottles (not squash, juice or flavoured water).
- **Outdoor shoes** – All children should be prepared for outdoor play by keeping wellies and a warm waterproof coat



in school.

- **Bags** - Please can you be mindful on the size of the rucksack/bag you provide your child with as space is incredibly limited in the cloakroom. Furthermore, large attachments such as key rings or cuddly toys are discouraged.
- **Labelled clothing** - Please can I request that all items of clothing are clearly named or initialled.

I wish you all a very happy and healthy start to the new academic year.

Best wishes,

Mrs Caulfield

