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Ash Class Newsletter – Autumn 2024

Welcome to a new school year in Ash Class!

It is such a pleasure to be welcoming all your children into Ash Class this year. We are sure that this is an incredibly exciting time for your child, returning back to school, reuniting with their friends, and re-establishing a familiar routine. However, we are sure that there will be some worries and a period of adjustment. We want you to know that the happiness and well-being of your child is paramount to a successful year in school so please do get in contact if you have any concerns.

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

Our working hours are: Mrs Evans (**Mondays & Tuesdays**)

Ms Gould (**Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays**)

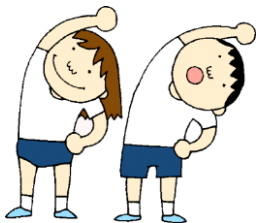
Curriculum

This term, we will be exploring our topic of 'On the Move' which focuses on vehicles and how they have changed over time. For more information, please view our Topic Web on the school website.

Reading Books

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 and understanding. Children will need to bring their book bags and reading books back into school every morning.

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 us.



P.E.

P.E. will take place on Tuesday and Thursday, but it is essential that children have kit in school every day. Please make sure that children have suitable clothing for both indoor and outdoor P.E. (Please refer to July's uniform letter which can be found on the school's website).

Homework

The suggested activities can be found on the Ash Class page of the website. The children should hand in any work that they have done at home on a **Wednesday**, to allow time for marking, before being 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.

Teaching Assistants

During the Autumn Term, we are incredibly lucky to have both Mr Barrett and Miss Day working with us five days a week.

Important Dates

Wednesday 25th September - School photos

Thursday 3rd October – Open Classrooms (3.15pm)

Tuesday 15th October – Climate Action Day

Friday 25th October - End of Autumn Term 1 at 3:15 p.m.

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

Monday 4th November - Children return to school

Monday 4th November – South Africa Week

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th November – Parents' Evenings

Monday 11th November – Anti-bullying Week

Monday 18th November – Maths Week

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December – KS1 Nativity (Beech and Ash Class)

Tuesday 17th December- Christmas Service

Thursday 19th December – Singing Around the Tree

Thursday 19th December Christmas jumper day

Friday 20th December End of Autumn Term 2 at 3:15 p.m.

*****Christmas Holidays*****

Contact with the class teachers

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

- You are able to phone the School Office who will be able to help you or pass on a message.
- You could send a message (written or verbal) with your child.
- Alternatively, we 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.
- You could also email the school office (office.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk), who will forward your message to us, and you can expect a response within 3 working days.

Reminders

- Water bottles – Please make sure children have 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, 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.
- 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 we request that **all** items of clothing are clearly named.



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

Best wishes,

Mrs Evans and Ms Gould

Below are reminder sheets to help encourage independence in your child. You could put it on the fridge or your child's bedroom door so they can ensure they have everything they need each day.

Autumn Term 1 and 2

Day	I need to take to school my...	Key events are...
Monday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	Reading Record Checked PE
Tuesday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	-
Wednesday	Homework book Reading Record Water Bottle	Homework due in
Thursday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	Spelling Assessment PE
Friday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	Homework books handed back