



February 2021 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

I'm sure you'll agree with me that 5 weeks has never seemed so long.! Your perseverance and commitment to your children's home learning is fantastic, and with any luck we'll see all your children return to school on March 8th. As the Government has said we will get two weeks' notice before schools reopen, we should know what is happening straight after half term. Please remember that school is closed on Friday 12th February for half term week.

Those of you eligible for FSM vouchers over the half term period should receive these via email today or tomorrow.

Teams meetings

In my last newsletter we announced that we were looking into live social class get-togethers using Microsoft teams. This has now been organised and will start after half term. The times are fixed and carefully timetabled so as not to clash if you have children in different classes.

A few things that I'd like to share with you to make sure this runs smoothly

- Each child will have an individual username and password; these will be sent out this week on Thursday morning, via Seesaw directly to your child. We will send you more information on joining teams this week.
- It will be easier if you are using a phone , tablet or laptop to download the app.
- Your child needs to be downstairs, not in their bedrooms, in close proximity to an adult, younger pupils will need an adult present
- Your child will need to be fully dressed, no PJs please
- It is set up so that no one can join before the class teacher
- Only the class teacher can remove children from the group, children need to behave in an appropriate way or they will be removed from the meeting
- The session will end when the class teacher leaves
- There will be at least two members of school staff in each meeting

Class	Day	Time
Mrs Lane	Wednesday	10am
Mrs Harling/Hughes	Tuesday/Friday alternative weeks starting Tuesday 23 rd .	11am
Mrs Pimperton/Thompson	Wednesday	1pm
Miss Kemp	Thursday	11am
Mrs Brady	Tuesday	10am
Miss Miller	Thursday	2pm
Mrs Trahearn/ Murray	Friday	10am
Mrs Jordan	Tuesday	2pm
Mrs Burrows	Thursday	10am
Miss Butler	Friday	1.30
Mr Watts	Thursday	1pm

Pride of Ashby Awards

These awards will be given weekly by class teachers to four children who have made an outstanding effort that week. This will be for a variety of different reasons. It may include some stunning work, overcoming difficulties and trying really hard to improve, response to class teachers comments for further development of work/ having another go if they've got something wrong etc. These will be awarded on a Friday and posted to home addresses. It's quite exciting to get something nice and unexpected through the post!

World Book Day

World Book Day is on the 4th March. We'd like to remotely get in the spirit and have a day dedicated to reading, the joy of books, story times, and of course dressing up! Activities that day will be a little different from usual and staff will be looking forward to seeing photos of your children dressed as their favourite book characters. There will be more details of the activities on Seesaw. Please don't feel your child has to dress up, it's totally up you. It doesn't have to be fancy, it can be a home-made mask or anything, but again, your choice, we know home learning is difficult enough.



Click and Collect Library Service

If you are a member of Ashby library, they are doing a fantastic click and collect service. Please follow the link below if you are interested. <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/click-and-collect-service>

Website

Please don't forget that our website has all the latest information, links to community activities and diary dates.

Momo Challenge

It has come to our attention that The Momo Challenge is doing the rounds again. This can be very upsetting for children and I'm asking you all to be extra vigilant. Momo is a creepy doll like character which appears in many online activities, games, social media etc , which encourages children to add a contact on WhatsApp. The child is then sent a series of dares and challenges to complete which are harmful or unkind to themselves or others. There is more information on the school website, please follow this link <http://www.ashbyce.leics.sch.uk/esafety/momo-advice-for-parents>

Look after each other and stay safe.

L Powell

Headteacher.