



FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Spring Term. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas although I am sure it feels like a distant memory now. This term we welcomed four new Nursery children to our school. We hope them and their parents will be very happy in our school. We are very proud to say that our little school is almost at full capacity! With our new Nursery School intake, we now have 80 children in the school.

Unfortunately, the term started off with our school having to deliver the news to Leapfrogs Pre-School that we will no longer be able to have a Pre-school building on our site as the costs to bring the building to a fit state for another year are proving too high. The Leapfrog's mobile unit was bought by the school second-hand, 24 years ago and so has done really well considering. We wish our Leapfrogs associates best wishes in finding new accommodation, as close to us as possible, as we know how much the community appreciate having a Pre-school in the village. If your child is looking for a Nursery or Reception place for September, we do still have a couple of spaces available. We are now able to take Nursery children in the term after they turn 3 years old.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all that donated so generously to our 'Blue Monday' fund raiser. With the voluntary contributions and the cake sale I am pleased to announce that we made £180.95 which currently converts to \$341.69 ASD. So thank you again.

Every Wednesday from 8.45am to 10.30am the YMCA come in to the school hall and set it up for children under the age of 5 for a 'Stay and Play session'. It gives parents a chance to meet other people with children similar age. Do come and join them! There is a very small charge for this session.

Due to not many parents taking up our offer of a Breakfast Club, we have now changed the club to a 'Morning Club'. Morning Club is open every day from 8am Monday to Friday. If you need to get into work early on any day, you are welcome to come along and drop off your child in the school Hall. The morning is organized as a fun session for children to do colouring, go on the computers, play games in the hall etc. which is supervised by two members of staff. We charge £3 for the session and breakfast is not included.

I hope you all got the dates for the Spring term and have found them useful to plan around. As you can see, we have another busy term ahead with lots of exciting things planned for the children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Lynda Cowler
Headteacher



Heads Monitoring

Every Friday, Mrs. Cowler draw's a number out of her special bag to find out who the lucky children are, that will have a chance to share what they have been doing in class with her. It's a chance for Mrs. Cowler to not only monitor the teaching and learning in the class but, for her to also hear what the children think about their learning and school experiences.

- ❖ Logan S - "I like reading books because I am getting better at reading. I also love building models – especially jets!"
- ❖ James L-B - "I am proud of my Maths and I love to times numbers. I like counting too. Do you know the highest number is 999 or 100,000!"
- ❖ Phoebe R - "I like writing stories at home and using different vocabulary but PE is my favourite thing – especially running."

Headteacher Awards

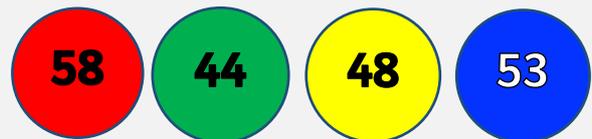
Well done to the following children who have had a Headteacher's award for showing Resilience, working hard, making excellent progress and following our school values.



House Points

Autumn Term winners: **Ruby**

Ruby Emerald Amber Sapphire



People who help us

Ash Class has had an amazing start to the new term with their topic of 'People who help us.' At the beginning of the week they had a visit from our local Postman, Mark. The children learned about a postman's daily routine and went to post their thank you letters with Mark. Then, yesterday they had a visit from Oliver's daddy, PC Jamie and his friend PC Dave. The children asked lots of questions and had a chance to try on some uniform and even go inside the police car! The children were left with a very important message, "Never be scared because we are always here to help." If there are any other parents who are in services that help people and can spare some time to talk to Ash class, please let us know – we would love to meet you.



Additional Diary Dates.

January 2020

Monday 27th

Year 4 to Wodson Park

UNIFORM & PE KIT - Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct uniform every day. Details of the current uniform and kit are available on the school website or from the school office.

- **ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE NAMED** – we cannot take responsibility for any lost property on site, and naming belongings helps ensure they are returned to their owner if lost.
- **PE Kit should be brought in each Monday and left in school.** Please ensure children have trainers for Outdoor PE – plimsolls are not suitable outdoor footwear (and aren't part of our Uniform requirements!).
- **Jewellery is not permitted** and stud earrings must be removed for PE to prevent serious injury. Taping over earrings is only appropriate in the first six weeks of piercing. **Parents should provide the tape for this purpose.**
- **Long hair** must be tied back at all times during the school day (plain hair ties only please – no feathers, bows and patterns, pretty though they are!). Shoulder length is a good guide for when to tie back.
- **Nail varnish to fingers and toes, Make-Up, Jewellery and transfer tattoos** should be removed before the start of the school day.

Please can we ask for personal items to be left at home. There have been instances where the children have been swapping toys, make-up etc. in school. Thank you

Golden Ticket

Join your child for lunch on Fridays! 5 tickets available each Friday for lunch – just £3.50 each.

Call in at the office or ring to order one.

Tel. 01763 289201

