

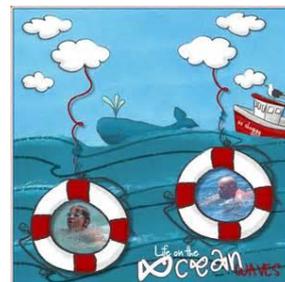
Ash Class Newsletter Autumn 2017 1st half term

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school! We hope that you have had a wonderful Summer holiday! I have enjoyed getting to know the children and hearing all about what they have been doing in their holidays. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term! There is a lot that is going to be happening so make sure your child has their book bag every day for letters coming home.

Our Topics for this term will be **Teamwork** in the first half and **Let's Celebrate!** after half term.

As much as possible, all subjects will be taught linked to these topics. We will be studying 'The Seahorse' by Chris Butterworth in English and designing our very own 'Rainbow fish' in Art. In the 2nd half of the term we will be learning how to use information texts to find out information and writing letters. Please see the Topic Web on our school website for more information.



Book bags



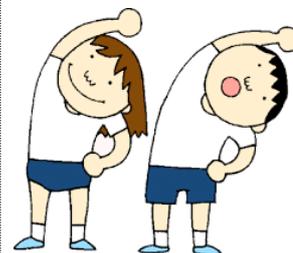
Please ensure your child brings in their book bag **every day** so that letters and pieces of work reach you safely.

For children in Year 1, this also means that they are encouraged to read daily and change their reading book regularly. Children in Reception will start to bring home resources to support their learning in phonics.

PE Sessions P.E days are **Monday and Tuesday**

To help your child with these sessions please ensure they wear clothes that enable them to dress and undress themselves independently. Please ensure their clothes are **named** to help us match up any left-over clothes at the end of the session. No earrings on P.E days please.

(If newly pierced please provide microporous tape so that the earrings can be covered.)



Lost Property:

Please make sure that all items of clothing are named. Any lost items we find will be put in the red box in the school hall.

Homework:

We have introduced a Homework book for children in Year 1 which includes a phonics, maths and Learning Reflection activity each week. Children in Reception will be given a small amount of homework later in the year. Homework will be sent out on Fridays and due back on the following Wednesday.

Home School Journals

New journals for the Autumn term will be sent home at the beginning of term. If your child has a reading book, please tick when the book has been read (ideally at least three times a week), write the book's title and a small comment about your child's reading.

Home School Journals are also a good form of communication between home and school, if you are unable to come in and speak to your child's teacher.

Autumn/Winter weather

As the weather inevitably becomes cooler, your child will need to have a coat at school every day. It would also be helpful if they could have a pair of named wellies to keep at school, as they will often play on the school field.

Please send your child with a named water bottle every day.

Dates

We are planning a trip to Wildawood for team building activities during this term.

Parent's Evenings will be held on Monday 2nd October and Wednesday 4th October. The meetings will be to discuss how your child has settled into school.

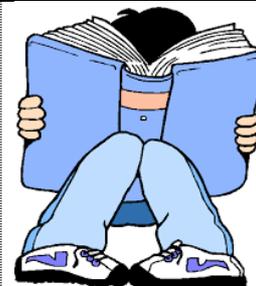
More details about these to follow.

Show and Tell

We love hearing the children talk about their learning outside of school and Show and Tell provides children with an opportunity to share things they find or do. Please see your child's Home School Journal for more information. For children in Reception, Show and Tell will start after half term.

Reading books

Children in Year 1 will be given reading books at the beginning of term. We check with the children daily to ensure that they have a regular supply of reading books to bring home. If you find that your child's book is not changed, please write a note in the Home School Journal to let us know so that we can make sure it is changed. Children in Reception will be given resources relating to their learning in phonics initially, with reading books to follow when they are ready.



Calling all parent helpers!

If you would like to help in our class, please let us know! It could be for a regular weekly session or just a one-off. We warmly welcome parents into the classroom to read with the children, help them change their books, playing English and Maths games and other fun jobs in the classroom!

I will be teaching all week and Mr Green from Premier Sport and Mrs Pearce will be teaching on Tuesday mornings during my planning and admin time.

Kind regards, Mrs Swift