ASH HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Autumn Term Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We are delighted to have the children back in school and we are so pleased to have parents and carers back on site in the mornings. It's been lovely to catch up with you all this week. Thank you for sending the children back to school looking so smart and ready to learn. A big welcome to our Nursery and Reception families who have joined us for Stay and Play sessions this week – we are so pleased to welcome you to the Ash Hill family.

This week I am sending a short bulletin as we have not had much time in school yet. From next week the regular bulletin will resume, including upcoming dates, token numbers for each class and lots of news on what the classes have been getting up to!

Meet the Teacher

We have some new staff at Ash Hill, and your children will be working with unfamiliar adults as they adapt to their new classes. As always, we will be holding our Meet the Teacher sessions this term. We will share dates for these with you soon. These sessions are an opportunity to meet the classroom staff, find out what the children will be learning this year and ask any questions about the curriculum.
We will hold Parent and Carer Consultation Evenings later in the term, where you will hear about your child's progress, have a chance to raise any concerns and can complete a parent and carer survey to give us feedback about the school.
If you have any concerns in the meantime, you can get in touch with us via the school office. The first contact should be your child's class teacher. However you could also talk to the Phase Leader (Mrs Shears for Nursery and Reception, Miss Killen Years 1 – 3 and Miss Butt Years 4 – 6). Myself (Headteacher) and Mrs Lord (Inclusion Leader) can also be contacted via the office.

PE

We have made the decision to allow most pupils to wear their PE kits to school on their PE days **(except Reception, who will change in school)**. The days for your child's PE lessons are below. Please ensure your child wears the appropriate kit, which you can find here.

Reception – Wednesday
Year 1 – Thursday and Friday
Year 2 – Monday and Thursday
Year 3 – Monday and Tuesday
Year 4 – Thursday and Friday
Year 5 – Wednesday
Year 6 – Friday

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

To enable everyone to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen on 3rd June 2022, the DFE has reduced the number of school sessions this year. This means we have an extra day of leave on Thursday 21st July, meaning term ends for pupils on Wednesday 20th July 2022. The new academic calendar can be accessed here.

End of Day Arrangements

Each September we send out a new End of Day Arrangements form to parents and carers. In order to ensure a safe and efficient dismissal, it is vital that we have the most up-to-date information on our forms. We will continue to work with the most recent copy of the form, so if you wish to make changes please send a new form in as soon as possible.

Similarly, if any of your contact details have changed, please email the Office as soon as possible so that we can update our records to ensure we can contact you if needed.

Children in years 4, 5 and 6 are allowed to walk home if parents and carers feel it is safe for them to do so. We must have a Walkers Permission Form to allow children to walk home, so please send this in as soon as possible if you would like your child to walk. Please be aware that we will not send children out of school to meet parents or siblings elsewhere, including on the school site. This can cause confusion and result in unsafe situations. Children who are dismissed alone are expected to walk home immediately. If you do not wish for your child to walk directly home, they must wait with their class adults at the end of the day and should be collected by a parent or carer. If school staff judge end of day arrangements to be unsafe at any point, we will ask that a parent or carer come to the school to collect the child e.g. if children's behaviour is unsafe.

11+ Tests

Our Year 6 children will be sitting their Secondary Transfer Tests (11+) next week. I sent a letter to Year 6 parents and carers yesterday, so please check Parent Mail for this if you have not seen it. Best of luck Year 6!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Manning
Headteacher

100%	Excellent
96 – 99.9%	Good
90 – 95.9%	Needs to improve
89.9% or less	Really needs to improve

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