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Autumn Term Bulletin

Issue 04: Friday, 24th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely week. I have enjoyed getting into classes this week and I was really impressed by the children's learning behaviours. We talked about growth mindset in today's assembly, and I can see that many pupils have developed a very strong growth mindset. The presentation in pupils' books was looking fabulous too. We look forward to sharing their books with you at our autumn term parents and carers consultation evenings.

Welcome Meetings
We are really looking forward to seeing you at these meetings. Timings can be found on Page 2. Apologies for any confusion in previous communications.
We know the timings of the meetings are really tricky for working parents. We will provide the Powerpoint slides following the meetings. If you are not able to attend but you would like to raise any questions, please do so via the school office. You can either call or email to speak to your child's teacher. A reminder that we will also have parent and carer consultation evenings after half term, so you can also raise questions here.

Road Safety
A big thank you to those of you who have made an effort to park safely since I wrote to you last week. I was outside the gates yesterday and was pleased to see an improvement. Please do continue to avoid parking and stopping on the markings outside the school in order to keep everybody safe.

Remote Learning
A reminder that our Remote Learning Policy can be accessed on the school website here. If your child needs to isolate at any point, they will be able to access remote learning via Teams. We will continue to support the children with developing skills in using Teams in school. Please remember that we only expect children to engage with the remote learning if they are well enough to do so. We are always happy to help with any difficulties you may face in accessing learning at home, and we have set up class email addresses for this purpose. Email addresses can be found on the Home Learning page of the school website. A reminder that the class email addresses are only for providing remote learning support. All other enquiries must be directed to the school office.

Homework
I wanted to say a big thank you to you all for engaging with our new homework arrangements. We had some useful and constructive feedback from parents around these arrangements and it is great to see parents supporting children to complete their home learning each week. We know it can be tough to fit in around home life, and we do appreciate your efforts. Please remember that children must read every day at home. We are able to change books more regularly at school now, and we also still have access to Reading Eggs if you would like some variety in reading choices. If your child has a phonics book, please ensure this is given priority.

INSET days
Unfortunately we need to change one of the INSET days for this academic year to accommodate a whole school training day. Changing an INSET day is not a decision we take lightly, as we know parents will have planned in advance using our published calendar. However we are unable to find another solution. The updated calendar can be seen https://ashhill.org.uk/Diary/Academic-Calendars/, on the school website. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns about the change of date.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Manning
Headteacher

Growing minds for learning,crafting skills for life

Attendance W/c 13/09/21

Class	Attendance	Lates
Reception	98.6%	0
Year 1	91.5%	0
Year 2	94.0%	2
Year 3	97.3%	3
Year 4	98.4%	2
Year 5	96.6%	1
Year 6	94.9%	0

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

Community Mindedness Tokens W/c 13/09/21

Year 1	36
Year 2	64
Year 3	12
Year 4	21
Year 5	45
Year 6	16

Coming up...

Date	Event
27/09/21 2.30pm	Meet the Teacher— Year 3 & Year 4
29/09/21 2.30pm	Meet the Teacher— Reception
30/09/21 11.30am	Meet the Teacher— Nursery
30/09/21 2.30pm	Meet the Teacher— Year 1 & Year 2
01/10/21 2.30pm	Meet the Teacher— Year 5 & Year 6
0710/21	Census Day
12/10/21	Year 1 Vision Screening
20/10/21	Reception Stay & Play Time tbc
21/10/21	Nursery Stay & Play @11.00am
22/10/21	School Closes for Half Term
25/10/21— 29/10/21	**Half Term**
03/11/21— 04/11/21	Parents Evenings (to be confirmed)
30/11/21	Year 6 Height & Weight Checks
03/12/21	Flu Vaccinations
17/12/21	School Closes for Xmas Holidays
20/12/21 - 03/01/22	**Xmas Holidays**
04/01/22	Inset Day
05/01/22	Children Back to School

Letters/Parent Mail This Week

(Please note—letters are also placed on the school website under the parent tab for your

- St Michaels Catholic School—Open Evening & Open Morning (for Year 6 Parents)
- Homework
- Special Census Day menu for 7th October (Fried Chicken Day)

This week in school...

- **Nursery** have had a fantastic week listening to Brown Bear Brown Bear and making bear sandwiches! The children chopped the bananas themselves and even tried to spread the chocolate over the bread without making a hole! We have all enjoyed playing with the coloured water and predicting what colour the water would be next. All children are continuing to show their 'good listening' and 'good sitting' on the carpet during the daily story time. Well done everybody! Story this week: 'Brown Bear Brown Bear, What do you see?' Key vocabulary: I can see, colour words Songs we have sung: 'Hey There Daddy Bear!'
- This week in **Reception** we have been talking about ourselves, how we all have similarities and differences. We looked closely at our faces in a mirror and began to paint self- portraits. We have practiced counting objects and writing our name. We have enjoyed playdough, and the bikes are still a firm favourite outside. Next week's sounds are m, a, s, d, t
- **Year 1** have hand another busy week! In English, we have been writing letters to Beegu. In Maths, we have been comparing numbers using greater than, less than and equal to. In PSHE, we looked at the word co-operation and what it means to work as a team. And in Topic, we have looked at directional words such as North, South, East, West, left and right.
- **Year 2** Welcome to our week of learning and fun! This week in Topic we have been learning about the events which lead to the Great Fire of London. The children have enjoyed creating silhouettes of Tudor homes and buildings. In Writing, we have learned to sequence events for our diary entries. This has led to us being able to create a Box-up of how we would like to write our individual diary entries. In Maths, we have learned to compare and order objects as well as numbers. The children have also enjoyed counting in multiples of twos, fives, tens (and introduced to counting in threes. in PSHE, we have learned what it means to learn and play cooperatively. Have a lovely and well rested weekend.
- **Year 3** are having a smashing week! We are beginning to master our 3 times tables and have tested our knowledge using the game 'Hit the Button'. We are moving onto addition and are really excited about putting our place value and number knowledge to use in solving the challenges ahead! In English, we have begun to write our portal stories with support. Some of our portals are sickles, fact books and paintings that transport us to the Stone Age! We have learnt about the different types of Stone Age artefacts left behind at Skara Brae to further inspire us with our stories! And if things couldn't get even better, we had a live session with a real life author this Friday! Ask us about it (but we'll probably end up telling you first!)
- **Year 4** have had another great week. We have continued investigating Place Value in Maths. This week we have focused on our reasoning skills and the language around how we explain our answers. In English, we are now really familiar with the Model text, 'Adventure at Sandy Cove' and are preparing to write a modified version. Very exciting!. To compliment our Roman Topic, in art, we have started investigating Roman Mosaics.
- We are getting into the swing of learning over in **Year 5!** In English, we are beginning to write our letters to Stanley's mum, imagining what we would say if we couldn't tell the truth about Camp Green Lake. As we read 'Holes', we are realising Camp Green Lake is less than idyllic. In Maths, we have worked with numbers up to 1 million! In Topic, we had the opportunity to explore day-to-day Anglo-Saxon lifestyle - we couldn't believe they made stews with acorns, twigs and stinging nettles! We can't wait to continue learning! From of all of us in Year 5, enjoy your weekend!
- **Year 6** have completed their baseline assessments this week alongside lots of other learning. They have been practising lots of tools to write a portal story; ask the children to include parenthesis in a sentence. They have also enjoyed learning and debating about which city state they would have preferred to live in: Athens or Sparta. In Reading, the children have practiced retrieving information through find and copy questions. We are also at a very interesting part in our class reader, 'Will Elliot Help Prisoner Forty-two?' Ask the children what they think.

Libraries Week...

We LOVE reading at Ash Hill. We will be celebrating Libraries Week from the 4th - 8th October and we want to get everyone involved. If you are not a member of the local library, you can sign up for free and borrow books for free as well. We will have a member of Micklefield Library on site on Thursday 7th and Thursday 14th October to sign your child up for a library card and have information about future events in the local area.