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Autumn Term Bulletin

Issue 07: Friday, 15th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've had a great week.

Half Term
A reminder that half term is the week beginning Monday 25th October. Due to an INSET day, pupils will return to school on Tuesday 2nd November.

Netflix Safety
As you know, the online world is rapidly changing and as such we must be always be mindful of keeping children safe. There are many online streaming platforms that can be easily accessed through devices and laptops, and they will often automatically move through content. This means if pupils are watching these platforms independently, they may be accessing inappropriate content. The National Online Safety website often includes information for parents on current concerns. The blog https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know details what parents need to be aware of around a current Netflix programme. It is important that pupils are supervised while watching videos online and that parents and carers are aware of what is being accessed. Please do regularly check your parental controls on devices and apps to prevent children from accessing inappropriate content.

Times Table Rock Stars
We are really happy to see so many children engaging with TTRS at the moment. We have a whole school competition underway and this is being celebrated in assemblies every Friday. Please encourage children to engage with the platform as much as possible – secure timestables knowledge really supports children in accessing the challenging maths curriculum.

COVID19
A reminder of the symptoms of coronavirus; a high temperature, a new continuous cough, a change in sense of taste and/or smell. The government have removed the requirement for most COVID19 restrictions. This means we all need to be very aware of the symptoms and ensure that anybody who is symptomatic does isolate and get a PCR test. It is also really helpful to regularly do LFT tests at home to pick up on any asymptomatic cases. There does seem to be a slight increase in numbers of cases in our community, and we appreciate everybody being vigilant about symptoms and testing to reduce the spread as much as possible.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Manning
Headteacher

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Attendance W/c 27/09/21

Class	Attendance	Lates
Reception	82.3%	1
Year 1	92.2%	2
Year 2	93.2%	2
Year 3	94.0%	6
Year 4	98.1%	1
Year 5	94.4%	0
Year 6	94.0%	3

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 27/09/21

Year 1	24
Year 2	5
Year 3	25
Year 4	26
Year 5	100
Year 6	49

Coming Up...

Date	Event
20/10/21	Reception Stay & Play 9.00am—10.00am
21/10/21	Nursery Stay & Play 11.00am—12.00pm
22/10/21	School Closes usual time for Half Term
25/10/21—29/10/21	**Half Term**
01/11/21	**Inset Day**
02/11/21	School reopens
31/10/21	Deadline for completion of secondary school applications
03/11/21	Primary portal opens to apply for a Reception place for September 2022
08/11/21 & 09/11/21	Parents' Evenings
30/11/21	Year 6 Height & Weight Checks
03/12/21	Flu Vaccinations (to be confirmed)
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
15/01/22	Last day to apply for a Reception place for September 2022. Portal closes at midnight.
19/04/22	National Primary Allocation Day—Parents will be sent an email from Bucks CC.

Letters/Parent Mail This Week

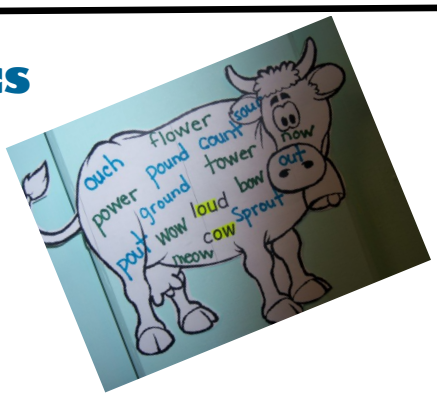
(Please note—letters are also placed on the school website under the parent tab for your

- Milk in School
- School Lunches After Half Term
- Positive COVID case at Ash Hill Primary

This Week in School...

- **Nursery** has had another brilliant week! We have enjoyed finding out about owls and going on an Autumn walk around the school grounds. The children collected various natural objects and created their own 'nests' in the classroom! They also had fun making their own owls using playdough and sequins for eyes and beaks. All children enjoyed sitting in the cosy dark den and using a torch to help read books. **Key book this week:** 'Owl Babies'. **Key vocabulary**: owl, wings, eyes, beak, mouse, night. **Key song:** 'Hickory Dickory Dock'.
- **Reception** have had a really busy week. They have enjoyed making vehicles and bugs with the junk modelling, we opened our own café outside and the children loved taking each others' orders. In Maths, we have looked lots at repeating patterns, and the children enjoyed working with a partner to continue each others patterns. In Phonics, we are continuing to learn a sound a day, and have started to blend the sounds together to form words. This week's sounds are **c, k, u, b**, and next week we will be learning, f, **e, l, h, sh**. Stay and play is next week, 20th October, 9am till 10am, we look forward to seeing you, please remember to sign in at the office.
- **Year 1** have had a good week. In Maths, we have been learning about fact families and number bonds. In English, we have been writing acrostic poems about what makes us happy. In PSHE, we have been learning about all of the ways we can protect our planet. In Computing, we have been practising using a mouse. We have also been sharing some of our wonderful homework projects!
- **Year 2** have had a great week continuing to learn about the Great Fire of London in Topic. In English, we have been working on writing poems and today we have tried an alliteration poem. In Maths, we have been doing really well counting forward and backwards in 10s. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.
- **Year 3** have had a fabulous week! We've really enjoyed reading the new books by some great authors from Mrs Butt! We've also enjoyed learning about some amazingly strong Black women: Rosa Parks and Claudette Colvin. Both are credited for not giving their seat up on a bus! Ask us why this was so important! In other news, we have been celebrating the fact we had 25 readers today (Friday!) We are hoping to make it 30 before half term!
- **Year 4:** This week the children have worked incredibly hard completing their assessments. However, we have still had time to start our new story map and immerse ourselves even further into our topic, The Romans. The children have had lots of fun rehearsing their Roman poem for their performance in assembly and have really enjoyed learning about the, warrior queen, Boudica. Another inspirational character they have been researching is Nelson Mandela. We have discovered lost of interesting information about this man as part of Black History Month. In Maths, we continue exploring column method for addition and subtraction.
- What a fabulous week in **Year 5**! We completed our first piece of published writing this year - it was hard work but it paid off. We've also been working hard on practising our performance poetry for next week, some of us have even memorised our part already! After completing our designs and creating our Anglo-Saxon art last week, this week we painted our final pieces. We cannot wait for our final week of half term!
- This week **Year 6** have started their new unit of writing. They will be focussing on writing their version of a Greek myth. In Maths, they have been working so hard on mastering long division and solving problems using long division. In Topic, the children have learned about the Greek Gods and continued to make their Greek vases. A special shout out for our Year 6 girls' football team, who have played amazingly well in their tournament. We are all so proud of you!

Reception Phonics



As you know, we have started learning our phonics sounds in school. Please support at home by watching the videos with your child that we will include in this section each week.
The videos for this week can be found at the following links:

'c' sound - https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/pG7T8zY2/72XdtwJC

'k' sound - https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/MQYrUjdT/abineGnN

'u' sound - https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/yoqZlJIf/Qdmx3kt0

'b' sound - https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/kTCYT6JT/1534JCCX

Lunchtime Fun

Some examples of creative chalk drawings by the children at lunchtime.