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Autumn Term Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely week. Happy Diwali to all of our families who celebrate!

Staffing

I am pleased to share with you that we have two new staff starting Ash Hill next week. Mrs Etharome is a new LSA who will be working with Year 1 and Year 4. Mr Rutland is our new Caretaker. Both are very excited to be joining the Ash Hill team.
I am also delighted to share that Mrs Edwards will be remaining at Ash Hill for the spring term and will continue to teach Year 4. Mrs Edwards is a great addition to our team and we are happy she will be staying with us for a while longer.

Covid19

I wrote to you this week about COVID19 cases over the half-term break. I would like to send our best wishes to anybody who is unwell with COVID, and we wish you a speedy recovery. A reminder that we do provide remote learning for children who need to isolate at home but are well enough to complete the work. You can access the learning via Teams, and all pupils have their login information in their reading / homework records. If your child is isolating at home and you are having difficulty accessing the remote learning, please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will be happy to help. For more information on our remote learning, you can view our policy here.

In order to keep our community safe, please be aware of the symptoms of COVID19 and ensure you do not send your child to school if they display any symptoms, even if they are mild. Symptoms are a loss or change in sense of smell or taste, a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature. Please ensure you get a PCR test for your child if they have any COVID19 symptoms, or if they are a close contact of somebody who has tested positive for COVID19.
You may notice staff are being mindful of social distancing and mask wearing at the moment. We have reintroduced some measures that will not disrupt our normal practice, but will hopefully support with the current rise in positive cases. We hope that these measures will be sufficient in reducing numbers and that we will not need to step up our response, but of course we will keep you informed.

Governors Emails

Unfortunately we have been made aware of a technical issue with the Chair of Governors email address last half term.
If you sent an email to: chairofgovenors@ashhillprimary.co.uk it may not have been received. If you are waiting for a response, such as for a parent governor application, please do get in touch with the school office and we will check whether the email has been received. We believe the issue has now been rectified, so any emails sent this half term should arrive. Apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Fireworks

In today's assembly we discussed firework safety. The website here has some important safety reminders if you are planning a display or want to use sparklers.

Have a wonderful, safe weekend!

Mrs Manning
Headteacher

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Attendance W/c 18/10/21

Class	Attendance	Lates
Reception	81.7%	1
Year 1	95.8%	4
Year 2	88.4%	4
Year 3	98.3%	5
Year 4	94.1%	1
Year 5	93.0%	2
Year 6	94.4%	2

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 18/10/21

Year 1	5
Year 2	117
Year 3	15
Year 4	59
Year 5	56
Year 6	62

Coming Up...

Date	Event
03/11/21	Primary portal opens to apply for a Reception place for September 2022
08/11/21 & 09/11/21	Parents' Telephone Consultations Years 4, 5 and 6
10/11/21 & 11/11/21	Parents' Telephone Consultations Nursery, Reception & Years 1—3
15/11/21	Anti-Bullying Week
16/11/21	Reception Library Visit
19/11/21	Children In Need—Pajama Day (Nursery & Reception)
19/11/21	Children In Need—Dress Like a Rockstar (Years 1—6)
23/11/21	Planetarium Visit Years 5 & 6 (tbc)
23/11.21	Reception Library Visit
30/11/21	Year 6 Height & Weight Checks
30/11/21	School Photographs
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 reference)

- Breakfast Club Refunds
- Close Contact of a Positive COVID19 Case at Ash Hill Primary
- Children In Need - Pajama Day (Nursery & Reception)
- Children In Need—Dress Like a Rock-star (Years 1—6)

This Week in School...

- **Nursery** has had a very busy week thinking about celebrations! We started the week talking about Halloween and the children shared their trick or treat experiences with the class. Yesterday, we began thinking about Diwali and how it is celebrated. The children had fun creating large firework pictures outside. Here, they used their core muscles to help flick the paint all over some very very large paper! Core book this week: '**Room on the Broom' and 'Peppa's Diwali'**. Key songs: '**Zoom Zoom Zoom'**. Key vocabulary: **celebration, party, firework, Diwali, Halloween.**
- **Reception** have had a great start to the new half term. They enjoyed the story 'Pumpkin Soup' and had great fun painting pumpkins, re-enacting the story with puppets and making their own soups. They have learnt about Diwali and made their own divalamps. The children are progressing well with their Phonics and are becoming experts at blending sounds to make words. This week's sounds are: **r, j, v, y**. Keytext is: **Pumpkin Soup**. Key Vocabulary: **Where do we start with our pencil when writing?** Key Songs: **'Wind the Bobbin Up', 'Humpty Dumpty', '1, 2 Buckle My Shoe'**.
- **Year 1** have had a great first week back. In Maths, we are continuing our learning on addition and subtraction. In English, we have started a new unit, a rags to riches tale, based on The Elves and the Shoemaker. In Topic, we went on an Autumnal walk and looked for signs that the seasons are changing and we also began our new history unit all about Wycombe in the past.
- **Year 2:** It's been a lovely week back to school and the children have settled in very well. This week in Writing , we have started with our cold task. The children really enjoyed playing 'The Shop Game' and writing about what they did in a shop in order to extend their sentences. In Maths, we have been working hard on learning to add and subtract one and two-digit numbers. In Topic, we have introduced the uses of materials. The children did an amazing job in identifying materials and coming up with objects which are created from these materials. Our new text has been introduced; the children were really amused by the character of Mrs Armitage. Feel free to ask your children what she did to her bicycle and what else they feel might happen in the story. Have a great weekend.
- **Year 3** have had a wonderful first week(ish) back! We have been learning our new base text, reading our new class book and exploring Diwali. Our new text and reading book are about robots! We are going to learn all about the character Roz in 'The Wild Robot'. In Writing, we are going to use the story of 'The Iron Man' to support us in creating our own robotic character! We have really enjoyed learning more about Diwali and made some Rangoli patterns of our own. We read a story called 'Dipal and Diwali' and salivated at all the pakoras at their family feast! We have also learnt about another celebration that involves fireworks: Bonfire Night!
- **Year 4** have been super stars this week. They have come back with a fantastic, ready to learn attitude. I have been so impressed! We have started reading Michael Morpurgo's 'This Morning I met a Whale'. The children have been engaged and have lots of amazing ideas. We have started our new Maths block this week focusing on Equivalent Lengths. In English, we are just beginning to learn our model text, 'The River Troll Emerges'. Do ask your children to recite the story so far. It has been a great start to the term.
- What a busy return to school for **Year 5**! In Writing, we have started exploring creating suspense in opening and build-ups of stories. We've learnt the importance of effective word choice to really impact the reader. In Maths, we've spent time analysing data in line graphs. As a class reader, we have started the book: 'he Jamie Drake Equation'. Our main character's father is an astronaut in space. Our Topic this half term is Space - which we are already over the moon about! From Year 5 - have a great weekend!
- **Year 6** have had a wonderful week back to school. We have started our new learning about discussion texts in writing and our class reader- Stormbreaker. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the first few chapters and have sought other books by the same author. In Topic, we have started our learning about light and children were fascinated to find out the many uses light has such as laser light being used in surgeries. In Maths, we have started our learning about fractions and we have worked on equivalent fractions, simplifying fractions, mixed numbers and improper fractions.

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:

'r': https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/bGwy7ghY/DUSnikLa

'j': https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/3N4AT1qz/HscY15O6

'v': https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/bQrxtiCb/woCxpepz

'y': https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/YvQz8leT/QqfecVpd