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Summer Term Bulletin

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Dear Parent/Carer

Eid Mubarak to all our Ash Hill families who were celebrating last weekend!

Hasn't this year flown past?! We've made it to the final bulletin of the year already. People sometimes ask me if school is 'winding down for the summer' when we get to July, but as you know we seem to get busier and busier in these final weeks! This is fantastic as it means we get to celebrate our learning and spend time with our community of parents and carers. This week has been full of lovely events, including the outstanding Year 2 and Reception class assemblies and the fabulous Upper School performances.

Heatwave
I know some of you will be worried about the heatwave forecast for Monday and Tuesday next week. We are risk assessing this and I will be sharing a letter later on today to explain the safety measures we will be putting in place. The safety of the children is always our number one priority.

Summer Reading Challenge
Reading is the most important thing your child can do over the summer break. Reading opens the doors to all other learning, and children who read well achieve better across the entire curriculum. The only way to get better at reading is to practice, practice and practice some more! The summer break is long and we really see the impact of this in the autumn term on pupils who have not engaged with reading during this time. Please do encourage your child to read every day – local libraries often run an engaging summer reading challenge and I strongly encourage all families to sign up to this. We've decided to support this further by offering our own incentive for summer reading – for every book your child reads over the summer, they will be given a raffle ticket in school. When we are back in school, children can enter our September Summer Reading Raffle to win prizes! Your child will need to record the books they have read and ask an adult to sign next to each book to confirm it has been read (we recommend asking them to tell you a summary of the book just to check they've read it fully!) Children can use their reading record to record their summer reading challenge. We hope you have lots of fun reading together over the break!

Assemblies Next Week
Next week we have our end of term celebration assemblies, including Let's Get Smart and Learning Champions. During our Let's Get Smart assembly we award certificates to pupils for the number of blue and green tokens they have earned this year. Pupils earn their tokens through showing 'ready to learn' behaviours in lessons (blue tokens), or by showing our school values (green tokens). In our Learning Champions assembly, pupils are nominated by their teachers for their fantastic learning behaviours throughout the term. Nominees will hear all about why they have been nominated, and then our 3 winners will be announced and will receive their Learning Champions polo shirts to wear with pride! Both assemblies are fantastic ways to celebrate what we are all about at Ash Hill – *growing minds for learning* – and we are very proud of all those pupils who have achieved these awards and nominations this year. If your child has been nominated as a learning champion, you will have received an invitation to the assembly, and we look forward to seeing you there.

September Return
The children will be returning to school on Tuesday 6th September. Please bring your child to the playground between 8:40 and 8:50am on this day. (**Please see note from the office below with regards to Nursery and Reception start dates for September**)

Goodbye Year 6!
We will have time to celebrate with Year 6 next week, and we have their leaver's assembly to look forward to on Wednesday. I wanted to take a moment now to say a huge WELL DONE to Year 6 for their time at primary school. They have faced significant disruption during the last few years with the pandemic, but in true Ash Hill style they have shown resilience and continued to work hard. We are incredibly proud of them. They did brilliantly in their SATs tests, threw themselves into the residential trip and They are an absolute delight to have in school, with their unique personalities, their positivity and fun. The staff who have had the privilege of working with them will miss them all, and we wish them all the best of luck in their new schools. We know they will be fabulous! We'd love to hear how they're getting on, so please keep in touch!

Other Goodbyes
On behalf of our school community, I would like to say thank you and goodbye to the staff who are moving on from Ash Hill next week. Mrs Arkinson, Mrs Imreen and Miss Killen have all worked hard and contributed so much to our school and children. We are very grateful to them and wish them all the best of luck in their new roles.

Finally, thank you to all our parents and carers for your support this year. I wish you all a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you again in September.

Mrs Manning
Headteacher

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Attendance W/c 04/07/22

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Reception	93.1	4
Year 1	90.0	3
Year 2	96.4	2
Year 3	94.0	6
Year 4	93.3	5
Year 5	90.7	8
Year 6	90.0	2

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

Community Mindedness Tokens

Year 1	37
Year 2	71
Year 3	42
Year 4	85
Year 5	66
Year 6	84

Coming Up...

Date	Event
12/07/22	Reception—Vision Screening
12/07/2022	09.15am Upper Years School Production
13/07/2022	Nursery welcome session for September starters
14/07/2022	13.45pm Upper Years School Production
20/07/2022	*13.15pm—Year 6 leavers Assembly*
20/07/22	School closes for Summer Break 2:00pm
21/07/22	Extra Leave Day
	INSET DAYS—2022/2023 02/09/22 05/09/22 04/01/2023 17/04/2023 21/07/2023

Letters this week ...

- Hot Weather support and guidance

Messages from the Office :

- Gentle reminder it's the FOAH pre -loved uniform sale today after school. Cash Only please!
- Today (15th July 2022) is the last day for clubs this term. There will be **NO** clubs next week
- Please can lunches for September 2022 Autumn term be booked by August 29th at the latest. This allows us to collate and supply the numbers to our caterers ready for when the children come back in September. Lunches can be booked via Parent Mail in the usual way
- **Nursery start dates for September 2022:**
  New to Ash Hill start on 8th September 2022
  Returners to Nursery from Ash Hill start on 12th September 2022
- **Reception start dates for September 2022**
  New to Ash Hill start on 6th September 2022
  Returners to Ash Hill (from Nursery) start on 8th September 2022

This Week in School...

Nursery:

Nursery have had a busy week thinking about changes and looking back at the things they have enjoyed most throughout the year, such as reading 'The Naughty Bus' and building obstacle courses outside using the planks and crates. The children have also been talking about things they could not do at the beginning of Nursery but can do now, as many children can write their own name now and get themselves changed without too much help! Of course, we have all enjoyed the sunshine at short times and have explored different ways of making objects travel down the guttering faster using water.

Reception:

The children in Reception class have been working really hard this week on their class assembly. They have all learnt their lines and said their words loud and clear. Over the year, they have grown in confidence and have supported each other to say the words. All of the Reception staff are very proud of how hard they have practised. The children have finished working on the story map 'Rumble in the Jungle' and have been using a picture from a jungle to write a sentence and have also made up their own riddles. The children enjoyed a lovely PE session of fun games and they have been working on their pencil control with some mindfulness jungle animal colouring. In maths, the children have been working on doubling numbers to 10 and measuring the distance cars travel down a ramp.

Phonics Link - https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Debo0TpL/AQOYGQP8

Year 1:

Year 1 have been working hard despite the heat. In English, we finished our Florence Nightingale diaries. In Maths, we have been learning about money and recognising the different coins. We have also be lucky enough to watch the Upper School performance, Year 2 and Receptions class assemblies. In PSHE, we have learnt about different feelings and what they might look like in a person.

Year 2

The children have had a brilliant week! Year 2 would like to say a huge 'Thank You' for all the positive messages following our class assembly. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning journey and it was great to see them beam with pride and joy at all that they have achieved this year. A kind Thank you for remembering to send children in with their hats, water bottles and applied sunscreen. In Writing, we learned to; write in first person, use apostrophes in contractions and using questions to engage our reader. In Maths, we have learned to measure capacity using millilitres and litres - don't be alarmed if your child keeps checking containers for their written capacity. In History, we compared the journeys and accomplishments of both Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong.
Wishing you all a relaxing weekend. Safely enjoy the sunshine!

Year 3

Year 3 have been having way too much fun this week! We have been reviewing our Maths units and testing our sticky learning. We have also been doing lots of reading to cool down in this heat! Our favourite book so far has been The Wild Robot and a book about the life of Mary Anning. Miss Callender is so proud of our reading efforts this year and is so proud of our progress! She loves seeing that we have read every night at home. Miss Bagguley is starting to get a bit emotional about our last few days together next week; she keeps telling us that we're incredible, amazing and fabulous! We tell her we know!!

Year 4:

Year 4: We have really enjoyed sharing our singing with parents for the Upper School production this week! In Maths, we have learnt about lines of symmetry and in English, we are practising persuasive techniques for our new unit on persuasive adverts. To help us stay cool, we had an art afternoon this week, making our own scribble name art.

Year 5:

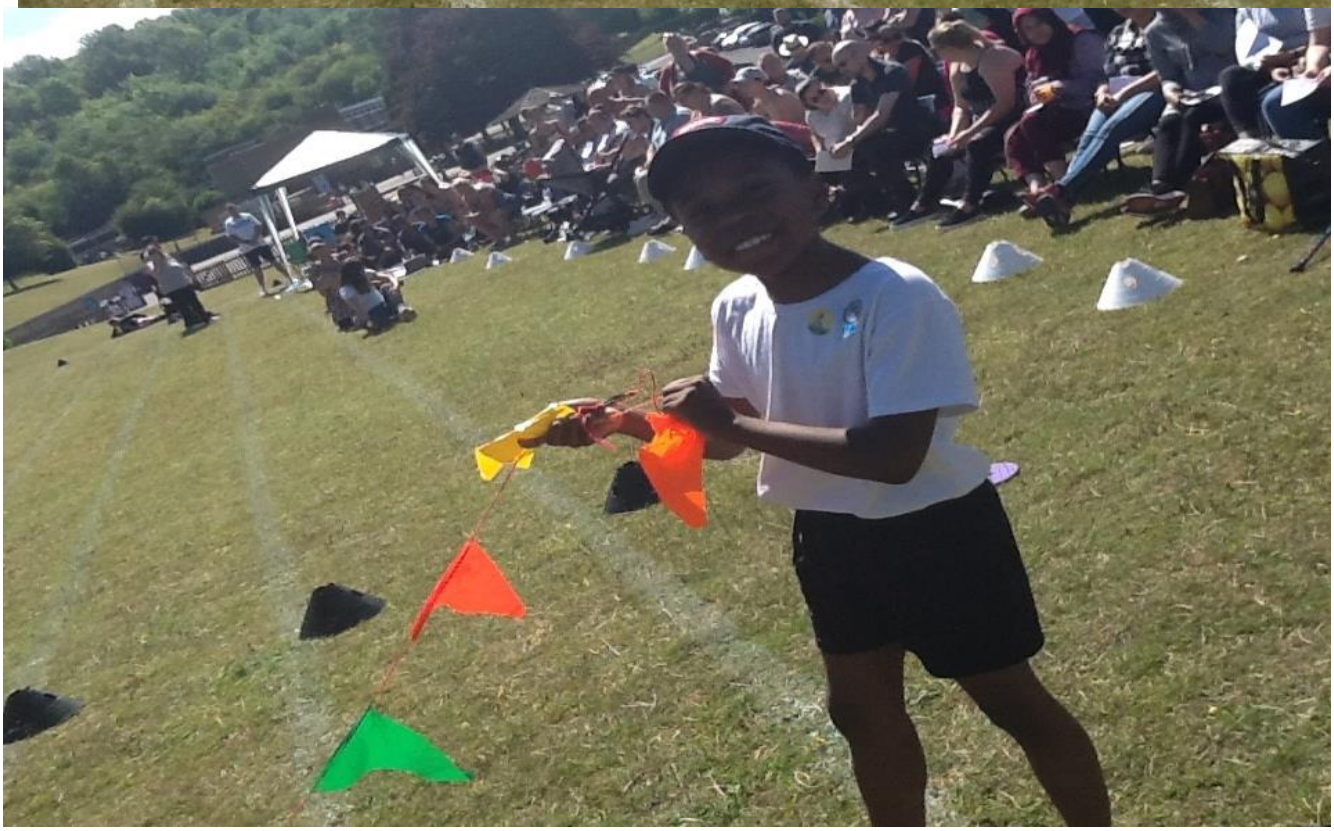
What a busy final full week of Year 5! We've had lots of fun singing for the UKS2 production and performing for parents. We are very proud of how our performances have gone! In writing, we've had the chance to use our toolkits from the year to do some creative writing pieces. It's been a great opportunity to highlight all our skills. In maths, we've been learning how to convert between units by using our knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. In Science, we've created a double page spread about our knowledge of properties of materials. In our class reader, A Series of Unfortunate Events, the Baudelaire children have found themselves in lots of trouble with Count Olaf... will they be able to free themselves? From Year 5- have a wonderful weekend!

Year 6:

Year 6 have performed 'The Greatest Show' this week and we all are so proud of them! They worked exceptionally hard to memorise some very tricky lines all with intonation and expression. I am sure they will be glad to have a restful evening not having to think about their lines. Year 6 are now looking forward to their final few days of celebrations at Ash Hill next week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank every parent and carer that has supported their child this year in any way. They have all come so far from where they began and we hope you will enjoy their leavers' assembly.

Update from Mr Bell...

We thoroughly enjoyed both Sports Days last week and it was truly awesome to share the event again this year with parents and family. I was in ore of our pupils determination, resilience and how supportive they were to each other. There were so many positive words of encouragement despite where a pupil finished which I loved hearing from other pupils. Everyone seemed to take it upon themselves to look out for others, which for me, was the cherry on the cake and showcases what our Ash Hill Sports days are about. Congratulations to Beech who were the victorious house on the day. I already know Ash & Oak are in training as we speak to challenge for the title next year! A huge well done to all and thank you staff, parents & family for your support and creating two wonderful mornings!



Mama Bee

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Mama Bee & Khepera Present

Free Summer Holiday Fun

Join us at Wrights Meadow Centre, HP11 1SQ

Email: info@mamabee.org.uk Mobile: 07904705220

Department for Education

Free holiday fun and food!

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What's On @ Wycombe Museum Summer Holidays

26th & 27th July, Tuesday & Wednesday

Discover & Make: Mosaic Madness

31st July, Sunday

The Trees of Wycombe Museum

2nd & 4th Aug, Tuesday & Wednesday

Discover & Make: Quills & Seals

9th & 10th Aug, Tuesday & Wednesday

Discover & Make: Rocking Cave Art

14th & 17th Aug, Tuesday & Wednesday

Discover & Make: Seaside Special!

21st Aug, Sunday

Seaside Family Fun Day

23rd & 24th Aug, Tuesday & Wednesday

Discover & Make: We're Going on a Bug Hunt

30th & 31st Aug, Tuesday & Wednesday

Discover & Make: Saxon Treasure Hunt

For adults
For children
For all

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Family fun day

Funfair

Sweet stall

Face paint

Food and drink

Tombola

Raffle

And loads more

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21th July
2022

12pm
~ 5pm