



Ashton Hayes Primary School

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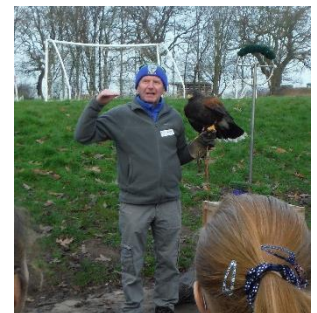
News

Half-way through the academic year; it seems just yesterday that the children were putting on their new school uniforms, arriving for the new school year. So much has happened since then. The difference in the Reception children is unbelievable – they're reading, writing and counting and becoming fantastic learners as well. All the children across the school are a pleasure to work with and we are so very proud of them, as we know you are too. Have a wonderful half-term break and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 24th February.



World Book Day

This year, we will celebrate World Book Day on Friday 6th March (the official day is Thursday 5th March but other events have meant a change in date). We will be contributing to the 'Reading Revolution' by dressing up as a well-known character from a children's book and sharing as many stories as possible! By the time World Book Day comes about, we hope that a number of parents will have joined classes in order to share their favourite children's books, stories or extracts in our Secret Reader initiative. Thanks to those who have volunteered already; if you haven't done so and would be interested, please contact Mrs Stubbs in the school office. Also, don't forget the 'Extreme Reading' challenge over the half-term break. To enter, photograph your child reading a book in an unusual place, such as: on a beach, up a tree, on a boat, etc. All photographs submitted will be displayed in our whole-school extreme readers display board. There will also be a display showing photographs of us (staff, governors and parents) holding our favourite books, so if you would like to be involved please send in a photograph of you with your favourite book.



SPORTS WATCH

This term has seen a competition a week for the Ashton Hayes teams. The children competed fantastically well in small school's football, Netball and Basketball festivals and competitions, enhancing their skills across in a range of situations. The children have benefitted from working with Mandy Dorrell, School Sport Coordinator for our schools' partnership. And as part of the Gymnastics after-school club from S4YC, the school will benefit from some expert teaching in Dance and Gymnastics.

Other News / Information

iPads by Easter!

Fundraising campaign change, it is now "iPads by Easter" to replace old iPads by Easter. Do families know of any businesses that would make a charitable donation of £280 to sponsor an iPad? Thanks to the Shiels (MEP Professional), RSK Group (Kate Pine) and Lisa Metcalfe (Purple Heart Handmade) for the donations so far. If anyone knows any other businesses that could support with this campaign, please contact the school. Thank you very much!

Public Speaking Competition

Earlier this term three children from Year 5 represented our school in the CAT public speaking competition at The Storyhouse. The children spoke about their own personal experiences with eloquence and confidence, with one child reaching the finals.

Netball Morning Club

From Friday 13th March, Kelly Gordon and Elena Garcia-Estrada will be running a before-school BEE Netball Club. This club will be on Friday mornings, from 7.45am until 8.30am and is for children in Y4, Y5 and Y6. It will run initially up until Easter. Places are limited to 16 and can be booked using ParentPay. Many thanks to Kelly and Elena for giving their time to run this club.

Forest School

Forest School sessions next half term will be for all Y4 and Y5 children on Tuesday mornings. Owl Class will be on Tuesday afternoon and Kestrel Class will continue on a Wednesday morning. This will enable us to provide year group specific teaching sessions for Y6, Y3 and Y2 children to further support their learning.

Consent and School Dinners

Please could you ensure that consent is given in good time for school trips and sporting events. This is on ParentPay and text messages are sent to inform parents.

Teachers2Parents Email

If you are concerned that you maybe missing school emails please can you ensure that you add the following addresses to your safe sender list—message@teachers2parents.co.uk and donotreply@teachers2parents.co.uk. All email correspondence is also available on the school website

PE Kits

Please ensure your child has their full school PE kit in school every day. This can include a tracksuit at this time of year.

Travel Abroad at Half Term

If you are lucky enough to be going away over the holidays – have a lovely time! Please see information received from the NHS with guidance about your return to the country.



Dates for the Diary

Friday 14th February – Staff Training Day

Monday 24th February – First day of Spring
2nd half term

Friday 28th February
Fair Trade Funds for Australia – please see
letter
PTFA Film Night – further details to follow

Thursday 5th March – Y5/6 trip to Safety
Central

Saturday 7th March – Garden Volunteer Day

Friday 13th March – Sports Relief

Wednesday 18th March – Friday 20th March –
Y3/4 Ironbridge Residential

Friday 20th March – Delamere Cross County
for Y5 and 6

Thursday 26th March – PTFA Chocolate Bingo
– School Hall

Tuesday 31st March – Learning Review 1

Wednesday 1st April – Learning Review 2

Thursday 2nd April – Easter Service

Friday 3rd April – Last day of the Spring
Term

Thursday 23rd April – Y5/6 AmaSing Concert
at The Storyhouse, Chester

COMMUNICATION AND PUNCTUALITY

We are continually reviewing our communication and partnership between school and parents. The start of the school day is a very busy time for teachers who are eager to get the children into school and begin their lessons. This does not mean that teachers are unavailable to speak to; they are happy to receive small messages whilst welcoming your children into class. We would simply ask that if you would like a longer discussion with your child's class teacher, or anyone else in school, that you contact the school office, by phone, email or in person. A message will be passed to them requesting a telephone call back or a face-to-face meeting. Please bear in mind that teachers are class-based and often have meetings or extra-curricular activities during lunchtime and after school, therefore they will endeavour to return your call within a maximum of two school-working days.

Ashton Hayes is committed to the well-being of all members of its staff. Therefore, we do not release individual email addresses of teachers in order to ensure emails are not received out of working hours. If an email / longer message needs to be given to the class teacher, please email the school office, admin@ashtonhayes.cheshire.sch.uk, and the message will be given to the class teacher at the earliest convenience.

All school trips, sporting events and club bookings (school clubs, not private providers) are completed on the ParentPay platform – we will endeavour to send a text message to direct you to this information.

Please remember that school starts at 8.45am. Doors open at 8.40am and the children come straight in to class to complete a morning challenge. Mathematical lessons begin in Y1-Y6 from 9am so we would ask you to ensure that your child is on time, so that no learning is missed.

Many thanks.

