



# Ashton Hayes Primary School News

ASPIRE TO BE AMAZING! March 2022

Where did the spring term go? It seems like we have only just returned from Christmas and now here comes Easter! There has been so much crammed into a short term, that we hardly seem to have come up for air!

There has been some fantastic learning going on in and out of classrooms with trips taking place again and of course our writing project that has taken over the library. I am sure you will also agree, that your children's books are looking fantastic with so much progress being made across the curriculum.

The Year 6 children have been very busy in the roles within our 'Pupil Parliament' and have organised some fantastic events and competitions for the children including road safety competitions and assemblies, World Book Day activities, Child Mental Health Week and Comic Relief events. Next half term we will be training play-leaders to support the school in making playtimes even more active.

We are really grateful to our fantastic PTFA as always, for the brilliant, fun fundraising activities and events for the children. This term the rainbow raffle was a great success. We are particularly grateful to Mrs Gorman and Mrs Green, who came in to school to work with all of our children on lovely Mother's Day cards. I am sure you agree, they were fantastic!



## Covid-19 Update

It has not just been Covid that we have had to deal with this term, but a sickness bug too. Thankfully the vast majority of children have now returned to school and are well.

As of today covid guidance has changed again as part of the [next steps for living with COVID-19](#). Updated guidance advises:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

These changes to advice are very new. We are awaiting further guidance from the DfE and local authority and will keep you updated when we know more.

## Tesco Community Grant Scheme

Our wonderful PTFA have applied for a Tesco Community Grant to raise funds for our Kestrel Class outdoor learning area. Please support us by voting for us using the blue tokens in the Helsby store from April right through to 20th June 2022.

## Secret Reader

A huge thank you to parents and grandparents who have come into school as 'Secret Readers'. It has been wonderful to see the look on the children's faces when they find out who is reading them a story. If you are available to volunteer please get in touch.

## Uniform

Don't forget, Summer uniform after the holidays please. You may still need a coat as the weather can be unpredictable. A change of footwear (wellies or old trainers) would be great to have in school as although the field can be used at break times, it can be a bit muddy. The PTFA have a Facebook page selling preloved uniform... [www.facebook.com/ashtonhayespreloveduniforms](http://www.facebook.com/ashtonhayespreloveduniforms)

## Attendance

Attendance in school is of course mandatory once again. If there is any reason that your child will not be in school, please inform the school office either by phone or email. If there is no response on the phone, please leave a message on the answer phone, stating the reason for the absence. Please make sure this is done before 9:00. Please also store the school phone number in your phone 01244307408 as we may need to contact you in an emergency. If you know that you will need to take your child out of school during term time for any reason, please complete an absence request form, available on the school website or from the school office. There are clear guidelines around legitimate reasons for authorised absence and details about fixed penalty notices in our attendance policy also on the school website. If you are booking a holiday, please check our term dates on the school website before you do.

## Timings

Please make sure that children are in school by 8:50 at the latest every day. If they are late they may miss vital learning. It can also be quite unsettling arriving late when everyone is already engaged in activities.

## Water Bottles

Please could you ensure that water bottles contain water. Lots of children appear to be bringing juice instead at the moment. As the weather gets warmer, we want to keep hydrated. Drinking water is the healthiest way to do this.

## Healthy Snacks

Please can we remind you about providing your child with a healthy snack for break time. Sweets and chocolate are not included in a list of healthy snacks, so please leave them for treats at home. Could we also remind you that we are a nut free school, as we have children with severe allergies on the premises.

## Parent Questionnaire

We are always interested in your views and have therefore set up a questionnaire. This can be accessed through your school spider parent app under surveys and forms. We look forward to your responses.