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Newsletter

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Welcome back!

Welcome back to a new school year, and a huge welcome to all of our new children starting in nursery and reception. I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer and I am delighted to say that we have had a fantastic first week back at school. I am so pleased at how well all of the children have settled in; it has been a pleasure visiting all of our classrooms and seeing the children so happy and content in their new learning environments. Well done to everyone!

As always, if you have anything that you would like to discuss or have any concerns please speak to your child's class teacher or come and see me - my door is always open.

Mrs Fellows

After School Club

Please ensure that you book After School Club in advance using the online form that is sent out every Thursday (please book by midnight on Sunday evening) and that payment is made in advance via ParentPay, this includes payments using childcare vouchers etc. Thank you.

Home Learning

As is our policy, we do not send home formal homework. Instead, as always, we will continue to focus on reading for our home learning. We will send home reading books on a regular basis and we would really encourage you to spend just a few minutes each evening sharing your child's books with them. This will support our reading sessions in school, which your child will receive regularly. The children will be encouraged to change their home reading books when they come into school each morning if needed, so please remind them when you drop them off to change their book if they have read it. Children who need some extra support with their reading will receive one-to-one reading sessions with school staff or our wonderful volunteers.

At certain times of the year, such as the Year 1 Phonics screening test in June or Year 2 SATs in May, we may need to send some subject specific work home to support your child's learning.

Celebration Assembly

Fridays will continue to be our Celebration Assembly, which the children love and we will continue to post these on Dojo. We will celebrate birthdays and any achievements from both in or outside of school. Each week three children from each class will be chosen as either a Star of the Week (for all round good behaviour and attitude to learning), Reading Rockstar or Marvellous Mathematician. We will also award Attendance Ted to the class with the highest percentage attendance and the Class of the Week trophy to the class with the most raffle tickets.

HEADTEACHER: Mrs Jayne Fellows

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER: Mrs Eluned Lane

Behaviour

Rewards

Children will be awarded **stickers** and **raffle tickets** for their individual good behaviour and work. The raffle ticket will be put into their class tin (with their name on it) and one ticket from each class will be picked out in Friday's celebration assembly, and the winner of the raffle will get a dip in the prize box. There is no limit to how many raffle tickets can be awarded, so the more raffle tickets the children get, the better chance they have of 'winning'. The class with the most raffle tickets in their tin will also win the **Class of the Week Trophy** and will have an extra playtime on Friday.

Sanctions

We have a visual system in all classrooms to encourage children to follow the school rules. Each classroom has a rainbow, sunshine, cloudy sun and a black cloud, all children will start the day on the sunshine, and move up to the rainbow if they have followed the rules consistently. If following a reminder, they do not follow the rules, they will be moved to the cloudy sun as a warning. If they continue to not follow the rules then they will move to the black cloud and will have a few minutes 'thinking time'.

Children are able to earn their way back to the sunshine at any time from both the cloudy sun and the black cloud, and they will be encouraged to try to end their day on the sunshine. If children continue not to follow the rules once they are on the black cloud then they may be asked to spend some thinking time in another classroom, or spend time with Mrs Lane or Mrs Fellows. Any violent or aggressive behaviour will be an instant black cloud offence and children will be taken directly to Mrs Lane or Mrs Fellows.

Summer Reading Challenge

On Friday 15th September we will be celebrating all those children who took part in the Library's Summer reading challenge. If you have taken part this year, please bring your certificates into school so we can all congratulate you on an amazing summer of reading.

Jeans for Genes Day

At Ashcroft we are very proud of how generous our children and families are at supporting a variety of charities, and on Friday September 22nd we are again giving our support to 'Jeans for Genes Day' raising money for The Genetics Disorders UK Charity which helps many families and children with genetic disorders. It is really easy to get involved, just wear your jeans to school (or anything denim/own clothes) on that Friday instead of your school uniform and donate any amount to help others.

School Lunches

Monday	Mains: Swedish meatballs OR Mac and cheese Light Bites: Jacket potato OR Selection of wraps Pudding: Chocolate mousse.
Tuesday	Mains: All day breakfast OR Veggie burger in a bun Light Bites: Tomato and basil pasta OR Selection of sandwiches. Pudding: Jam and coconut sponge and custard.
Wednesday	Mains: Roast chicken, stuffing & gravy OR Veggie toad in the hole & gravy Light Bites: Jacket potato OR Selection of filled rolls. Pudding: Chocolate shortbread
Thursday	Mains: Beef Bolognese OR Sweet potato and lentil curry Light Bites: Tomato and basil pasta OR Selection of wraps. Pudding: Rice Krispie cake

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Friday	Mains: Golden Fish Fingers with Chips OR Quorn Nuggets with Chips Light Bites: Jacket potato OR Selection of sandwiches. Pudding: Ice-cream
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All meals served with a drink and a selection of vegetables and salad