



# Ashby Hastings Primary School

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*“Inspiring minds to foster confidence”*

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## Newsletter 2022/2023 Autumn Term

What a fabulous start to the year we have had! We have loved welcoming our wonderful new starters into EYFS and watching their confidence grow – it is like they have always been with us. Our Year 1 pupils continue to amaze us with their confidence and attitude to learning.

I would like to thank you all for your support and wish you all a wonderful half term break. We look forward to seeing children back in school on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October**.

Best wishes,  
Rachel Mckeown

## EYFS

The children in Foundation Stage have settled in brilliantly this term and made lots of new friends! We have been finding out about ourselves and our families; learning the important skill of taking it in turns to speak and listen to each other. We have explored how we have changed since being a baby and really enjoyed a visit to school from a fabulous baby!



# Year 1

This term we have worked hard to learn the new routines and rules in Year One. We have been very busy learning about our body parts and our 5 senses! We enjoyed a listening walk and taste testing using our hearing and taste senses. In Art we have been learning to mix primary colours and draw self-portraits. In English we have practised retelling the story "5 Minutes' Peace" using role play. We have also been learning what makes a super sentence. In PE we have enjoyed building our own obstacle courses, working as a team and experimenting with different ways of moving.



## Ashby Hastings Pupil Job Centre is open!

A big thank you to all of our Year 1 children who completed their application forms to a very high standard. Jobs have now been allocated and it is great to see the children taking on their new jobs with so much enthusiasm. Ashby Hastings Pupil Job Centre will be open every year for children in Year 1 and above.



## Cross Country

The North West Leicestershire Cross Country League began last Saturday. Our runners from Ashby Hastings did us proud. The next race will be on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November – everyone is welcome.



## Reading Buddies

We are delighted to be starting up our Reading Buddy sessions from Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October. More information can be found on the Weduc message recently sent to everyone. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Sponsored Events



Sponsored events are a fabulous way to raise money for our school. We have two sponsored events planned throughout this year. For each event we will let you know what we are raising money for and how it will be spent.

Our first event will be our Santa Fun Run which will take place in December (more information will follow closer to the event).

## Wrap Around Care

We are delighted to now be offering an onsite Breakfast Club and After School Club.

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club is run by school staff in the school hall. It operates from 7:30am until 8:45am each weekday morning, and costs £6 per session (as at August 2022).

Payment is required half termly in advance. Please speak to the school office if you would like to discuss a place at Breakfast Club for your child.

### **After School Club**

Clubs Complete currently run the After School Club here at Ashby Hastings.

After School Club runs as follows:

- After School Club: 3:15pm – 4:30pm
- Late Stay Club: 4:30pm – 5:30pm

Various activities are offered including Film Time, Games and Arts and Crafts, and this will change regularly.

Places must be booked directly with Clubs Complete: [www.clubscomplete.co.uk](http://www.clubscomplete.co.uk).

Pricing information can also be found on their website.

## Weduc

Weduc is our main channel of communication with you, and to assist with that, we wanted to remind you of some of the forms in the app for you to use, as required:

1. To report **an illness / medical appointment** for your child:
  - Click into the Weduc app and select "Access the Parent Portal"
  - Select your child's profile
  - Select **"Report an Absence"** and complete the relevant details
  - Submit by clicking the purple arrow at the top of the form
2. To **request pre-planned absence** from school, for example for **music / dance exams or holiday requests** in school time:
  - Click into the Weduc app and select "Complete and submit Forms"
  - Select **your** profile (not your child's)
  - Select "Available Forms"
  - Select **"Leave Request Form"** and complete the relevant details
  - Click on the "Submit" button
3. For a request for school to **administer prescribed medicine** only, please complete the "Medicine Consent Form":
  - Click into the Weduc app and select "Complete and submit Forms"
  - Select **your** profile (not your child's)
  - Select "Available Forms"
  - Select **"Medicine Consent Form"** and complete the relevant details
  - Click on the "Submit" button

## Upcoming Diary Dates

**24<sup>th</sup> October** – Back to school

**1<sup>st</sup> November** – Parents Evening – appointments between 3:30pm and 8:00pm

**2<sup>nd</sup> November** – Parents Evening – appointments between 3:30pm and 5:30pm

**14<sup>th</sup> November** – Odd Sock Day (Anti-bullying Week)

**7<sup>th</sup> December** – EYFS / Year 1 Christmas Performance – 2pm start

**15<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Decorations Morning – 9am - 10:15am

More information regarding each event will be sent to you through Weduc.