



# Ashby Hastings Primary School

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*“Inspiring minds to foster confidence”*

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## Newsletter Autumn Term 1 2023/2024

What a busy half term we have had! There is a fabulous buzz around school with all children embracing their new year group, classroom and school year. It is a very exciting time for us all at Ashby Hastings as we continue to grow and establish ourselves in the local community. I am delighted to welcome Mrs Amour (EYFS and Year 1), Mrs Thompson (Year 1) and Mrs Gibbs (Year 1) to our growing staff team. A big thank you to Ms Oliver, who will be leaving us this half term. Ms Oliver has been a fabulous member of our lunchtime team and will be greatly missed.

A big welcome to all of our new families throughout each year group. It is great to see how well all of our EYFS children have settled into school life. The classroom is filled with smiley faces, confident and enthusiastic children. Thank you to all of our EYFS parents who attended our recent Phonics information evening. We hope you found this useful. For those who were unable to attend, the presentation has been sent to you through Weduc.

Class 1 and 2 enjoyed performing their Harvest songs last week – we hope that those of you who attended enjoyed it. It was great for children to perform on our new stage for the very first time. Children are excited to have it up again for our Christmas performances! A big thank you to you all for all of the recent donations for Ashby Foodbank. We were overwhelmed with your generosity.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming children back to school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

Thank you for our continued support.

Best wishes,  
Rachel Mckeown  
Headteacher

### Amazing Pupil Results in 2023!

Our pupils continue to shine and amaze us.

We are delighted to share that both our EYFS data and Year 1 Phonics data were significantly above that of national average.

Congratulations to children in our **green house** for collecting the most house points this half term.





We are delighted to welcome our new school meal provider, RELISH, after the half term break. Food will now be cooked on site in our wonderful school kitchen. Menus have been shared through Weduc. More information regarding the pre-ordering of school meals for your child will follow.

## EYFS



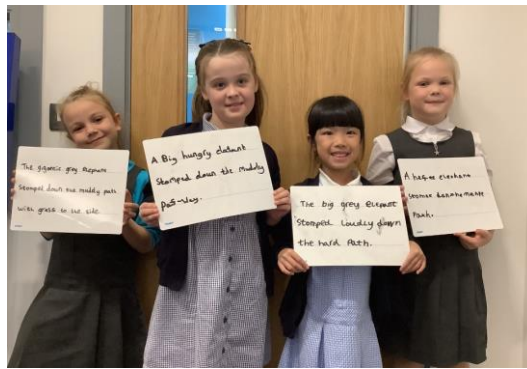
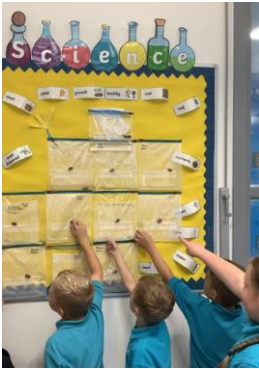
We are so proud of how quickly the children have settled into life at Ashby Hastings! They have already shown us how confident they are and how kind they can be to their friends! This term, we have been finding out about how we have changed since being a baby. We loved meeting a real baby and asked his mum lots of questions. We have also been exploring ourselves and our senses. We celebrated Harvest as a class, singing songs and making 'repeating pattern' fruit kebabs to eat too.

## Class 1



This term we have worked hard to learn the new routines and rules in Class 1. We have been very busy in science, learning about our body parts and our 5 senses! In Maths we have explored part part whole models and practised writing addition sentences. In PE we have enjoyed Kimbles - Gymnastics and have worked on our core strength! In PSHE we have learnt a lot about what makes a good friend and different feelings. It has been a fantastic start to the year!

## Class 2



Over the last half term, Class Two have been working hard to take on their very well-deserved roles within the Ashby Hastings Job Centre. They have begun their roles with great enthusiasm and we hope they continue to smile and be proud of the community that they are helping to develop. In Science this half term, we have been exploring plants and the requirements for healthy growth! The children have grown their own beans and have been watching their growth, watching their roots develop, and the first true leaves appear. In Maths, we have developed our understanding of place value and addition and subtraction. We have used number lines to support our learning and have extended our learning by looking at word problems. In English the children have explored expanded noun phrases, character descriptions and have done some excellent writing all about their own Witch! We had a great time at the North West Leicestershire School Sports programme and enjoyed working with children from other schools to try some new exciting sports!

## Ashby Hastings Pupil job Centre

Another successful year for our Job Centre. A big thank you to all children that completed application forms and a big well done to our Year 2 and 3 pupils for completing successful interviews. We were very impressed with the children's confidence and enthusiasm. We now look forward to seeing the children shine in their new roles.





## Keeping Safe Online

Being online is an essential element of life in the 21st century for education, business and social interaction. As a school we have a duty to deliver Online Safety content across the curriculum, which ensures pupils use the internet and technology in a safe, considered and respectful way, so that they can successfully positively participate in the online world.

At Ashby Hastings, we teach online safety in all year groups through our computing and PSHE curriculum. More information on our curriculum can be found on our website – [www.ashbyhastingsprimayschool.co.uk](http://www.ashbyhastingsprimayschool.co.uk).

A copy of our Online Safety Policy can also be found on our school website or paper copies can be requested from the school office.

If you have concerns or need help with keeping your child safe online, please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Mckeown.

### Attendance

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of our families who consistently ensure their children's attendance and punctuality is good. Getting these important habits established early on in your child's life is paramount.

We encourage all pupils to have excellent levels of attendance of above 97%.

Outstanding	Attendance is 97% or higher.
Good	Attendance is 95% or higher.
Requires Improvement	Attendance is below 95%.
Cause for Concern	Attendance is below 90%.

## PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

A big thank you to our parents/grandparents who have come together to launch our PTA. This is an exciting time for our school community and we, as a school, look forward to working together for the benefits of our pupils. More information regarding our PTA has been sent to you through Weduc and can be found on our school website.



# Playtime Fun

The children are enjoying our new playground markings and trim trail...



## Dates for your Diary

**30<sup>th</sup> October** – Parents' Evening – appointments between 3:30pm and 6.00pm

**1<sup>st</sup> November** – Parents' Evening – appointments between 3:30pm and 7:30pm

**13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Anti-Bullying Week: "Make a Noise About Bullying"

**13<sup>th</sup> November** – Odd Socks Day (Anti-Bullying Week)

**13<sup>th</sup> November** – Phonics evening (**Class 1 and Class 2**) – 6:00pm start

**11<sup>th</sup> December** – EYFS Christmas Performance – 2pm start

**13<sup>th</sup> December** – Class 1 and Class 2 Christmas Performance – 2pm start

**15<sup>th</sup> December** - Santa Fun Run and Christmas Jumper Day (Whole School)

**19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Decorations Morning – (**Whole school**) - 9am – 10:15am