



Ashby Hastings Primary School

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“Inspiring minds to foster confidence”

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Newsletter Spring Term 2022 / 2023

Who would have thought it was possible to fit so much into such a short half term! We have seen two wonderful class assemblies and, as I always say – our children did us proud! We had a great celebration for King Charles III's coronation and it has been great, finally, to enjoy the sunshine and warmer weather.

I would like to wish you all a lovely half term break and I look forward to welcoming you back for the final half term of the school year on **Monday 5th June**.

Best wishes,
Rachel Mckeown

The School Day from August 2023

In line with Government good practice, **from the start of the Autumn Term 2023**, there will be changes to our school day to ensure we meet the Government's minimum expectation of 32.5 hours per school week. To meet this expectation at the start of the new Academic Year, **classroom doors will open at 8:40am and the register will be taken at 8:45am. Pupils arriving after 8:55am will receive a late mark.** To ensure there is enough time for pupils to walk to their classrooms, the playground pedestrian gate will be opened at 8:35am.

Upcoming Diary Dates

5th June – Back to School and Class Photos

16th June – ‘Dads’ to school – 9am – 10am

28th June – Sports Day

10th July – Whole School Trip

12th July – School closes for the summer (**children are in school this day**)

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

Year 1



Wow, Year One have had a busy start to the summer term! The children have been learning all about plants, and they particularly enjoyed watching their bean plants grow in the window! We kept track of the growth by writing in our bean plant diaries. We also learnt all about different types of plants and trees. In PE, we have had tennis coaching from Ashby Lawn Tennis Club; we have developed our skills in holding a tennis racket and passing the tennis ball to a friend. We had a visitor from the fire service, who taught us all about staying safe at home and what to do in an emergency. The children particularly enjoyed taking part in our celebrations for the King's Coronation, they worked hard on creating collages and portraits of King Charles.



As we will, hopefully, continue to enjoy this warmer weather next half term, please can you ensure your child comes to school with a named **water bottle** and named **sun hat** each day. Sun cream is to be applied before school. If sun cream is sent into school to be reapplied, it will be for your child to apply themselves (with suitable support and supervision). Please ensure sun cream sent into school is named. No sun cream will be shared between children.

EYFS

In Foundation Stage this term, we have been finding out about different vehicles, and exploring how they have changed over time. We have enjoyed learning how to stay safe when crossing the road.

After reading the story of Mr Gumpy's Outing, we designed and made our own boats and tested them in our water tray to see if they would float or sink. All of the children were absolutely amazing in their very first class assembly too!



Attendance

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%.

We would like to remind you that planned absences are to be requested through Weduc by completing a Leave of Absence Request. Requests are considered at on an individual basis. Only exceptional circumstances will be authorised.