



Ashby Hastings Primary School

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“Inspiring minds to foster confidence”

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Newsletter Summer Term 2

Here we are...at the end of another year. And what a jam-packed year it has been! Our children continue to amaze us with their confidence, attitude to learning and enthusiasm. It is always a joy to see all of the smiley faces entering school each day.

We are excited to be welcoming a full class of EYFS children in August and we look forward to having our first sets of younger siblings in school.

From August, we will have 82 pupils on roll including a few Year 3 pupils joining our Year 2 pupils in Class 2.

We are delighted to have received the PE premium this year which we are partly using to install some exciting new trim trail equipment and playground markings, to encourage physical activity for all pupils. We are continuing to investigate funding to start work on the Forest School area.

I would like to say a big thank you for your continued support and engagement in school life. It has been great to welcome you into school throughout this year. A list of Diary Dates for 2023 / 2024 will be sent out at the beginning of the Autumn Term.

A big thank you to Jane Leetham who has volunteered to set up our school PTA (Parent and Teacher Association) and is holding a launch event in school on September 15th at 2:30pm. If you would like any more information please contact the school office.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer break and look forward to welcoming children back to school on Tuesday 29th August.

As always, many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes,
Rachel Mckeown

2023 / 2024 Class Structures

Class	Year Group	Teacher
EYFS	EYFS	Mrs Foster
Class 1	Year 1	Mrs Martin
Class 2	Years 2 / 3	Mr Grice

EYFS

We have had a very exciting final term in Foundation Stage! The children have loved learning about different insects and minibeasts. They have enjoyed hunting for creatures in our outdoor area and making their own bug houses to attract more wildlife to our garden area. The children were fascinated to watch our caterpillars grow and change into butterflies. They were very sad to see them fly away, but we think we might have spotted them flying around over the past couple of weeks!



Year 1

Year One have worked really hard in phonics this term, I am really proud of the progress they have all made in reading! In Maths, we have worked hard to develop our learning on position and direction. With the help of a special song, they have become brilliant in learning their left and right! We have also been learning about money in maths; we are now able to recognise and add coins. The children were excellent on their walk to the Co-op, they were very excited to spend money to buy sandwich ingredients. The children independently made their own sandwiches following a set of instructions that they had written! In History, we have been learning about travel and transport in the past, they particularly enjoyed watching footage of early flight attempts, as people invented different ways to fly. We were able to compare the different features of cars in the past to cars we have now.





Year 1 had a lot of fun being put through their paces with a coach from Ashby Tennis Club, learning lots of different tennis skills.



This term EYFS have thoroughly enjoyed their Kimbles Music and Movement sessions.

Sports Day 2023



What a fabulous morning! This was a great event enjoyed by all.

The children impressed us with their skills and sportsmanship.

A big thank you to everyone for joining us and cheering the children on.

Congratulations to the **blue team** for winning the most points and the **green team** for displaying excellent sportsmanship.

Upcoming Diary Dates 2023

10th July – School Trip (Whole School)

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

29th August – School Opens (children are in school on this day)

More information regarding the new academic year's Diary Dates will be sent to you through Weduc at the start of the Autumn Term.

School Site Safety

It's great to see so many families travelling to school in an active way.

As our school continues to grow and pedestrian traffic around school increases at drop-off and pick-up times, we are changing the rules regarding bikes and scooters onsite.

These must now be pushed/walked (rather than ridden) into the school grounds for the safety of everyone. When moving around the school grounds, please ensure that you stay on the footpaths (particularly at the front of the school), as vehicles may be moving, even when the car gates are closed.

Children should be supervised at all times until they have entered their classrooms, and when leaving at the end of the day.

Reminder 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.

Message from our Governors

We would like to thank you for your continued support and for all you have contributed to our school.

As the summer term comes to an end, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers and staff at Ashby Hastings for their hard work and dedication this year.

On behalf of the governing body we would like to wish you all a great summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back in the Autumn and meeting our new parents.

Kind Regards,

Charlotte Owen
Chair of Governors