

Ashbourne Primary School
Headteacher: Miss Paula Whysall
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3rd September 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome! A big welcome from all of the staff to those children and families joining us this September; and for those of you returning, welcome back!

School website/Facebook Page/Class Dojo/Text

We use lots of ways to keep parents informed on school matters. The website address is: www.ashbourneprimary.co.uk. You can also follow us on Facebook for news and events and sign up to Class Dojo for regular updates from the teachers. Please ensure that you inform the school office if you have changed your mobile number or if you no longer wish to receive text messages.

Getting to and from school

Can I remind parents that there is no parking in Town Head residential car park before or after school. Parents who park in their car park, even if only to drop off your child, are subject to a fine of £100. In addition children must not be dropped off down the school lane or in our staff car park. Parents should either park on Cokayne Avenue, or in the car park behind the school. School is open to children from 8:45am – children should not be on the school grounds before this time. Children arriving before this time, will be asked to join morning club and parents will be charged.

If children ride their bike to school you should ensure that they are wearing a helmet. Bikes and scooters can be stored behind Mrs Dell's classroom.

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Mobile phones

Governors have banned children from having mobile phones in school. Phones brought into school by **year 5 and 6 children** who are making their own way home, unaccompanied, are to be handed into the school office, with a note from the parent explaining why the phone is needed in school. Phones can then be collected at 3:15pm. Police do advise that high value phones can make a child more vulnerable on their walk home from school and the child should keep the phone hidden, to be only used in an emergency.

Attendance

Our school attendance target is 97%.

The Department of Education stipulates that headteachers cannot authorise leave for family holidays. Parents may be issued with a fixed penalty notice and fined by the local authority if they decide to take children out of school when the school has not authorised the leave.

May bank holiday 2020

We have been informed that next year's early May bank holiday will be moved back by four days for the whole of the UK to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

May Day is traditionally held on a Monday but will be put back to **Friday 8 May 2020**.

Please update your calendar at home and we will remind parents again nearer the time.

Coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer support – 27th September 9am – 10am

Please join us to support this fantastic charity on Friday 27th September. Bring as many people as you would like for a cuppa and a cake!

Cake donations would be gratefully received on the morning.

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Diary dates

11th September – 4/5O Forest School
18th September – 6D Forest School
25th September - 6S Forest School
27th September – Macmillan coffee morning 9am – 10am
2nd October – 6M Forest School
9th October – 4/5C Forest School
10th October – opening morning for prospective new parents
16th October – 1ET Forest School
23rd October – 1/2H Forest School
23rd and 24th October – Parents' evening
24th October last day for pupils
25th October – INSET day

4th November – return to school

Curriculum

We have been very busy planning our new curriculum for this coming year. This term, we will have a whole school topic of 'wellbeing'. The infants will focus on kindness and happiness. Year 3/4/5 will focus on mindfulness and year 6 on togetherness.