

ASHWOOD NEWS – July 2019

Please make time to read our newsletter - it's full of information about what has already happened, or about to happen at Ashwood.

TRANSITION INTO NEW CLASSES

We feel that moving the children up in to their new classes for the last 2 weeks of term has been very successful and has allowed the children to get settled in their new classroom and get to know the routines. It has also given teachers the opportunity to start building relationships with the children and get to know them as individuals before September. It's been especially useful for our newly appointed teachers in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 3.

We are really pleased that so many of you were able to come along to the 'Parent Activity' afternoons to meet the new class teacher and enjoy spending time working alongside your child on a creative activity. Thank you for your support.

END OF TERM

Summer Term ends at **2:30pm** on Friday 19th July 2019. Please note the **earlier** finishing time. If they choose to, children will be allowed to bring a toy, or a game to school to play with for some time during the last day.

Monday 2nd September 2019 is an INSET day for staff, so school will be closed to children on that day. School will re-open for children on Tuesday 3rd September 2019.

ASHWOOD'S NEW HEAD TEACHER

Mrs H. Richards, who took on the role of Interim Head Teacher at Ashwood until a new Head Teacher could be appointed, will be finishing at Ashwood on Friday 19th July. Many of you have already had the opportunity to meet Miss Bent who has been in school on several days over the last term - she will be the new, permanent Head Teacher at Ashwood from September 2019. Miss Bent is an experienced Head Teacher and is really looking forward to being here full time and working with the children, staff and parents to move the school forward. She has plans to meet with parents early in the term to formally introduce herself.

OTHER STAFFING NEWS

Ashwood is saying 'Goodbye' to several other members of staff at the end of this term - Miss Symonds, who is leaving to take up a promotion in a school outside the Trust, Mrs Unwin and Mrs Sinclair who are both moving schools to enhance their own professional development. We are very sorry to be losing such valuable members of staff, but we send them off with our grateful thanks for all they have done during their time at Ashwood and our very best wishes for the future.

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NEXT TERM - PLANNED VISITS

Class teachers have already been busy organising visits out of school as part of our continued aim to deliver an exciting and engaging curriculum at Ashwood.

Tuesday 10th September - Year 2 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park.

Tuesday 17th September - Year 1 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park.

Friday 27th September - Year 5 visit to National Coal Mining Museum.

Monday 30th September - Year 6 visit to 'Crucial Crew' event.

Friday 4th October - Year 6 visit to National Coal Mining Museum.

Other year groups have still to finalise their visits and details will be sent at a later date.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons for Year 4 children start on Thursday 12th September and run for 12 weeks. The last lesson will therefore be on Thursday 12th December 2019. Permission slips and details have already been sent home - please make sure your child has the correct kit for their swimming lesson each Thursday.

ASHWOOD'S SUMMER FAYRE

A big Thank You to all parents, carers and children who supported and attended the Ashwood parent Teacher Association Summer Fayre on Friday 5th July. Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, we raised a fantastic £672.44. A really big vote of thanks must go to Mrs Unwin and members of the PTA for all their hard work and commitment on behalf of the school. All money raised will be used to benefit the children at Ashwood Primary School.

In addition, a massive thank you to 'Dominos' pizza, and RUFC for their support in the community incentives in supporting us on the day. We appreciate their spirit and generosity.

...and finally, on behalf of all the staff at Ashwood, I would like to take this opportunity to say 'Thank You' to all parents and carers for their continued support. If you are managing to get away, we hope you have a very enjoyable holiday - if not, let's hope the weather is fabulous here in Rawmarsh for the whole 6 weeks! Our message to all the children is to have lots of fun, but to stay safe and the teachers are looking forward to welcoming you back in September.