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Ash Class Newsletter – Autumn 2020

Welcome to a new school year in Ash Class!

It is with such pleasure to be welcoming all your children into Ash Class this year. I am sure you will agree, this is an incredibly exciting time as the pupils return back to full-time school after nearly six months, reuniting with their friends and establishing a familiar routine. However, I am sure many of you will agree there be many worries and a period of adjustment. I want you to know that the happiness and well-being of your child is paramount to their return to school, so please contact if you have any concerns.

If I haven't had chance to introduce myself or speak to you yet, hopefully I can do so over the coming weeks, whether that be virtually or a friendly wave at pick up time!

Curriculum

This term we will be exploring our topic of 'Heroes.' For more information, please view our Topic Web on the school website.

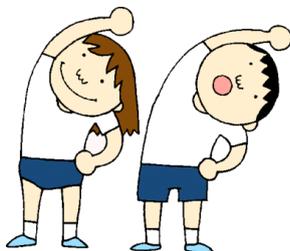
Reading Books

Children will bring home their reading diary and a reading book. Please listen to your child read regularly - talking about the story and helping them with new and unfamiliar words and understanding. Children will need to bring their book bags and reading books into school every day. We will be encouraging the children to use their independence in changing and choosing their own books, but if you



feel that they need support with selecting reading material at the right level, please don't hesitate

to contact me.



Please be reassured, any books which have gone home with a specific child, will be quarantined for a minimum of 72 hours in school before being made available for another child to take home. A 'quarantine box' will be provided for all children to drop their used books of into in Ash Class. We will be regularly reminding children of this new safety measure, particularly at the start of term in order for them to confidently

install this import procedure into their daily routine.

P.E.

P.E. will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, but it is essential that children have kit in school every day. Please make sure that children have suitable clothing for outdoor P.E. (jumper, sports trousers and trainers). As for the time being, all P.E. lessons will take place outside. This is in order to maximise the opportunity to work outside as much as possible and allow children to have plenty of space in an open environment.

Homework

The suggested activities can be found on the Ash Class page of the website. The children should hand in any work that they have done at home on a **Wednesday**, to allow time for marking, before being given back on a **Friday**. Please help your child to complete homework tasks if they need it, but as far as possible let the work be their own. Spelling homework will be given out on a **Thursday** in preparation for the following week.

Teaching Assistants

During the Autumn Term, Mrs Cresswell will be with us every day Monday-Thursday and on Friday, Mrs Tuffrey and Miss Faulkner will be with us. We are incredibly lucky to have such wonderful support staff and I know the children will certainly love having the opportunity to work with them.

Important Dates

Monday 14th September - Breakfast club and Treehouse start

Wednesday 16th September - Individual school photos

Tuesday 29th September - Harvest festival

Thursday 22nd October - School Association Film Night (tbc)

Friday 23rd October - INSET day, pupils NOT in school

*****October Half Term*****

Monday 2nd November - INSET day, pupils NOT in school

Tuesday 3rd November - South Africa Week

Friday 13th November - Children in Need

Monday 16th November - Anti-bullying week

Tuesday 17th November - Flu immunisations

Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 17th December - Break up for Christmas holidays at 3:15 p.m.

Contact

Should you need to contact me about any matters arising, you may email direct on the following email address: eclaridge@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk. Please be aware that any messages sent may not be seen until later in the school day or after school as I am often busy with classroom duties or teaching earlier in the day. In all cases, I will endeavour to reply to you within 3 working days. Obviously, if the matter is more urgent, for example about attendance or changes to the routine of collecting your child, then you should contact the school office.

Reminders

- Water bottles – Please make sure children have a water bottle with them every day (separate from any drink in their lunchbox) as this allows access to water as and when they require it. Please note, the children should only have water in these bottles (not squash, juice or flavoured water).
- Outdoors – All children should be prepared for outdoor play by keeping wellies and a warm, waterproof coat in school.
- Please can you be mindful on the size of the rucksack/bag you provide your child with as space is incredibly limited in the cloakroom. Furthermore, large attachments such as key rings or cuddly toys are discouraged as these can easily become detached and lost.



I wish you all a very happy and healthy start to the new academic year.

Best wishes, Miss Claridge