



# Ashleigh Primary School News

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE AND WELCOME BACK!

### JOINT CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Mrs Thompson, our joint Chair of Governors, has sadly resigned from her post due to personal circumstances. She has been a governor at Ashleigh for more than 10 years, originally as a parent governor, and since her youngest son moved on to secondary school last academic year, as a co-opted governor. Her dedication to school over that time has been astounding. She has been invaluable in helping formulate the strategic direction of school, both providing support and challenge when needed. I am personally going to really miss her perspective on school issues and our weekly update meetings. Thank you so much Mrs Thompson, for the amazing contribution you made, in helping to make Ashleigh the school it is today.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

As you know, we have a breakfast club every morning, from 7.30am onwards. This early start is something we are proud to be able to offer, as many before school child care settings start a little later than this. We know from the feedback we get, that being able to drop off children when you need care, rather than having to book well in advance, is something that is important to many parents. This is something that again, many child care settings struggle to do. In order to continue to provide this ad hock service, it is absolutely vital that parents keep up to date with any outstanding payments. Many thanks, Mr. Matthews



### SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY PATTERN

A reminder that the school term and holiday pattern for 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 are available on the school website.

### UPDATING SCHOOL RECORDS

Please keep school informed of any chronic or short-term medical condition which may affect your child, especially asthma. If your child does suffer from asthma, his/her name will be included on the Asthma Register. It is also recommended that your child always keeps a spare inhaler (named) in school at all times.



It is also extremely important that you let the office know if you have changed any contact numbers or moved address. It is vital that telephone numbers for all contacts are kept updated so that we can contact you should we need to, especially in an emergency.

## EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY IN 2023

The government has announced an additional bank holiday to mark the coronation of King Charles III next year.

The bank holiday will fall on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 after the coronation at Westminster Abbey two days earlier, school will therefore be closed that day.

## KEY STAGE TWO SATs.

As a result of the extra bank holiday, the end of year tests Y6 children sit will still take place that week, but will run from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

## SCHOOL DINNERS / PARENTPAY

For a couple of years, the cost of our wonderful school dinners has been £2.30. Sadly, due to rising costs, from after half term, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, we will have to increase school dinners to £2.40 per day. I'm sure that anyone who has been able to sample Mrs Holden and her team's lunches would agree that this is still fabulous value for money.



## BOARD GAMES / CARD GAMES

Year 6 are hoping to update their games box which is for wet playtimes. They kindly ask if anyone has any board games, card games in good condition if they'd like to donate them to their class.



If you are able to help, please send any items into the office.

Thank you.



Year 4 Swimming Starts	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	
Mad Science	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January - 7 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30pm - 4.30pm
Sports Hall Athletics @ St Wilfrid's	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	3.30pm - 6.00pm
Young Voices Concert - Manchester Arena	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	
<b>School Closes for Half Term Break</b>	<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>3.30pm</b>
<b>School Re-opens</b>	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>8.45am</b>