



Ashlands
Church of England
Primary School

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Thursday 18th April 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the summer term, let's hope the British monsoon has now moved on and the sunny weather continues so that we get to enjoy more of our learning in the outside environment. As the weather improves, please ensure your child has sun cream applied before coming to school, as we are unable to apply it here. Please also ensure your child has a named sun hat, but not sunglasses as these can be dangerous when worn on the playground.

Can I also remind you to ensure your child has a clearly labelled bottle of water each day. They are able to access their water throughout the day and with the weather warming up they will need it. The children have already settled back in to school life. They are a fantastic class who demonstrate our school values; I am extremely proud of them all. They demonstrate a true love of learning when they are together and help each other when needed. #Aspiration #Friendship.

During this term, Year 1 children will be completing their Phonic Screening Test. The children continue to take part in daily phonic lessons and will see 'alien words' cropping up regularly – these are made up words that the children will use their phonic knowledge to read. If you have any questions about phonics please ask! Here is a really useful series of videos for you to watch so that you have a clear understanding of the way the sounds are taught:

[Phase 2 sound guide](#)

[Phase 3 sound guide](#)

[Phase 4 sound guide](#)

[Phase 5 sound guide](#)

Please see below some reminders for the busy summer term:

New Topic

Our topic this term is India. This has already been a big hit. The children the children have been really keen to see what wonderful country we will be learning about. Please see the attached topic map to find out what else your child will be learning over this term.

Home Learning

Home learning books will come home every Wednesday and if you could please have them back by the following Monday.

Love of Learning, Love of Life, Love of One Another

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We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

PE

PE will continue to be on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure that all PE kit is clearly named and in school each week.

Reading Books

Please can you make sure that your child continues to bring in their reading book and record every day. This is so that we can read with them at school and keep their records up to date. Don't forget to fill out the map at the back of their diary when they read at home. They are always very proud to receive their next certificate.

I would like to remind you of how important it is to read with your child – we can really see a big difference in both confidence and ability when children start to read regularly at home. The recommendation is three times per week, but a daily reading diet is the best!

Swimming

We are starting our swimming lessons every Tuesday from 23rd April – 4th June. The children I am sure will thoroughly enjoy our weekly visits to the pool. Please ensure they have their swimming kit with them every Tuesday – goggles are not vital but your child may find that they are more comfortable wearing them underwater.

Forest School

We are really looking forward to starting our outdoor lessons again where we will be exploring our local environment as part of our science curriculum. We are currently just waiting on a visit by a tree surgeon to manage one of the trees in Forest School. We will shortly be sending out the dates for each class on when they will be visiting the Forest School. Then this will also be updated on the school website.

As always, if you have any questions feel free to chat to me or you can drop me an email.

Best wishes,

Ms Jones Ulla, Mrs Tugwell and Mrs Bell

Mole Class Team