



**Ashlands**  
Church of England  
Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank-you to your wonderful children who have made me feel very welcome after returning from my maternity leave. It has been lovely getting to know them and I already feel at home in Butterfly class.

We are hoping to enjoy a sunny Summer Term! As the weather (hopefully) improves please ensure your child has sun cream on before coming into school. They can also bring in a named sun hat but no sunglasses, these can cause injuries when the children are playing outside. Please ensure your child brings a named drinks bottle to school each day, the children will have access to these throughout the day.

### **Butterfly Class Expectations**

This term we will be encouraging independence in preparation for the children's transition into Year One - doing more for themselves, sitting in set groups and aiming for the children to show us what they have learnt in their own way. Please can you ensure that your child comes to school every day with their book bag, reading book and reading log. Reading books will be changed on a Monday and Friday, so please ensure books are put in the box ready for changing.

### **What we are learning**

Our topic this term is 'The Seaside'. We will be learning all about 'The Seaside' past and present, alongside all the wonderful things you can do there. Our focus book for this topic will be, 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and we will be completing lots of exciting writing activities around this. We have a whole range of fun and thoughtful activities planned around this topic. We are continuing to focus on our phonics learning and really cementing the segmenting and blending skills we have learnt to help us read and write independently. In maths, we are now exploring 'Numbers beyond 10' in a variety of interesting and creative ways, alongside revisiting the key skills we have already learnt.

### **Swimming, PE and Outside Learning**

This term Butterfly Class will be going on more field walks within the local community, these will take place on Friday – dates will be confirmed shortly. Please make sure your children come to school in a long top and trousers, with wellies on these dates, even as the warmer weather arrives. They will also need to bring their school uniform and school shoes to change into afterwards. PE will continue to be on a Wednesday morning. In the second half of the term, we will be going Swimming on a Tuesday morning. More information will follow shortly.

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

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## **Reading at home**

Heading into the Summer Term, please continue to read daily where possible and practice both the old and new sounds your child has learnt. When the children's reading logs are checked on Friday, those with 3 reads will receive house points. Reading at home is vital to your child's learning and progression in many areas.

Please always remember to come and see a member of the Butterfly team over any concerns or questions you may have – our door is always open.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Collicutt, Mrs Chick and Miss Bentham  
Butterfly Class Team