

ASHMOUNT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Ashmount Primary School

Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a fantastic start to the school year with the children completely engaged in learning across the school and the whole school staff team more engaged and focused than ever. I am certain we are going to have an exceptional year of learning—thank you Ashmount!

A reminder that due to safeguarding measures we are a no-phone site, so please as you come into school put your mobile phones away. If they are out we will politely ask you to comply.

Additionally, please remember if you arrive after 9 a.m. you are late, children must then go through the main office to be registered. Similarly, if you know you will be late to pick up your child please phone before 3 p.m. to let the office know. If you arrive after 3:40 p.m. to collect your child then again please come to the office to collect your child. This can be a very stressful for our children so please get them here and pick them up on time to support their wellbeing.

Finally, next week we start our Parent Presentations—a time to find out about our learning offer for each year group and how you can help improve your child's learning. These dates are listed on page 3 and we start with Year 1 at 9a.m. on Monday morning. We look forward to seeing you then.

Best wishes, Anthony Carmel (Headteacher)

PARENTS OF CURRENT YEAR 5 AND 6 PUPILS

Thursday 20th September – Secondary School Transfer Meeting at 9.15am in the small hall.

Alison Smith, Manager of Admissions will be presenting and we have invited representatives from all Islington Secondary Schools to attend.

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Apply now for a place in our nursery class for September 2018.



Children between 3 and 4 years of age are eligible to join our nursery class.

All children are entitled to a free 15 hours place (Mon-Fri, 9am - 12pm or 12:30pm - 3:30pm). Some children will be eligible for a free 30 hours place (Mon-Fri, 9am - 3:30pm).

We also offer families the opportunity to supplement this free entitlement by buying additional sessions.
Application forms can be obtained from the school office.

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Cashless Payment Please

We have decided, in line with all other Islington schools, to go *cashless*. All payments to be completed on line with immediate effect.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Music Keyboards needed!

If you have a *working* music keyboard which you no longer use, we'd be very grateful if you could donate it to the school. We use the keyboards in all our music lessons for group work and so any donated keyboards would be put to very good use and all children would have access to them. If you are able to donate a working keyboard, please could you leave it with the school office for Laura to collect. Thank you!

Are you inspiring?

We would like some inspirational members of the school community to share their successes with us in assemblies here at Ashmount and also at other local schools. You could tell us about your career, your travels, your family – anything at all! Please talk to Lucy WC if you are interested.

Class Assemblies Autumn 2018

Tues 25th Sept	4 Blue
Tues 2nd Oct	5 Green
Tues 9th Oct	6 Blue and Green
Tues 16 Oct	3 Blue
Tues 6th Nov	1 Green
Tues 13th Nov	2 Blue
Tues 20th Nov	3 Green
Tues 27th Nov	5 Blue
Tues 4th Dec	4 Green

What we will be learning next week

Nursery: We will be continuing to become familiar with our key adults and our new environment. We will be introducing 'Growth Mindset' and thinking about how we can show this in Nursery.

Reception: English: We will be drawing our self-portraits and describing what we look like.

Maths: We will be practising our counting and number recognition skills.

Year 1

English: We will be innovating the story Blue Penguin by changing the characters and setting. We will then write our new versions of the story.

Maths: We will be identifying the place value of numbers 1-20 through lots of counting and number representation.

Year 2

English: We will be developing our story writing skills using our class text, "Toby and the Great Fire of London".

Maths: We will be building understanding of place value using concrete and pictorial representations.

Year 3

English: We will be retelling a Roman myth.

Maths: We will be identifying the place value of numbers and reading and writing numbers up to 1000.

Year 4

English: We will be continuing to explore the Egyptian myth of Isis and Osiris.

Maths: We will be using our understanding of place value to explore number further.

Year 5

English: We will be writing a newspaper report incorporating the structural and language features we have been learning about in class.

Maths: We will be rounding, multiplying and dividing numbers by 10,100 and 1000 including decimals.

Year 6

English: We will be writing an alternative ending to Robin Hood and the Golden Arrow.

Maths: We will be calculating with negative numbers and

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Weekly Attendance 05.09.18 to 07.09.18

Class	Percentage
Nursery	N/A
Reception Blue	N/A
Reception Green	N/A
1 Blue	93.5
1 Green	95.5
2 Blue	97.5
2 Green	92.6
3 Blue	100
3 Green	96.7
4 Blue	91.6
4 Green	95.2
5 Blue	100
5 Green	94.7
6 Blue	97.5
6 Green	98.2

Congratulations to this week's winners; 2 Blue, 3 Blue and 5 Blue. Well done children and adults!

At Ashmount, we are aiming for at least 97% attendance in each class. The class with the highest percentage in each colour coded group receives an additional 5 minutes of play. This helps keep the children engaged in the importance of attendance and is also a great reward for children turning up day in, day out.

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DIARY DATES

Parent Presentations

Mon 10th Sept	Year 1 at 9 a.m.
Tues 11th Sept	Year 3 at 9 a.m.
Wed 12th Sept	Year 2 at 9 a.m.
Thu 13th Sept	Year 4 at 9 a.m.
Friday 14th Sept	Year 5 at 3:35 p.m.
Mon 17th Sept	Year 6 at 9 a.m.

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Educational Visits

Mon 10th-Fri 21st	Year 5 Daily Intensive Swimming
Wed 12th Sept	3 Blue—Guildhall Art Gallery
Wed 19th Sept	3 Green - Guildhall Art Gallery
Mon 1st-Fri 5th Oct	Year 6 Residential
Wed 31st Oct	3 Blue-Transport Museum
Thur 8th Nov	Y 6—Millfield Theatre
Wed 14th Nov	3 Green-Transport Museum

Whole School Events

Thur 20th Sept	Secondary School Transfer Meeting
Black History Month	October

Parent Conferences

Tue 30th Oct(2:30-5:00p.m.)	Parent Conferences
Wed 31st Oct (3:45-7:00p.m.)	Parent conferences

PTA Events

Please see page 4!

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Start the school year safe online: resources for parents

How to support children's digital development and ensure your children are safe on their devices/

This is a new resource aimed at parents which includes guidance, conversation starters, flyers and videos from parents, teachers and young people.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/back-to-school-online-safety-guides/discovering-digital-at-primary-school/>

Autumn term PTA events 2018

- 14-Sep Uniform Sale / Year 2 cake sale
- 21-Sep am New parents welcome/coffee
- 21-Sep pm Year 1 cake sale
- 28-Sep 3 Green cake sale
- 05-Oct 3 Blue cake sale
- 12-Oct 4 Green cake sale
- 19-Oct Halloween disco
- 26-Oct Half term
- 02-Nov Fireworks
- 09-Nov 4 Blue cake sale
- 16-Nov 5 Green cake sale
- 23-Nov 5 Blue cake sale
- 24-Nov Papas & Mamas band night @ The Earl Haig
- 30-Nov 6 Green cake sale
- 07-Dec Christmas disco
- 14-Dec 6 Blue cake sale

SEPT 2018 – JULY 2019

ASHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM

First Half: Wednesday, 5th September 2018 – Friday, 19th October 2018

Half Term Holiday: Monday, 22nd October 2018 – Friday, 26th October 2018

Second Half: Monday, 29th October 2018 – Thursday, 20th December 2018

SPRING TERM

First Half: Monday, 7th January 2019 - Friday, 15th February 2019

Half Term Holiday: Monday, 18th February 2019 – Friday, 22nd February 2019

Second Half: Tuesday, 26th February 2019 – Friday, 5th April 2019

Easter Break: Monday, 8th April 2019 – Thursday, 18th April 2019

Good Friday: 19th April 2019

Easter Monday: 22nd April 2019

SUMMER TERM

First Half: Tuesday, 23rd April 2019 – Friday, 24th May 2019

May Day (Bank Holiday): Monday, 6th May 2019

Half Term Holiday: Monday, 27th May 2019 – Friday, 31st May 2019

Second Half: Monday, 3rd June 2019 – Tuesday, 23rd July 2019

INSET DAYS - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING

Monday, 3rd September 2018

Tuesday, 4th September 2018

Monday, 25th February 2019

Friday, 12th July 2019

Please be aware that in line with Islington attendance policy any families taking holidays during term time will be automatically fined unless there is an exceptional reason for this absence. The fine issued does not come to the school but is paid to the London Borough of Islington.