



Ashton West End Primary Academy



November 2020 Newsletter

School Update

Welcome back after our half term break. I hope you had a good rest and are ready for the next 7 weeks of the autumn term.

New Members of Staff

Mrs Ayaz has retired as one of our teaching assistants after working for 19 years in the school. We thank her and wish her luck for the future. Mrs Akbar will start as a new teaching assistant in Reception from Monday 2nd November.

The school is employing an academic mentor named Miss Khan who will be giving additional support to pupils in KS2.

Two new Midday Assistants will start with us on Monday 2nd November. Their names are Mrs Smith and Mrs Usman. They will supervise the children at lunchtimes.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for your support with our coffee morning held on Friday 25th September. We raised £760 which is remarkable considering we could not invite parents this year. We will be raising money for Children in Need on Friday 13th November if you would like to send a donation into school with your child.



Online Home Learning

If your child is self-isolating then we have a range of online learning activities they can complete from home. Your child has login details for Microsoft Sharepoint, Class Dojo, Mathletics, Espresso and Times Table Rockstars. If a class is asked to self-isolate then the class teacher will set work for them each day. The work is checked when they return to school so please ensure they are working each day that they are at home. If you have any problems, please email mrshardy@awepa.org.uk

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club starts at 7:45am. Breakfast choices will be toast or cereal. Juice is also available. If you wish your child to attend, you must book online. It is £2.50 each week and must be paid using SIMS Pay. If you need an activation code, please email the academy at admin@awepa.org.uk and a new code will be emailed back to you. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parent Mail

I would like to reduce the amount of paper we use as a school and communicate with you via our Parent Mail app. If you do not already have this, please send your email address to admin@awepa.org.uk and we will send you a link for this.

SIMS Pay

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, we are reducing the amount of cash received in the school office. We are actively encouraging you to register your account for SIMS Pay. If you need an activation code, please email the academy at:

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Dates for your Diary

Children in Need: Friday 13th November (Children can dress up during the day for a contribution towards Children in Need)

Christmas Dinner: Friday 11th December

School Closes for two weeks on Friday 18th December. We will re open on Monday 4th January 2021.

Building Work

Thank you to the Nursery parents for your patience during the first half term. The new reception and nursery play area and classrooms are nearly finished. We have had three outdoor areas updated and fully furnished. The nursery and reception classrooms have also been updated with new furniture and their classrooms are much larger than they were before. The nursery staff will explain which door to use once the new extension is fully completed.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Pizuti, Principal

Parent Governors

If you would like to join our Governing Body as a Parent Governor, please ask at the school office for an application form. The closing date is Friday 11th December 2020. This will give you an opportunity to join in with discussions regarding the school and to help with important decisions. We currently have one vacancy. Our other parent governors are Mr Kristjansson, Mrs Rasheed and Mr Rehman.

Face Coverings

Please wear a face covering when visiting the school main office. You must also try to stay 2 metres away from other parents and avoid talking and gathering in large groups on the playground. We encourage you to wear a face mask on the playground.

When collecting your child, please do not push to the front or keep moving towards the teacher when they open the door to let your child out. This does not help the situation and slows the process as the teachers find it harder to identify parents. Thank you.

Polite Reminder

Please can I remind parents that the Academy's driveway is strictly for Academy Staff and official visitors to school. There is insufficient space for parents to use the driveway when collecting and dropping off pupils. Thank you.