



Ashton West End Primary Academy

November - December 2021 Newsletter



Welcome back

Welcome back after the half term holiday. We hope you all had a lovely break and are well rested for the next part of the autumn term.

Attendance

I have received several requests to take children on holiday during term time due to family circumstances. All of these requests have been refused. I will not authorise for you to take your children on holiday during school time. If your child misses more than 20 days of school because of a holiday, they may be taken off roll and lose their place in our school. You will also receive a fine for doing this. Attendance is very important and now more than ever because of the closures due to the pandemic, children must be in school.

Winning Class Attendance

The overall winners of the attendance last half term were Mr Nowak's class (2N) with 98.2% and Miss Pearson's class (4P) with 98.1%. Well done to all of the children in these two classes. They will now be rewarded with a treat to say well done.

I also took some children bowling in September to say well done for achieving 100% attendance last academic year. Attendance is very important in school, and we are trying to improve it with lots of incentives for the children.

Parent Governor Vacancy

If you would like to join our Governing Body as a Parent Governor, please ask at the school office for a form. The closing date is Friday 19th November. This will give you an opportunity to join in with discussions regarding the school and to help with important decisions regarding the future of the school.

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening will be held via the telephone again this term. A letter will be sent out with more information on. Some phone calls will start week beginning 8th November.

Christmas Productions

The children will take part in Christmas productions as normal this year. We will let you know closer to the time if parents will be invited or if they will be recorded like we did last year. Christmas dinner will take place on Friday 10th December. Children can wear a Christmas jumper/ dress/ t shirt on this day if they have one.

Pay 360(formally SIMSPay)

The academy has an online payment platform called PAY 360, this was formally known as SIMS Pay. The platform is designed to make parents' lives easier by allowing you to make payments for school meals/activities at your convenience. In order to create an account you will need an invitation code supplied by the school office. If you currently **do not** have an account, please email the office at: admin@awepa.org.uk, whereby a code will be issued/emailed to you.

Uniform

I have noticed some children wearing tracksuit bottoms for school. School trousers or skirts must be worn. I will be phoning parents and speaking to them about this if this continues this term. Your child should also be wearing black shoes for school. Trainers should only be worn for PE lessons.

Parents' Meeting

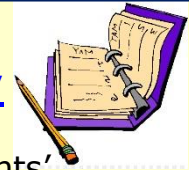
I will be holding a parents' meeting on Thursday 11th November from 9am-9:30am if any parents would like to speak to me about matters in school. I will talk through our progress as a school so far and the vision for the future. You will also be given an update on the RSE curriculum. A letter will be sent out with more information closer to the time.

Applying for Reception Places

If your child is in our nursery and you would like them to attend our reception classes in September, you must apply for the place before the 15th of January 2022 using the website below <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions# How to Apply>

Your child will not automatically be given a place in our reception class; you must apply via the Tameside website. I have also sent a message to parents via Parent Mail to inform you and the nursery team have given out letters with more information on.

Dates for your Diary



- Wb 8th November- Parents' evening will start this week for some classes. This will run over 3 weeks. You will receive a letter with a date and time for your child's class.
- Thursday 11th November at 9am- Headteacher and parents' meeting.
- Friday 19th November- Children in Need. We will be raising money for Children in Need. Your child can wear non uniform on this day or a Pudsey bear jumper/ t-shirt if they have one. We will be raising money during the day.
- Friday 10th December- Christmas dinner
- Friday 17th December- School closes at 3:15pm. We will re-open on Tuesday 4th January at 8:40am.

Building Work

Thank you for your patience with the building work. Our new heating system has now been installed making the school much warmer. The roofing project should be finished in the next few weeks.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Miss K Pizuti

Principal