



Ashton West End Primary Academy



March- April 2022 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 half term.

Parking outside of school

After several complaints from parents, I contacted Tameside parking services who sent some civil enforcement officers and PCSOs to the school to help move cars from parking directly outside of the school. They also issued us with orange cones which many of you may have seen. We take the safety of our pupils very seriously so I will continue to monitor the situation and ask the enforcement officers to come back again if I feel the situation does not improve. Thank you to those parents who do park respectfully.

Science Week – 14th -18th March 2022

The theme for Science Week this year is 'Growth'. The whole school will be taking part in activities linked to growing plants. Each class will have an area in the school grounds to look after and grow plants, vegetables, fruit or flowers. We are even hoping to plant a tree in the grounds to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee which is this year.

Remember to look out on the school website where you will see some 'before' and 'after' pictures of what the children do during Science Week.



New Parent Governor

I am pleased to welcome Mr Hussain to the governing body of our school. He will be joining our next meeting in the summer term. Mr Hussain has three children in the school so he will be able to share parental views with the other governors.

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening will take place via the telephone again this term starting from week beginning March 7th. You will receive a letter from your child's class teacher either this week or next with the date. I am hoping we will be able to invite parents in for face-to-face meetings with the teachers in the summer term.



Parents taking children on holiday in term time

I have received several holiday requests from parents wanting to take their children out of school during term time. All of them have been refused. The children have 13 weeks off a year, so holidays are expected to be taken during this time. Parents who do take their child out of school will be fined if they are absent for 5 or more days. If your child is absent for 20 days or more due to a holiday, then they may lose their place in the school. We are working extremely hard as a school to close the gaps caused in children's learning during the Covid 19 school closures. Taking children on holiday in term time will not help this.

Changes to Covid 19 Isolation

You will be aware that the guidance around isolating has changed. Despite these changes, the current public health advice remains that people with COVID-19 symptoms should isolate and book a PCR test. Anyone who tests positive either via LFT or PCR test, should isolate for 10 days (but can do LFTs on day 5 and 6, and safely return to normal activities on day 6 if both are negative). While this is no longer legally enforceable, it is still advised for all staff and pupils in schools and settings. In most cases, parents and carers will agree that a pupil with the key symptoms of, or who test positive for COVID-19 should not attend the school, given the potential risk to others. If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending our school where they have a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, I can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in my reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19. This advice is in line with other infectious diseases and illnesses. If your child does test positive with Covid 19, please ring the school who will be happy to offer advice.

School Shoes

Parents are reminded that children should be wearing black school shoes and not trainers for school each day. There are more children turning up in trainers and we are phoning parents to remind them about the uniform policy.

Please also ensure your child has the current PE kit in school with them each week. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary



- Year 4 Parents' Meeting (Multiplication Test Check) on Wednesday 9th March at 3:30pm in the school hall.
- Nursery to visit Smithills Open Farm on Friday 11th March.
- Robinwood meeting for parents with children attending the Robinwood Residential. The meeting will take place in the school hall on Wednesday 6th April at 3:30pm.
- The school will close for the Easter holiday on Friday 8th April at 3:15pm. We will re-open on Monday 25th April at 8:40am.

Tameside Parenting Helpline

Do you need support, advice and guidance?

The Parenting Team are here to support parents, carers and professionals.

Please contact:

parentingreferrals@tameside.gov.uk

Your email will be forwarded to one of their parenting co-ordinators who will aim to respond within 48 hours.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Miss K Pizuti

Principal