



# Ashton West End Primary Academy

## September - October 2023 Newsletter



### Welcome back

Welcome back after the summer holiday. We hope you all had a lovely break and are well rested ready for the start of a new and exciting year.

### Start and Finish Times

The school doors will open at 8:40am and close at 8:45am so please make sure that your child is on time for school. The doors will be locked at 8:45am and registers will be taken. This is due to new Government guidance that all pupils should attend school for 6 ½ hours a day. If you arrive after this time, you will need to take them to the school office, and they will be marked late. Please do not be rude to our school staff if you see them closing the gate as we have had a few occasions when this has happened already this week. The school day will finish at 3:15pm.

### Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 will start their first swimming lesson for this academic year on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September. This will take place at Active Medlock Centre in Droylsden due to Ashton swimming baths closing. The children will be taken there and back on a coach and not on the school mini bus. Year 4 pupils will start their swimming lessons after the Christmas holiday.

### School Uniform

Please make sure that your child has black shoes for school. Trainers should not be worn. We will be contacting you if your child comes into school without the correct footwear.

### New Members of Staff

We have one new teacher joining us this year; her name is Mrs Ellison and she will be teaching in year 3. We have some new teaching assistants starting with us.

Their names are:

Mr Small (Y6 teaching assistant)  
Mrs Westall (Y3 teaching assistant)  
Miss Slater (Y5 teaching assistant)  
Mrs Mistry (Y1 teaching assistant)  
Mrs Hussain (SEND teaching assistant)  
Miss Hussain (SEND teaching assistant)  
Mrs Eshan (SEND teaching assistant)  
Mrs Parveen (SEND teaching assistant)

We wish them all good luck in their first term of working in our school.

### New Payment System in School

As mentioned before the holidays, Pay 360 is no longer used for online payments and we have now moved over to School Comms.

This is an app-based system and is much easier to use than Pay 360. If you have children in secondary school, you may already have this.

If you do not have the app, it can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. Just search for 'School Gateway'.

Once it is downloaded, enter your email address and click 'forgotten pin'. Enter your mobile telephone number and the pin and this will give you access to your account.

If you have any issues or require support, please come to the school office and we will help you to register.

## Snacks

If you send your child into school with a snack for break time, then please choose something healthy like a piece of fruit and not a bag of crisps. Please also remember, if your child is on packed lunches, then any food with nuts in, such as chocolate spread, should not be brought into school. We have a child with a severe nut allergy so please think about that when deciding what to give your child to eat.

## MacMillan Coffee Morning

We will be hosting a coffee morning for our pupils on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 8:30am** in order to raise money for the MacMillan Cancer Charity. Parents are welcome to join us. Children will be asked to wear something green on the day. Cakes, biscuits and drinks will be available to buy. If you can donate any cakes we would appreciate your help. Please send them into school on either Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you. More information will be sent to you closer to the time.

## Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club is now free if you would like your child to attend. We open at 7:45am and they can have a range of cereals, toast and juice whilst there. They can play games with other children before the start of the school day. Please email [admin@awepa.org.uk](mailto:admin@awepa.org.uk) if you would like a place saving for your child.

## Dates for your Diary



### Photographs

The photographers will be in school on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September**. You will receive a letter closer to the time asking if you would like your child's photograph taken.

### Online Safety Training for Parents

Kat Howard from Smoothwall will be delivering two workshops for parents. They are different so you are encouraged to come to both. They will help you to protect your child when they play online.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2-3pm**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2-3pm**

### Year 5 Viking Day

Year 5 will have a Viking inspired day on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Mrs Hardy and Miss Burgess will send out more information to our year 5 parents.

### Year 2 Trip

Year 2 will be visiting the Manchester Football Museum on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. The children will be travelling there and back on the tram.

### Half Term Holiday

The half term will end on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023** and will re-open on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 8:40am**.

*Thank you, as always, for your continued support.*

Miss K Pizuti  
Principal