



Ashton West End Primary Academy

November- December 2023 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.

Children in Need- Friday 17th November

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 with each class choosing to do something different.

Schoolcomms Payments

Just a gentle reminder for parents and carers to sign up to our new online payment platform, Schoolcomms.

This can be accessed through an app on your phone called School Gateway and is very easy to use. Once downloaded and registered, all payments (lunch money and trips) can be made through the app, as we no longer accept cash in school.

If you have any queries or need help to set up the app, please either phone or visit the office and a member of staff will be able to assist you.

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening will be held on Thursday 23rd November from 3:30pm-6pm. A letter will be sent out with more information on. Please fill in the reply slip and return to your child's class teacher when you receive it.

PHSE Coffee Morning- Tuesday 21st November

To support teaching and learning in PSHE, we will be implementing a new programme called 'My Happy Mind' from January 2023. This programme covers the majority of the statutory PSHE Health and relationships objectives, and we are designing a school curriculum to include those objectives not covered within the programme.

Parental support is key in school, and we would like to invite you to an 'onboarding' coffee morning, where the scheme will be presented and the new curriculum design plans explained. There will be the opportunity to link to the parent app for the programme and to see some of the physical resources that will be used.

This will take place on Tuesday 21st November at 9am in the school hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Dinner Money Reminder

Please can parents/carers make sure that dinner money is paid each Monday for the week ahead so that dinner money debt doesn't build up.

If dinner money is outstanding after the first week, this will need to be paid by the second week at the very latest, or your child/ren will need to bring a packed lunch from home until the debt is cleared.

If you are struggling with payments, please do come to the office so we can try to help.

Parents' Information Meeting

I will be holding a parents' meeting on Friday 24th November from 9am-9:30am if any parents would like to speak to me about matters in school. I will talk through our progress including the Ofsted report and our SATs results. I will also discuss planned building work for the school and the vision going forward.

Applying for Reception Places

If your child is in our nursery and you would like them to attend our reception classes in September 2024, you must apply for the place before the 15th of January 2024 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.

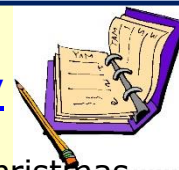
Christmas Productions

The children will take part in Christmas productions as normal this year and we intend to invite parents. We will send out the details nearer the time. Christmas dinner will take place on Friday 8th December. Children can wear a Christmas jumper/ dress/ t shirt on this day if they have one.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Miss K Pizuti
Principal

Dates for your Diary



- Friday 8th December- Christmas dinner
- Friday 15th December- School closes at 3:15pm. We will re-open on Tuesday 2nd January at 8:40am.

Email correspondence

As you will be aware, the school currently use ParentMail to communicate with parents about any news or events in school.

Since September, we have been using Schoolcomms to send emails and text messages to parents as well as for online payments.

We are gradually getting more parents signed up to the new email system and aiming to have everyone registered for Schoolcomms before December, as we will be no longer be using ParentMail in the new year.

If you currently pay for school dinners or trips through Schoolcomms, you will already be registered and receiving emails from school. If you haven't registered for Schoolcomms, you can download the app called School Gateway to your phone or tablet.

The app can be set up very quickly and is very easy to use. If you have any queries or issues, please contact the office for assistance and we will help you.