



Ashton West End Primary Academy February-March 2024 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.

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening will take place on Thursday 21st March between 3:30pm and 6pm. You will receive a letter nearer the time from your child's class teacher for you to indicate the best time for you to attend. We will try our best to offer you your chosen time, but this may not be possible in all cases. Mrs Wright's class will have parents' evening on Tuesday 19th March instead.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. Pupils are welcome to dress up on World Book Day as a character from a book or story. Children do not have to dress up, and if they would prefer to wear their normal school uniform that will be fine. The children will be completing lots of reading and book activities during the school day. Your child will be given a token for a free World Book Day Book. Tokens can be used in ASDA and WH Smith.



Building Work

During the February half term holiday, our new building project started. This is to create some new learning spaces for our pupils. We are not admitting more pupils into the school but creating more space for the children taught in small groups during the school day. We are also going to have a larger main entrance built. This work will continue throughout the school year and the aim is for it to be completed by December 2024. This will cause some disruption to the KS2 playground as it has been fenced off to ensure our pupils are kept safe at all times. If you use some of the paths at the back of the school near the Year 6 and Year 5 classes, they have also been closed off, so you may have to walk around the other way. I apologise for the inconvenience but the work does need completing in order to improve the teaching space in the school.

The school office will also be moved to a temporary cabin on the KS1 playground during the May half term holiday so when your children return, the office staff will be on the KS1 playground. I will inform you of the changes closer to the time.

Year 5 & 6 Robinwood Parents' Meeting

If your child will be visiting Robinwood with us this year, then we are holding a meeting on Monday 11th March at 3:15pm. We will explain the main points of the trip that you need to know, and you will have the chance to ask any questions.

School Comms is replacing Parent Mail

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

You may have noticed that you are receiving emails and text messages from Schoolcomms and less communication from Parent Mail.

We are gradually phasing out Parent Mail and aim to have all parents/carers signed up to Schoolcomms before the summer holidays.

We would really appreciate it if parents/carers could sign up as soon as possible to ensure that all communication is being received from school. This also means that only one app is used for communication and payments.

This can be accessed through an app on your phone called **School Gateway** and is very easy to use. Once downloaded and registered, all communication and payments will be processed through the app.

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.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Miss K Pizuti

Principal

Dates for your Diary

- Class 5H trip to Bury Training and Safety Centre on Monday 26th February.
- 6F trip to Daisy Nook on Friday 1st March. They will be back in time for their lunch. (The children will be taken in the school minibus)
- Safe Squad project in to work with Year 6 on Wednesday 6th March-morning only
- Nursery to visit Smithills Open Farm on Friday 22nd March
- The school will close for the Easter holiday on Thursday 28th March at 3:15pm. We will re-open on Monday 15th April at 8:40am

New Parent Governor

I would like to welcome Mrs Arshad to the governing board in our school. We still have one parent governor vacancy if you would like to join and help to make decisions in the school. Please ask at the office for an application form.

A big thank you to Mr Rehman and Mrs Rasheed who have now finished their terms of office as governors.

Parent Reading Drop ins

Parents of KS2 children; please come and join us to see how we teach reading in our school. You can observe your child in their classroom.

Year 3 and 4 – Wednesday 6th March from 9am-9:30am.

Year 5 and 6 – Wednesday 28th February from 9am-9:30am.