



# Ashton West End Primary Academy



## April- May 2024 Newsletter

### Welcome back

Welcome back after the Easter holiday. We hope you all had a lovely break and are well rested for the next half term. For those of you who celebrated Eid, we hope you had a wonderful time with your families.

### Year 6 SATS Tests

If you have a child in Year 6 then please make sure they arrive on time for school during SATS week. If they miss one of the tests, then they will not be able to complete them on another day.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May**- Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 1  
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 2

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May** - Reading

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May**- Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May** – Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

Your Year 6 child is welcome to join us for breakfast club that week if you would like them to eat their breakfast with their friends and try to relax before sitting the tests. They are welcome anytime from 8:15am. There will be no charge for this. There will be toast, cereal and juice available. If your child cannot make the breakfast club, then please make sure they have eaten some breakfast before they come to school. A full stomach will help them to concentrate during their tests!



### Science Selfie Competition

Well done to all for the children who entered the Science Selfie Competition for Science week last half term. All those who entered won a chocolate egg and the winners below won science experiment game!

Reception - Esa (Nature craft kit)  
Year 2T - Zarmisha (Dinosaur theme kit)  
Year 3E - Maryam (Science lab kit)  
Year 5B - Hamza (Yucky science kit)



### Drop in sessions to help you to join School Gateway

If you still haven't download our new payment and communication system/app, we are having drop-in sessions from 2:30pm-3pm on the following days:

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Bring your phone into school and the school office staff will help you to download it. You just need to know your email address and password.

From September 2024, all payments and communication will come via School Gateway (School Comms) so it is really important you have the app to receive information sent from the school. We will not be using Parent Mail after the end of July 2024.

**Schoolgateway**

## Nursery and Reception Stay and Play Sessions

We have organised some 'Stay and Play' sessions for our nursery and Reception children. This gives you and your child a chance to experience our setting and meet the Early Years Team. Please attend as many sessions as you like and if you feel your child may need support in settling into a new environment, we encourage you to come to as many sessions as possible. Siblings are welcome as we understand childcare may be difficult to arrange at this time. They are on the following days:

### Reception Stay and Play

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 3:30-4:30pm

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 3:30-4:30pm

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 3:30-4:30pm

### Nursery Stay and Play Sessions

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 3:30-4:30pm

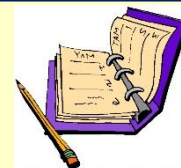
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 3:30-4:30pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 3:30-4:30pm

## Eid al-Adha and Parties

Those children celebrating Eid will have Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June authorised as an absent day from school. We ask that children return to school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June as we will be hosting Eid parties in the afternoon. Children can come into school in their party clothes on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. For those children not celebrating, the school will be open as normal on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

## Dates for your Diary



- Polling Day- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. The school **will be open** as normal on this day.
- The school will close at 3:15pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May for the half term holiday. We will re-open on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 8:40am.

## Collect your used batteries!

Mr Goan and the ECO monitors will be collecting **used** batteries as part of the Eco School initiatives. Could your child save any used batteries and bring them into school, ensuring they are over to their class teacher?

We have collection boxes in some of the classrooms and the class with the highest total at the end of the academic year will all win a prize!



## Healthy snacks and drinks

This is a reminder to parents that children should only be bringing bottled water into school and a healthy snack for their playtime. This also includes those children on packed lunches. A chocolate sandwich is not healthy and shouldn't be given to a child for their lunch. We have lots of ideas on our website about what could be included in a healthy lunchbox.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Miss K Pizuti

Principal