



Ashton West End Primary Academy

September - October 2024 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.

Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 will start their first swimming lesson for this academic year on Friday 13th September. This will take place at Active Medlock Centre and the children will be taken there and back on a coach. Year 4 pupils will start their swimming lessons in January.

New Parent Governor

Welcome to our new parent governor Chantelle Mellor. She joins our current parent governors: Mihaela Malos, Hina Arshad and Elina Mahmood. Thank you to them all for taking the time to volunteer and make decisions for the school.

School Uniform and PE Kits

Please make sure that your child has black shoes for school. Trainers should not be worn.

PE kits should also be worn for all PE lessons. We ask that your child has a plain white t shirt and either navy blue or black shorts, leggings or jogging pants. Trainers can be worn for outdoor sports.

Update on the building work

The building work is due to be completed in December. We are looking forward to using our new intervention rooms that have been built to support many of our pupils. Once the building work has been finished, the KS2 playground will have some new items added to it such as a climbing frame and sheltered areas. We are looking forward to it all being finished so the children can start to enjoy the new areas.

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

Over the next 18 months, our school will be developing our outdoor areas to ensure that playtime and lunchtime is as fun and practical as possible. This will mean that the children will be outside even when it is raining. Please ensure your child comes to school with a waterproof coat. If they have an old pair of trainers or wellies at home that you don't mind them keeping in school then please send them in so they can change out of their school shoes. We will be using the field a lot more and they may get muddy so an old pair of trainers or wellies would be great. Please make sure they are labelled with your child's name. They can be left in school in their cloakroom. We will be sending further information out in the next few months about this to keep you informed. We will need your help moving forward and we will be asking for donations of things to help us to develop the outdoor areas.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We will be hosting a coffee morning for our pupils on **Friday 27th 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 25th or Thursday 26th September. More information will be sent to you closer to the time.

Online safety training for Parents

Lyndsey Vaughton from Smoothwall will be delivering a workshop/ meeting to parents on **Tuesday 15th October at 2:30pm**. She will give you all the updated guidance and tips on how you can protect your child when they play online. The meeting will take place in the school hall.

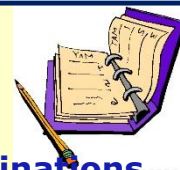
Parent Mail

We will no longer be sending communications out via Parent Mail. We will either use Class Dojo or School Comms to send messages to you. Please speak to the school office if you cannot access School Comms or ask your child's class teacher for a Class Dojo login.

SchoolComms

Please ensure that you have downloaded the School Gateway app as this is where all communication from school and payments made for dinners and trips will be made. Please ask at the office if you require any assistance.

Dates for your Diary



Reception- Year 6 Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 26th September 2024

Imperial War Museum Trips- Year 6

As part of their history topic, the year 6 children will be travelling by tram to the Imperial War Museum in Trafford Park.

Wednesday 18th September

Thursday 3rd October

Further information will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Photographs

The photographers will be in school on **Monday 30th September**. You will receive a letter closer to the time asking if you would like your child's photograph taken.

Half Term Holiday

The half term will end on **Friday 25th October 2024 at 3:15pm** and will re-open on **Monday 4th November 2024 at 8:40am**.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Miss K Pizuti
Principal