



DREAM

Determined risk takers who want to succeed
Resilient and respectful learners
Expressive communicators
Ambitious achievers, unafraid of mistakes
Magic happens when you dream

Inset days 2019-2020

Dec 20th (Friday) 2019

January 6th (Monday) 2020

February 24th (Monday) 2020

July 10th (Friday) 2020

Message from the Principal, Mrs Paula Baines-Chambers:

This half term has really flown by! Thank you for your continued support this half term; working together our children can 'believe and achieve'. I have been impressed by the children's attitude towards their learning, presentation has considerably improved and our children are really showing a pride in their learning. Progress is evident in books and our children confidently discuss their learning experiences. We have invested in a lot of new reading books which have really inspired our pupils who are displaying a love for reading. This half term some magical memories have been made through the enrichment opportunities that have been provided.

It has been lovely to welcome and see many families in school over the past few weeks, joining us for various events and celebrations. Thank you to those families who supported our Christmas Fair, we raised just over £1000 which will enable us to buy a defibrillator.

If you don't follow us, please visit our Twitter where you will see our learning showcased - **@ashwood_spencer**

I wish you all a wonderful, peaceful Christmas break.

Paula Baines-Chambers

Staffing update:

Goodbyes - we have some staff leaving Ashwood and we would like to wish them all the best in their new jobs; Mrs Caul, Mr Williams and Ms Ruston.

Mrs Rock will become the fulltime class teacher for Leonardo Di Vinci class, Ms Samson will be working across all 3 year 5 classes.

Mrs Whitworth is also having a change of role, she will be supporting year 3 in her new role as a Teaching Assistant and Mrs Pople will be teaching Mary Anning class for 2 days a week.

We also welcome some new staff to the team at Ashwood; Mr Marsh joins us as a HLTA and will work across school. Mrs Redfern joins us in EYFS as a Teaching Assistant.

Conduct:

Unfortunately there have been a number of parents whose conduct has been unacceptable, both towards staff and other parents. We will not tolerate staff and other parents being shouted at and spoken to in an inappropriate, threatening manner.

Can we also remind you that if you need to speak to a member of staff, you will need to book an appointment and not assume the staff member is free to meet you immediately.

Absence:

A reminder that if your child is absent from school, **it is your responsibility to contact school** to let us know the reason for the absence. If we haven't heard from you and are unable to contact you, we have a duty of care, therefore are required to report this.

Medical Appointments:

We can only agree to this if the appointment **is for the child and we have proof**, either appointment card / letter or text. Generally, a full day should not be taken to attend a medical appointment, time dependent, your child can attend school and be signed out and back in again. We are not able to authorise absence or an early collection if the appointment is for the parent / carer.

Message from GSA SCITT:

The George Spencer Academy SCITT would like to take this opportunity to wish all trainees, mentors, school staff, parents and students a very merry Christmas and a relaxing new year. If you are looking for a new challenge in the new year, we have primary and secondary teacher training places available for a September 2020 start. For further details contact SCITT@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk

Whole School Key dates - Spring 1 2020:

Monday 6th January – Inset day
Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th January - 'Cyber safe' creative health week
Monday 3rd – Friday 7th February – Children's mental health week (7th non-uniform: wear bright colours)
Friday 7th February – 'NSPCC Number day'
Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th – 'Parents Evenings'
Friday 14th February – 'Congenital Heart Defect awareness day' – wear red: non-uniform day, 50p

Key dates for Spring 1 2020:

FS:

Tuesday 21st Jan - Maths Workshop
Friday 31st - Elvaston castle trip
Friday 14th Feb – DREAM assembly 10:30-11:00am
Tuesday Weekly - Drop everything and read 2.50pm

Year 1:

Monday 3rd February – Material Immersion day
Friday 7th February – Number day
Tuesday 11th February – DREAM assembly 9:15am and parent crafts
8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th January and 5th February – Play and recycle visit

Year 2:

Tuesday 7th January - Talk by Curtis Bill about Graphic Design
Wednesday 15th January - 2-3pm Den-making afternoon with parents
Thursday 30th January - 9am Parents SATs meeting
Tuesday 11th February - DREAM assembly 11:00am and parent craft

Year 3:

Tuesday 14th Jan - Olympics Day (children are invited into to come dressed as their favourite sports icon)
Friday 24th Jan - Chinese New Year celebrations (children can come dressed in red or gold)
Monday 10th Feb - Dress as an Ancient Greek
Tuesday 11th Feb - Trip to Birmingham Museum
Friday 14th Feb - DREAM Assembly 1:30 followed by classroom crafts

Year 4:

Thursday 23rd Jan - Reading café for parents and children (pm)
Week beg. 27th Jan – Year 4 trip to a Strutt's Park Roman Fort – waiting for date to be confirmed
Thursday 6th Feb - Roman Day! Children to dress up as Romans, parents invited in for Pop-up museum (pm)
Friday 14th Feb – DREAM assembly 10:00-10:30

Year 5:

Tuesday 7th Jan - Welcome to Hogwarts (Harry Potter launch)
Thursday 6th Feb - Food technology skills afternoon to make our own pizzas
Monday 10th Feb - Hogwarts open afternoon - parents invited to share children's work
Friday 14th Feb - DREAM assembly, 9-9:45am

Year 6:

Wednesday 15 – Friday 17th Jan - Lea Green residential
Monday 20th Jan - Tea and Quiz
Tuesday 28th - Buddy evening
10th-14th Feb - Cyber Week
Friday 14th Feb – DREAM assembly 11:00-11:30am