



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

February 24th (Monday)

July 10th (Friday)

Message from the Principal, Mrs Paula Baines-Chambers:

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend parents evening this week, we appreciate the snow disrupted a lot of plans on Monday! If you have been unable to attend, please speak to your child's class teacher to rearrange as these meetings are an important time to celebrate the progress your child is making and share their next steps.

This year we have invested a lot of money into purchasing a new reading scheme with lots of beautiful, exciting books - feedback from the children has been extremely positive. We hope that you are also enjoying sharing these books too! You may have also noticed that some exciting work is happening in our Foundation Stage outdoor area... we are having a new outdoor learning environment created and we can't wait to be able to use it. We have also had a sensory room installed which will support lots of our pupils.

A reminder to follow our learning on Twitter @ashwood_spencer

We are proud to showcase our learning experiences on Twitter; there are so many magical moments shared so please take a look.

Thank you for your continued support, I wish you all a lovely half term break.

Staffing update:

We have some staff leaving Ashwood and we would like to wish them all the best - we are all very excited for Mr Terpilowski who is leaving not only Ashwood, but the country! We wish him all the best in his new adventures.

Mrs Sawford will also be leaving on 6th March for a promotion. We would like to thank Mrs Sawford for the support she has given to the school over a number of years.

PE Kits:

- White T Shirt
- Blue or black shorts
- Black pumps and trainers for outdoor PE
- Sweater for outdoor PE
- Navy or black track suit bottoms for outdoor PE

School uniform:

- Royal blue sweatshirt
- Black or grey trousers, or knee-length skirt
- White polo shirt
- White, black or grey socks / tights
- Flat BLACK school shoes **Trainers are not acceptable**
- Blue and white striped or checked dresses for summer
- Black or grey trouser shorts

Packed lunches:

As a health promoting school, we would just like to remind you that all packed-lunches should be a healthy lunch.

Fizzy pop is not allowed in school!

Safeguarding:

A notice to parents to be vigilant when children are using mobile phones, computers, tablets etc. at home. With many receiving these devices as gifts for Christmas we are mindful at school of potential dangers when children are online. Please remind your child of the need to be safe when using these devices. Please also ensure that the apps / sites are age appropriate.

A note of people in school to speak to if you have any concerns for the safeguarding of children. **Key people with safeguarding responsibilities are Miss Morgan Baines (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Liz Hutchinson (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) and Mrs Paula Baines–Chambers (Principal).** Additional staff are Mrs Mayer, Mrs Rock and Mrs Pople.

Do not hesitate to speak to us if you do have any concerns for the safety and well being of children.

Parking:

We please ask for consideration for pedestrians when parents in cars are dropping off their children. It has been very busy around the entrances to school with parents parking on the pavements and stopping in the no parking areas. We are concerned for the safety of the children because of this. If you live near to the school, please leave the car at home and walk to school to drop off and collect your child.

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance is currently 94.2%. This is below what we expect as our minimum target is 97%. May we take this opportunity to remind you again that children should be in school every day on time! Too much learning time is missed by both children arriving late and children being disturbed by late arrivals. Please make every opportunity to have your children in school on time: infants - 8:55am, juniors - 8:45am. We are randomly generating and rewarding 2 pupils with 100% attendance for the half term with a £20 cinema voucher and at the end of the term, when we break for Easter, we will be rewarding 2 pupils with 100% attendance with a 'tablet'.

Working in partnership:

Stay and Play - is on every Wednesday in the canteen at 9.00 -10.15. All are welcome with pre school children, free of charge. Coffee and refreshments are provided.

PTFA:

If you are interested in becoming a member and joining us in organising fundraising events, school fetes, discos etc. then please let Mrs Mayer know.

Working together - Congratulations

Over 400 Year 6 children from across Derby took part in a Project Zao competition to design an anti-knife crime poster. Amanda from Sir Edmund Hillary Class designed the winning poster which has been displayed on the side of over 30 buses around Derby! Amanda, her parents and Mrs Johnson were invited to the unveiling of her design which was attended by the police, Capital Radio and the Derby Evening Telegraph. We are extremely proud of Amanda for raising awareness of such an important issue.

