

Ashleworth CofE Primary School

Beginning of Term Welcome



Dear Parents,

I always find September the most fascinating of months. There is the excitement and anticipation of the beginning of the new term. Classrooms are neat and tidy; shiny new shoes and uniform and, of course, there is the welcoming of new members into our Ashleworth school family.

September is also a month of change. We returned to school with summer very much still on our minds. By the end, there is a definite feel that autumn is on its way. Still, we have so much to be thankful for.

I was really impressed with how quickly the children settled into life in Class 1.

Bess, Charlee, Lola, Luna, Matilda and Ned have embraced all that school life has to offer. Whenever I visit Class 1, they are eager to share with me what they have been up to. It is lovely to see their confidence growing and friendships developing. At playtimes, it is lovely to see all of our school family enjoying time together.

We have welcomed Miss Barnes back following her maternity leave. The Year 2 children, in particular, were delighted to see her back in school. She is enjoying working Thursday and Fridays alongside Miss Davenport who works Monday – Wednesday. Mrs Huggins has returned to working in Class 1 too. In Class 2, Mrs Hart has joined us, offering 1:1 support from Wednesday – Friday.

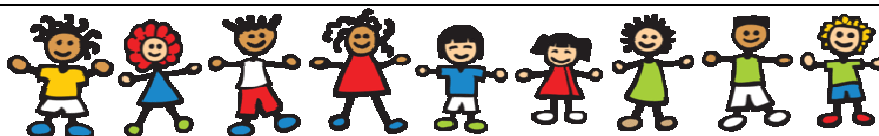
The beginning of term is always hectic. However, this year, we also underwent our SIAMS inspection on September 20th. We were visited by an Inspector who judges how effective we are in living up to our foundation as a Church school. Any inspection is a challenging time but it is also an opportunity for us to celebrate and share all that is wonderful about our school. The day went well. All of the children were brilliant. Our inspector was impressed with the behaviour of the children and the respect they showed for each other. She also acknowledged the hard work of all the staff in providing a nurturing, caring environment for the children. There is so much for us all to celebrate.

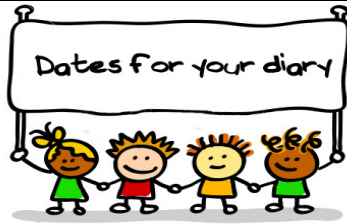
What a joyous start to the school year. I look forward to what lies ahead.

Best wishes,

Michelle Kelly

Headteacher





- 16th Oct - Class 2 parent meetings @ 15:30
- 18th Oct - Reception Phonics meeting @ 15:30
- 20th Oct - Harvest Festival @ 14:30
- 23rd Oct - Black History Day
- 26th Oct - Dress down day - PTFA Raffle hamper donations
- 26th Oct - Class 1 Parent meetings @ 15:30
- 26th Oct - Thursday = Last Day of Term 1
- 27th Oct - Friday = **INSET DAY**
- 6th Nov - Monday = First day of Term 2

Class 2

We've had a wonderful start to this academic year. The children are really enjoying our small class size and the 1:1 attention they all receive. In English, we have been reading 'The Stone Age Boy' and our grammar focus has been speech punctuation. The children have been using this to write a conversation between two characters from our book. In Maths, we've been covering Place Value and the children have represented, partitioned, compared and ordered numbers.

We are looking forward to the rest of the autumn term, working together and supporting each other.

Mrs Gobourn & Mrs Williams

Reminders:

YELLOW ROAD MARKINGS: We need to reminder parents and carers regarding the collection and drop off parking. **Please DO NOT park on the yellow road markings in the street,** this is dangerous to both passing vehicles and your children.

PARENT PAY

For the new parents: ParentPay is the App we use for paying items such as school dinner and trips. Reception children have not had the need for using it yet.

Other parents: Please check your ParentPay accounts for any outstanding trip or dinner items. Thank you



Fundraising / Charity / Donation



Thank you for your donations on Dress down day the 22th of September. We raised £21-00 and decided to add it to the Macmillan fundraiser instead.

Thank you for your delicious cakes and donations on Macmillan Coffee day. We raised £37-10, thus the total raised on both days are £58-10 all together.



We will be scratching the answer on our Colin the Caterpillar guessing competition this Friday in assembly, you are more than welcome to still add your guess.

Secondary school Open days:

Ribston Hall High School opening events:
Evening 17th of October
Mornings 18th; 19th; 23rd October

[Please see the letter attached from Gloucester City Council, for your information:](#)

[Important admission arrangements consultation information](#)

Assembly

Celebration Assemblies are @ 15:00 every Friday. Here we invite parents to join the children and celebrate all of the work for that week as well as any other significant events in and around the school. So please join us if you can!



Class 1

It has been a great start to the year in Class 1. The reception children have all settled quickly and are enjoy their learning. The children are having fun learning about our topic 'Wonderful Weather'. All the children can confidently name the seasons and discuss what the weather is like in each season!

In English the children have been busy following and writing instructions. They have followed instructions on how to make things and how to play games.

In art the children have been exploring Kandinsky's work and have been creating artwork in that style. They had lots of fun drawing overlapping circles with chalk on the playground.

We have had a great learning journey so far and we are excited for it to continue!

Miss Davenport and Miss Barnes

PTFA NEWS

Our PTFA team are a great support to the teaching team in providing resources to enhance the children's education. They have already been active this year - treating the children to a yummy ice lolly each on the first (rather hot) Friday of the term.

They have also had a fantastic fundraising start to the year with Angels Running Club donating £231.85 from their annual 10k road race which is held in the village.

The PTFA annual AGM will be held at the school from 7pm on Monday, 23rd. Come and find out what they do to support us. Everyone is welcome. It would be great to see some new faces.

