

Ashcombe Primary School

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Friday 4th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can barely believe we're at the end of term 4 - the Spring Term has absolutely raced away from us all. I'd like to thank all the members of the community who felt able to make donations on Red Nose Day when we raised nearly £400 for the cause. This generosity was also seen in the incredible volume of donations made towards the Easter Fayre. It really does mean a lot when the community comes together – thank you for your support.

Building work



It's not that long ago that I was giving regular updates about the build for our extension. Further building work is due to begin over the Easter holidays. Parents and Carers who use the Ashcombe Children's Centre (ACC) entrance may have noticed a small compound in the carpark. This is to support the construction of a small building for a Nurture Hub outside the Nursery of the Children's Centre. There will be some contractors on site but they will be limiting their work during school drop off and collection times.

Please carefully watch children walking down the pedestrian path past the nursery as building work will be taking place nearby.

We are due to have our main gates replaced at the main school entrance on Earlham Grove. The gates are no longer fit for purpose and were damaged during the building process. This will take place during the Easter break and will revert to being a remotely operated gate system. This will further enhance the security of our school site.



The pedestrian gate on Earlham Grove will be set to be open for breakfast club from 7:25am and will close at 8:15am. They will reopen at 8:35am so that parents and carers can get to children's classes. The gates will then open again at 3:05pm at the end of the day for collection.

Ashcombe's Got Talent

On Wednesday, we hosted the children for our traditional Ashcombe's Got Talent competition. We had a range of acts on offer including singing, dancing, gymnastics, drumming, piano playing, comedy and magic. The children were fantastic and had obviously put many hours into practicing their performances.





I'm so proud of every single one of them! Special thanks also to our brilliant judges Mrs Riden, Mr Mann and Miss Robertson. Mrs Burditt deserves thanks as well for her outstanding work getting our glitzy stage ready for the performers. Finally, I'd like to thank Mrs Langston - every year she makes Ashcombe's Got Talent happen and kindly pushes our acts to improve. Well done everyone - you were fabulous!

Ashcombe Friends Association (AFA) Easter Events

I was blown away on Monday by the incredible entries into our Easter scene competition! So many clever and ornate designs which had obviously taken a great deal of hard work from children and their parents and carers! Special thanks to the AFA for organizing the competition and prizes for the winners. As I write this newsletter, I'm already getting excited for seeing Easter bonnets, cakes and taking part in the Easter Fayre. It should be a really lovely day to round of the term. Can I say a massive thank you to all the volunteers who make up the AFA – these events wouldn't happen without the hours of time the members give up to organise these events.



Personal items in school



Many children are bringing small fidget toys, large soft toys, trading cards or overly large pencil cases into their classrooms. This is becoming distracting to the children and difficult for teachers to manage.

There are a small number of pupils who may need something to hold onto in class according to their needs. **This needs to be with the permission of the class teacher and should be for a valid reason.**

I have met with the children in the last week during assembly to explain this. **Please ensure that children are not bringing any items into school which should not be there.**

Headlice

We have recently been advised that a few children have been experiencing issues with headlice, we appreciate most parents check and treat their children. However, in order to try and minimise the discomfort headlice can cause to children we would like to ask that **ALL parents check their children's hair during the Easter break and treat accordingly in order to break the cycle.** I would also remind you that it is good practise for children with long hair to wear it up if possible, to help prevent spread should headlice be present. Thank you for supporting the school is trying to combat this issue.

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School Uniform

I wrote to parents and carers on 28 March 2025 about changes to PE uniform. Children will come into school in their PE uniform when they have PE after the Easter break. Please make sure you know our uniform policy. At Ashcombe Primary School, we believe that a smart uniform is a very important part of school life here for the following reasons:

- Having a uniform which we all wear shows that we are part of something bigger – we're a team, we work and learn together – We are Ashcombe.
- Uniform teaches children about formality – there are times in life when we need to dress smartly to show respect to others and ourselves.
- Upholding a smart uniform prepares children for their transition to secondary school where expectations are high and tightly maintained.

To order branded school uniform please email:

office@ashcombeprimary.co.uk

GIRLS' DRESS CODE

White Polo Shirt or Plain White Blouse
Knee Length Black or Grey A-Line Skirt or Trousers
Blue School Sweater or Cardigan and or School Fleece
Black or Grey Tights
Plain Black Shoes
Blue Checked Gingham Dress in the Summer
Black or Grey Knee length Shorts
Shorts can be worn under dresses (Optional)

BOYS' DRESS CODE

White Polo Shirt or Plain White Shirt
Black or Grey Trousers or Knee length Shorts
Plain Black Shoes
Blue School Sweater or School Fleece

ADDITIONAL PLAYTIME UNIFORM

We are aiming to make our breaktimes and lunchtimes as active as possible. We will also be trying to get outside come rain or shine apart from very extreme weather. If your child enjoys getting muddy or splashing in puddles, it is recommended that some of the optional items suggested below are brought in:

- A warm, waterproof/resistant coat/Lighter option in the warmer months



- Sunhat
- Wellies (Optional)
- Waterproof trousers (Optional)
- Additional change of clothes in school (Optional but recommended in Reception)

SCHOOL UNIFORM DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Make up or nail varnish
- 'Extreme' hair styling (Mohicans, brightly coloured, etc)
- Earrings other than studs
- Jewellery other than watches
- Hooded tops (Apart from Y6 Leavers' Hoodies)
- Sandals (they are a trip hazard)
- Coloured jumpers
- Leggings

Key dates for the year ahead

I've tried to look ahead so that you can get as many dates in the diary as possible. If we do need to change anything, I'll aim to get that information to you as soon as possible

Term 5:

Term 5 Begins 22nd April

Class Photos – YR and Y6 24th April

Y5 Morfa Bay residential Monday 28th April to Friday 2nd May

KS2 Test week – 12th May – 15th May

Year 1 Parent Event/Performance – Wednesday 21st May pm

Year 1 Parent Event/Performance – Wednesday 22nd May am

Day of Sport and Kindness for Liam Shepherd Foundation - Friday 23rd May (Children wear sport clothes to school)

End of Term 6 Tuesday 22nd July

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Term 6:

Term Begins: Monday 2nd June

INSET Monday 2nd June

Y4 Multiplication Check Window Opens - Monday 2nd June to Friday 13th June

Y1 Phonics Screening Check week – Monday 9th June to Friday 13th June

Reception and Year 1 sports day - Wednesday 18th June (reserve day Friday 20th)

AFA Summer Fayre – Saturday 5th July.

Year 4, 5 & 6 sports day Wednesday 9th July (reserve day Friday 11th)

Year 2 & Year 3– Wednesday 16th July (reserve day Friday 18th)

Parents' Evening 1 – Tuesday 8th July 4:00-7pm

Parents' Evening 2 – Thursday 10th July 3:30-6:00pm

Y6 Leavers Show, Parents Lunch and Leavers' Service Thursday 17th July am and pm

Wrong Trousers Day for Grand Appeal – Monday 21st July – (Children can come into school wearing unusual trousers, shorts or skirts)

I do hope that everyone enjoys a relaxing break during Easter – we'll look forward to seeing you again for the summer term!

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Yours sincerely,

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