

**Head Teacher Message:**

The children continue to make very good progress this half term and we have various exciting events planned in the run up to Easter over the Spring term. I am really pleased with the Music, PE and Spanish lessons led by the Academy staff and Y1 are really enjoying their weekly trip to the Academy to use the Computer suite to work on their computing skills. We have started our recruitment drive for next year with various interviews taking place for teachers and support staff. This month, Mrs Toal has settled in very well to our Reception team as an additional teaching assistant.

Punctuality and Attendance

It is very important that all our pupils are in class by 8.50am every morning for the register. Thank you to everyone for supporting our school ethos and we always want everyone in class on time and at school everyday. We monitor all class attendance and we give a prize to classes that achieve 100% attendance in a given week. Our aim for outstanding practise is to always have at least 97% attendance in a term so please help us achieve this. Thank you for your support.

Breakfast and After School Club

We are looking of ways to improve our provision even further by possibly extending times and offering more opportunities for our children and parents. If there are any parents or contacts that are interested in possibly working at one of our clubs please see the school office for further details.

World Book Week

Thank you to Miss Costas for organising our Book Week. The children are really enjoying the week and are looking forward to a great day dressing up as their favourite book character on Friday. A huge thank you to our grandparents and volunteers who have come in to read stories to our children. Thank you to all our parents who have donated books for the school and to those that brought in books for a 'book swap'. Reading is so important for all children and as a school we always encourage daily reading both at school and at home. On Thursday this week Mrs Leach is organising a Book Sale with Usborne books and there will also be a APPTA Coffee morning on Thursday 1st March at 2pm in the group room.



Buildings Update

The meetings with the constructors and government representatives continue to go very well with everything on track. The building is starting to take shape now visually. We have recently discussed drainage, car parking and the outside structure of the building to positive effect. Morgan Sindall will soon be releasing their next newsletter to share even more information and photos. Next term we will soon be pre- ordering furniture for the new building and resources.



Road Safety Sessions

On Thursday 8th March the Travel Engagement Officers from Barnet will visit the Reception and Y1 children to talk about the importance of wearing seat belts in cars, holding hands when walking in the street environment and crossing the road carefully.

Science Week w/c Monday 12th March

Miss Cooper has kindly organised a fun week of Science for all the children. The theme of this year's British Science Week is '**Exploration and Discovery**'. As a school we will be focusing on '**Gas and Air**' and how this affects everyday things around us. We will carry out a series of mini investigations across the week to encourage the children's exploration and investigation skills. We will finish the week with a whole school investigation using the film 'Up' as a starting point. Children will design and make model houses and attempt to lift them using balloons!

Links with other schools

We believe it is vital to network with our local schools and this week our Reception team are meeting the Reception team at Osidge Primary School. We also regularly network with Eversley Primary School. This is great continued professional development for our staff and good to have links with our local community schools.



Playground Charter

Both year groups have worked together to generate their own playground charter to ensure a safe and happy playtime environment.

Playground Charter

We always use kind words.

We are gentle with our hands.

We always share our toys and include each other in our games.

We always listen to our adults and share our feelings with each other.

We always play safely in the playground.

We always respect our playground equipment and each other.





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A month in the life at Ashmole Primary School...we have so much fun!





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School Travel

We understand that the weather is very extreme at the moment but as the weather improves over the Spring and Summer we hope to see more of our parents and pupils avoid travelling by car to school where possible. We are aiming for at least 64% of our pupils by the end of this year to travel to school in an active manner e.g. by walking, using public transport, shared car driving, by scooter or by bike.

Children will receive new 'Walk to School Badges' and we will be giving these out to pupils that regularly walk to school over the month (at least once a week). These will be given out in our Celebration assemblies on a monthly basis.

It is also important to remember that if you do have to drive, please do not leave the engine running while waiting on Summit Way. This leads to more pollution and it is not pleasant for our pupils and parents to be breathing in any unnecessary fumes.

School Competition – we are asking all our pupils to create a poster to encourage safe parking, healthy air quality and the benefits of active travel. The best entry from each class will receive a £5 book token from Mr Tofallis. This school competition will close on Monday 5th March 2018. Thank you.

Reception had a lovely time in the snow this morning!



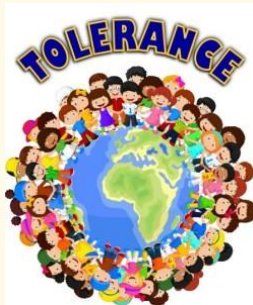


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Value of the Month

Our Value for
March is
Tolerance



Tolerance means...
appreciating and respecting
differences in people.



Attendance

Calypso Class 92.62% Nova Class 97.39%
Orion Class 95.56% Luna Class 94.77%



Celebrating Achievement

Year 1

Luna Class

Merit Awards

Malaika
Vivaan
Agastya
Florrie
Freya
Eisa

Value Award

Oliver
Vivaan
Jenna

Nova Class

Merit Awards

Serena
Dante
Ankit
Arabella

Value Award

Arabella
Sophie
Alexandra

Orion Class

Merit Awards

Ella
Nicholas
Mara
Haris
Alexander
Mara

Value Award

Arman
Aara
Leyla

Calypso Class

Merit Awards

Ben
Anoushka
Timofei
Ariyan
Sara

Value Award

Marina
Izabela
Jason



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Diary Dates

March	12 th	All week	Science Week
	24 th	2.30pm-4.15pm	International Food Day (APPTA Event)
	27 th and 28 th	4-8pm and 3.45-6.15pm	Reception and Y1 Parent Consultations. Mid-Year Reports to parents.
	29 th	3.15pm	Last day of Spring Term
April	16 th	All week	Return to school at 8.50am
	17 th	All day	Y1 Bike Training
	24 th	All day	Y1 Bike Training
May	7 th	All day	May Day Holiday
	14 th	9am-11am	Hearing and Vision checks for Reception
	15 th	9am-11am	Hearing and Vision checks for Y1
	25 th	3.15pm	Last day of half term
May	28 th -1 st June	All week	Half Term



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Chinese School

Drama Club

Football Club

Yoga

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www.huahsia-chinese.org.uk

www.stagecoach.co.uk/southgate

www.soccerrevolution.co.uk

www.tattybumpkin.com/winchmorehill

Useful websites!