



Head Teacher: Mr Chris Tofallis

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Easter Update

I hope you are all well and safe. The next few weeks will be very important for all of us and I aim to update you as often as possible with all matters school related.

During this period of time I hope the children are all having fun and keeping themselves occupied with our online homework and the comforts of the home. Our teachers have started to upload more video clips and online learning resources on Purple Mash. This portal will be the place to visit for all our learning. You will be able to view teacher videos with updates and stories. Just go to the Class name or Group eg. Year 3 to see all the uploaded work. This will include all kinds of documents – not just Purple Mash games. In the 'School' section we will include News from our staff and Head Teacher, as well as stories read by the staff. On Purple Mash the children can save all their work in their name folder or the work folder created by the teacher. They can upload/ scan all kinds of work to share with their teacher. The teacher will be able to comment on it as well. In addition, every teacher will set up a class blog so that pupils, parents and teachers can interact. Parents and pupils can even email messages to the teacher directly via the Purple Mash 2Go email resource. Any issues please call the office on 0208 361 1881 during 8.30am-4pm Mon-Fri or email office@ashmoleprimary.org if you have any log in issues.

- You can login to your Purple Mash account at: <http://www.purplemash.com/ashmole>
- username:
- password:

The teachers are currently calling all our parents and carers to catch up for a few minutes and talk about the recent pupil reports and online learning. This process will take place over the next few weeks.

From the start of the 'summer term' teachers will set online learning on Purple Mash every Friday morning, so that it is ready for you to commence on the Monday after the weekend. This will be sent via email as well until everyone is confident with Purple Mash. Videos will only be posted on Purple Mash though as the files will be too large to email. There will be a weekly video update and a teacher read story to look out for. Please interact on the class blog as well. Teachers will be sending you our Summer Overview and Medium Term plans for learning.

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We will still be sending a monthly newsletter to update everyone and share some great work that the children will be doing at home. The teachers will be giving out a merit award once a week to the children who have produced outstanding pieces of work. This will be shared in the newsletter too. Our value for this month is 'Fairness' and I have uploaded a PowerPoint we would have used for our assembly, which will be great to share with the children in Years 1-3.

Staffing - Just to update you all, we are still aiming to recruit new staff for September 2020 and we will be conducting interviews for class teachers after Easter depending on the current climate. We are also looking for three more Meal Time Supervisors for September 2020 and adverts are on our website.

I hope you can all have a peaceful and restful Easter break and we will keep in touch.

Best wishes to you and your families.

Mr Tofallis

Head Teacher