



Ash Lea

working together to be our best

Autumn Newsletter 2021

Welcome back to school

It has been wonderful to see everyone back in school and in particular seeing our new pupils settle in so well. We know that transition can be difficult for many of our pupils but classes have felt and looked settled and purposeful. We would like to welcome two new members of staff to the school team: Kate Slater, who is currently working across the school, and Amelia Bedward, who is working in Birch class. They are both experienced, excellent TAs who I know will be a real asset to the school. We have said goodbye to Tracey White and Danielle Simpson and wish them the very best of luck with their next ventures. Congratulations too to Jess Ali and her family on the arrival of Harper Rose and to Sam Elliot and her family on the arrival of Varaya. We are very excited and hope to meet them very soon.

Covid Information

Following guidance from the government, school will no longer be working in bubbles or wearing masks in and around school. Pupils, staff and visitors will be welcome to wear masks if they wish. We will continue with our additional cleaning and ensuring that pupils are washing their hands well and that our classroom spaces are well-ventilated. Whilst it is for test and trace to get in touch if your child is a close contact, practically, we know that this is either not happening, or not happening swiftly. Therefore, when we know about a confirmed case and we know that your child is a close contact we will inform you. If there is an outbreak (this is more than 2 cases within 10 days within a group) then the school will put its contingency plan in place and return to bubbles and increased mask wearing.

Ash Lea School Values

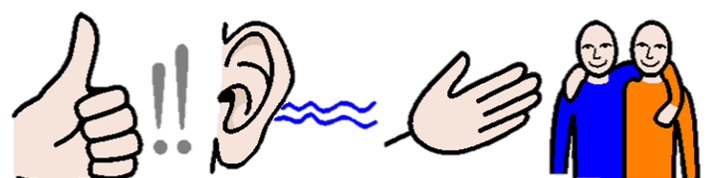
-  **Do the best that you can all of the time**
Our best efforts, for the best reasons to make a difference
-  **Listen carefully to what others have to say**
Everyone has a voice; we listen, accept difference, enable expression and respond
-  **Help each other whenever you can**
We face challenges together. We support each other to be bold and make a positive change
-  **Always be polite and friendly**
Everyone is accepted, everyone matters



School Motto and Code

In the first week all the staff and pupils have been working on the school motto and code and thinking about what it means to them. Classes have discussed how they can uphold the values in their day to day life and how they can follow these values to *work together to be our best*. Each week classes will give out a certificate to a pupil in the class who has done something particularly brilliant that week to work towards these values. Our staff team have also thought about what the code means to them and we have condensed our 'values' to sit with our school code so that we can easily remember what these are.

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Me and My Body



The school topic this term is Me and My Body. Last week all classes had a launch day including a number of shared activities and assemblies to share what was planned for the term. It will be an opportunity for classes to think about themselves, their likes, their dislikes, how they feel, where they live, their friends, their families and growing up. It will also be a great opportunity for the classes to get to know each other and share their interests with each other. Blackthorn, Hawthorn and Willow explored the four senses...



📍 Important Dates 📅



Please see our **live** online diary for all important dates [Online Calendar - Ash Lea School](#)

1st October – Ash Lea School London Marathon

The school will be taking part in the London Mini-Marathon where each pupil will aim to be part of completing a 2.6-mile challenge. This will take place in school and all pupils will need is their running kit! Every finisher will receive a certificate and badge which they can proudly wear whilst watching the London Marathon on Sunday 3rd October!

11th October – World Mental Health Day

Pupils are invited to wear green clothing or accessories to celebrate World Mental Health Day and think about how we can support our own, and others wellbeing.

1st November – INSET

12th November – Children in Need

For Children in Need this year the pupils are invited to wear non-uniform in exchange for a £1 donation.

18th November - Post 16 Presentation Evening

6th – 10th December – Enterprise Week

This year, as part of our Life After Ash Lea calendar, Y7-Y13 pupils will be taking part in the Enterprise Week. Classes will be given a challenge to design, make, advertise and then sell a product. School will be open on the Friday for our market in the hall, where parents will be invited to come and purchase the products and see what we have been doing.

10th December – Christmas Jumper Day

17th December – Last Day of Autumn Term

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