



Ash Lea

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Autumn Newsletter 2022

Welcome Back to School



It has been wonderful to see everyone back in school and seeing our new pupils settle in so well; keen to come to school, making new friends and really happy. 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 lots of new members of staff to the school team: Hannah Goode, Hannah Griffiths, Jane Williamson and David Harrison, who will be teaching in Rowan, Birch, Maple and Holly, and Michelle Mead, Caroline Pope, Claire Johnson and Gilly Lavis, who are working in Beech, Pine, Birch and Blackthorn class. They are all experienced, excellent TAs who I know will be a real asset to the school. We also welcome back Jess Ali from maternity leave to Rowan. We have said goodbye to Michelle Martin and Heather Keating and wish them the very best of luck with their next ventures.

SNACKS AND DRINKS

A reminder that pupils will have time to have and or make a small snack for breaktimes, and a drink. Classes usually buy bread and fruit. If your child has a mid-morning snack, the cost for snacks is £5 per term and can be paid via the office. You may wish to provide your own, this will not be shared with others.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We do not insist on pupils wearing branded school wear as we recognise, they do come with an additional cost. However, for those who wish to we have a new school uniform partner [KIT OUT CLOTHING](#) who provide polo shirts, jumpers, and hoodies, amongst other things. The cost of this branded uniform is extremely reasonable.

PARENT HANDBOOK

The parent handbook can be found on the school website [here](#). This contains all information parents will need regarding school processes. You can also view the online calendar [here](#) which has up to date events on.

FOALS

Friends of Ash Lea School (the school's PTA) are holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday September 13th at 7.30pm in the Manvers Arms pub, Cotgrave. Anyone is welcome to attend and see what they've been up to. Please let the school office know if you plan on joining them so they have an idea of numbers.

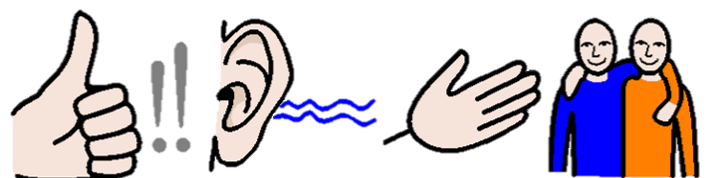
SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The school governors are currently looking for a Parent Governor. If you would be interested in finding out about being part of the governing body, then please contact the school office who will pass on your details to the Chair.

We were extremely saddened to hear of the death of Her Majesty, the Queen, yesterday. Classes will be reflecting on her contribution and the values she extolled in a way that is relevant to them. We will keep you updated of course, if events nationally affect the school opening.

The school is entering its 50th year as an educational establishment. We will use this year to reflect on and celebrate education for pupils with SEND and the contribution that Ash Lea and its pupils have made to this

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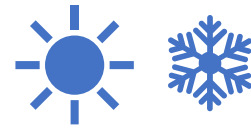


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Weather



The school topic this term is Weather. Each class will use this topic to support their learning this year, exploring different types of weather and finding out about the weather we encounter in this country and around the world. This week Blackthorn started their story of 'Rainbow Grey' by Laura Ellen Anderson. We started off our session by looking at the different weatherlings in the story, their special instrument of power and what weather they can create. We finished off the lesson by using their weather power to create some artwork. Please remember to ensure your children are dressed for all weather as pupils will be learning outside in all conditions!



📅 Important Dates 📅



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

12th September – **Mobile library visit to school**

30th September – **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 2nd October!

10th October – **World Mental Health Day (#HelloYellow)**

Pupils are invited to wear something yellow. In support of www.youngminds.org.uk the day is to show young people that how they feel matters and help us create a future where all young people get the mental health support they need, when they need it, no matter what.

12th October – **Parents Evening**

14th November – **Start of Antbullying Week**

Adults and children are invited to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

18th November – **Mobile library visit to school**

5th – 9th 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.

8th December – **Christmas Jumper Day**

20th December – **Last Day of Autumn Term**

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