



Ash class newsletter

First half Summer term 2017

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer term and a particularly warm welcome to Polly, Oliver and Rowan who have all joined our class.

As the sun starts to shine, please may I remind you to send in named sunhats for the children and to apply sun screen lotion before school, if you so wish. We always have water available to drink in class but some children prefer to have their own water bottle. They sometimes choose to take these outside during playtimes or PE lessons. Please may I ask everyone to check PE kits - Zach has mislaid a pair of joggers and some black shorts and they may have ended up as a duplicate in someone else's bag. Thank you.



This half term our learning will be centred around



Living Things.

We will begin by growing and studying plants, whilst linking this to the fairy tale 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' The last three weeks will focus on how we can keep ourselves healthy, with visits planned from our school nurse and a local dentist. As ever, our activities will adapt to suit the needs and interests of our children where necessary.

Story and rhyme times for Ash class and any younger siblings or friends will be held from 2.45pm to 3.15pm on **Thursday 27th April** and **Thursday 25th May**. Please do spread the word and encourage new faces to join us. Thank you.



Reception children will be off on another welly walk to the woods on **Friday 5th May** from 1pm. Please send in a waterproof coat and wellies on the day. By all means send in a change of clothes, in a named bag, if you would prefer your child to change out of school uniform for the walk. If anyone is free to accompany us on the walk, please do let Mrs Hunt know! Thank you.

We have booked our **class trip to Seaton Wetlands for Wednesday 17th May**. Penny Evans, the Outdoor Ranger who came to work with us in our mud kitchen last term, will be running activities for the day, so it is sure to be very busy and very exciting! The trip is open to all Ash children but an adult will have to accompany any child who does not normally attend nursery on Wednesdays. More details to follow.

A parent has asked if I could outline how we teach the progression within number skills in Ash class, so that she can support her child at home. Feedback questionnaires from our Family Learning Afternoon also suggested maths as a focus for further parental workshops. Therefore, I am more than happy to offer an **informal 'number' session for parents**, run along similar lines to our Letters and Sounds workshop last October. I would appreciate you filling out the attached slip to say if you are or are not interested in such a session, and whether you would prefer it to be straight after school or during the evening. I will then try to confirm a date and time that suits the majority of parents. Thank you.



As always, please do not hesitate to ask myself, Miss Hansford or Mrs Hurst, if you have any queries or concerns. We are here to help.

Yours sincerely,

Sally Hunt