

Ash Class Spring Newsletter

Welcome back to Ash Class! Can you believe that we are about to start the Spring term together? We have already completed a third of the school year. We hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas holiday with your families and are looking forward to hearing all about your adventures, at home or away.

Within this letter, you will find reminders about the day-to-day routines that you and your child will need for the term ahead, as well as some new information about some changes to our routines. Throughout the year, in Ash Class, we explore a range of skills through a variety of themes, which you can find out more about by looking at our curriculum map for the Spring term.



Our Morning Routine

Our morning handshakes are still making us smile. We believe this is an important start to the day, so that the children know how important they are to us and can begin the day with a smile on their face. We aim to do our register around **8:55am** each morning, so that we can be prompt with our phonics lesson at 9am.

House Points

The children are consistently impressing us with their hard work and perseverance, and have either received their 50 badges or are on their way to receiving them shortly. Once they have their 50 badges, they can work towards earning their 100 and then 150 point badges. The children achieve these for a range of things in the classroom: including being a Chilthorne Champion, living out our Christian Values and achieving personal goals that they are working towards. The house captains and vice captains then award the badges on a Friday in our celebration assembly.



Drink Bottles and Healthy Snacks

Please make sure that your child brings in their drink bottle every day. We try to encourage the children to drink as much as possible whilst they are in school. Please ensure this is filled with either water or diluted squash. Children under 5 receive milk free of charge from the Government. If your child has turned 5 and you would still like them to have milk, please use the following link to order and pay for it at www.coolmilk.com and it will be delivered with our other milk.



The children are all entitled to a free **healthy** snack every morning that is provided at school. If your child is not keen on the snack provided you can bring some **fruit or vegetables** from home for your child.

Wellies and Waterproof Coats



We are still going outside as much as possible at playtime and lunchtimes. Please continue to send your child in with a **named** warm, waterproof coat. Thank you for supporting our Opal Play scheme by providing wellies for playtime. If you have taken these home over the holidays, please remember to return them to school as soon as possible.

Reading

Your child will continue to come home with 2 reading books. Please make sure that you read each of these three times and write each of these times into their reading record books. All children are expected to read at home at least 5 times a week to develop their fluency and comprehension skills. Reading books are changed on Mondays and Thursdays. Please remember to pop your reading books inside your reading diary and then into the box by the gate on these days if they need changing. **Please can we ask that you keep your reading records and books in your bookbags each day so that we can listen to your child or check their reading books. Thank you.**



In addition to this, please continue to practise the Phase 2 and Phase 3 sounds, using your sound cards in your popper wallets. You can watch the video for support with the sounds and actions. These can be found on our class page on the website: <https://www.chilthornedomerchurchschool.co.uk/ash-class>

Children also need to learn both the Phase 2 and Phase 3 common exception words by sight for reading. We had started learning the Phase 3 words by sight so please do reinforce this learning and practise them at home. In addition to this, we are learning to spell the Phase 2 common exception words: I, go, to, no, the and into, independently.

Maths

To encourage fluency and mastery skills in Maths, please keep practising skills by completing the Number Sense activity sheets that we send home. A new set will be with you shortly. In addition to these, you can continue to use the White Rose 1 Minute Maths App on a device, to gain speed and fluency.





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PE

Our PE day will continue to be on a **Tuesday with the Yeovil Town sports coaches** and then for the first half of the Spring term we will also have **yoga sessions on Wednesdays with Paula Hall from Green Yoga Crow**.



End of the Day Routine

A big thank you to everyone for lining up along the fence by Ash Class towards the front playground, it makes it much easier to see who to send out at the end of the day. Please remember that if you wish for someone else to pick your child up at the end of the day, please make sure you **inform the office and us on the door**. We cannot send children home with someone else (even if we know them) unless you have told us. If you have a regular arrangement with a family member, we can add them to our school records as a nominated person to collect.

Tapestry



Thank you to everyone who shares posts about what you do at home and the adventures you go on. This shows a different aspect to your child compared to them at school and helps us to see how they might achieve the steps towards their Early Learning Goals in a different way e.g. observing children riding their bikes at the park helps us to see that their gross motor skills are developing.

We are really looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday and sharing your child's journey with you throughout the next term.

With best wishes,

Mrs Stradling, Mrs Carter and Miss Dare