



AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 11/09/20

Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds you, your family and friends well at this difficult time. The children have been fantastic this week and returned to school full of enthusiasm; clearly enjoying being back with their friends and teachers. We are all concentrating really hard on staying safe and washing hands a lot! As many of you are aware, 'Kindness' is for me, one of our most important words in school and already I have seen many examples of kindness amongst the children, staff and parents. I am sure we will soon adapt; the children are very good at keeping in their 'bubbles'. Thank you for all your support with staggered starts and finishes, we have now moved the Infant start to 8.55am and will continue to evaluate all of our procedures. Here are a few photos from the first few days. We do have more on our Facebook page, Ayscoughfee Hall School Life, and on our school website www.ahs.me.uk



New Children

Welcome to all the new children who have joined the school this term and their families. Orla, Alice, Gabriella, Emma, Rudy, Dexter, Dalton, Anna and a special welcome back to Georgia and her mum who have returned from St Helena. We also have fifteen new children starting in Kindergarten, they were delighted with their named Ayscoughfee Teddy Bears which were made especially for us by Mrs Gibson's mum. A big thank you from the school to her, as it really is a labour of love and takes a long time to make each individual bear. We still have some spaces particularly in Reception and Year 2, so do spread the word. If you know of another family who may be interested in a place, please let them know about the school. I am always available to do socially distanced tours after school and on a Saturday if needed. Places for the next two Kindergarten years are filling quickly, so do remember to register younger siblings. Please contact egibson@ahs.me.uk for further information.



Kids Club

We are really pleased that we have been able to get Kids Club running again for you. Morning Kids Club is available from **8am** and entry is by the front door only. After school Kids Club runs until **5.15pm** and pick up is via the side gate using a fob (please contact the school office if you need a fob). No parents are allowed into the school building, so please wait outside the Infant block and Mrs Li or Miss Meachen will bring your child to you. Thank you.

School Shop

Our school shop should have been open this week, but unfortunately due to government guidance this was not able to happen. If there is a particular item you need from the school shop please email the office at tstaples@ahs.me.uk and Mrs Staples will do her best to help.

School Diaries

All children from Reception to Year 6 will have a new school diary. The diary helps us to communicate homework, reading and messages so it is very important. Please can I ask you to read and sign the home school agreement on page 5 and to sign the diary weekly.

Packed Lunches/Healthy Snacks

Can I remind all parents that we are a 'no nut school' as we have three children in school who suffer from serious nut allergies, so please refrain from sending in food items that may contain nuts, including using chocolate spread such as Nutella. Please can all children bring a napkin with their packed lunch each day.

Covid-19

If children show **ANY** of the symptoms of Covid-19, no matter how mild, they **MUST NOT** attend school.

The symptoms are:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in normal sense of taste or smell.

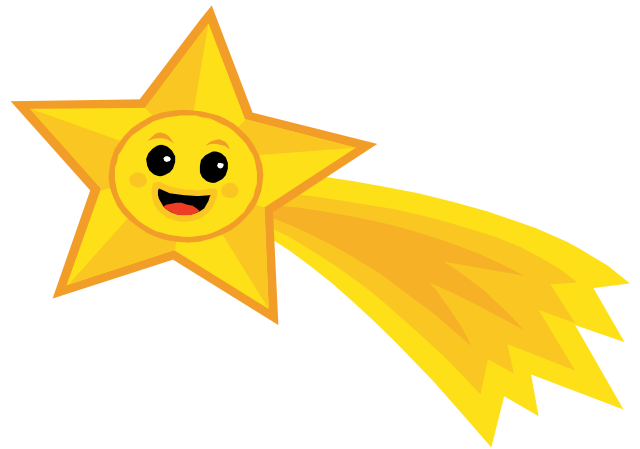
If in any doubt, log onto NHS (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>) and check symptoms then follow the instructions regarding testing and self-isolation. There is a very useful guide for parents here as well. Check and follow the most up to date "Stay At Home" advice. (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>)

Please contact the school if your child has symptoms or if anyone in your family has symptoms or is being tested for Covid – 19. Thank you.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to this week's **STARS** who are;

Kindergarten:	All of Kindergarten
Reception:	Orla
Year 1:	Oliver M
Year 2:	Henry S
Year 3:	Holly W
Year 4:	Poppy D
Year 5:	Elliott M
Year 6:	Seth W
Headteacher Award:	Reception Class
Golden Dustpan Award:	Year 4 Class



Birthdays



We have the following birthdays coming up next week:

Saturday 19th: **Arun**

Take care and stay safe.
With best wishes

Clare Ogden