



AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 10/09/21



Dear Parents,

What a wonderful first week back we have had! I have so enjoyed my time on the gate in the mornings, seeing all of the children coming into school with happy, smiley faces and a cheerful 'good morning'. Walking around the school it is lovely to see them all settled and working hard, enjoying their days, just as they should. This week the little things seem to have given the children the most pleasure, being able to eat together in the hall again, having a whole school assembly – all the things we used to take for granted and now realise are one of the special parts of our school day.

I would like to extend a special welcome to all of our new children and their parents; I know that you will all enjoy your time at Ayscoughfee.

I have had the opportunity to attend most curriculum meetings this week and have a chat with lots of you; thank you for your kind words and support in my new role. I do hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend our 'garden party' on 25th September, which will be a chance to get together again and celebrate our new school year.

KINDERGARTEN



Wow, what an exciting week for our new kindergarten children. They have had a fantastic few days making friends and playing with each other in the lovely sunshine. We have all been very impressed with the way that they have settled into school and it is great to see them coming through the gate each morning looking excited and ready for a busy day. Well done everyone.

RECEPTION



Reception Class have settled back into school and their class routines so well! Mrs Patman and Mrs Forster are very proud of them. They have had a busy week of building class routines; starting on their reading superheroes journey by spying print all around them; creating their own super hero masks and learning all about 'O'.

YEAR 1



It has been a great first week in Year 1. The children have enjoyed showing me how good they are at writing and counting and we all enjoyed making our own crazy colour monsters. It was a real adventure for the children going to the top of the school to use the computers in the ICT suite and also for their Spanish lesson in the languages room. Well done Year 1, I am very proud of you all.

YEAR 2



Year 2 have had a brilliant start to their new school year. They have settled well into the classroom and are beginning to find out where everything goes!

We have started our history topic on Florence Nightingale and in science have begun to learn to classify things into groups, focusing on things that are alive, not alive and were once alive. We have learnt some great new words: reproduce, excrete and respire!

In English we have started to read Roald Dahl's book, 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. We even had a visit from one of the characters...the evil old Grandma. No comment.

YEAR 3



What a great, busy week we have had - the first week in the Juniors! Year 3 children behaved impeccably and worked with enthusiasm in all subjects! We are looking forward to the year ahead!

YEAR 4



How wonderful it has been for Year 4 to be back together after the summer holiday. We have had an enthusiastic, hardworking start to the year and have welcomed Amelie and Mrs Jary-Peck so kindly. What an exciting year of learning lies ahead!

YEAR 5



A big welcome to Year 5. The children have all settled back into school very quickly.

The children have all worked hard this week, looking at place value, creating fact files, finding out about the structure of the Earth and writing interesting questions they would like to know about the Tudors.

What a super start to their first term in Year 5.

YEAR 6



The Year 6 children have made an excellent start to the year and have all made me feel so welcome. They have eagerly taken on additional responsibility by becoming Prefects and Infant Helpers and have been great role models to the younger children. In maths lessons, they have shown perseverance and determination to crack the tricky place value problems and are always keen to take on a challenge. Our work this term is based around India and we are all looking forward to developing our understanding of the topic and taking part in our 'Indian Experience Day' on Monday.

GATE FOBS

There may be times that you need a gate fob in order to gain access through the green gate to collect your child from Kids' Club; if you do not have a gate fob then please contact Mrs Staples in the School Office who will send you a form to fill in and return along with the required deposit of £5.

KIDS' CLUB – 7.45am – 6.00pm

If your child needs to go into Kids' Club in the morning, you do not need to book them in via email, you can just arrive and go through the green gate to the Infant block (where Kids' Club will be held) and Mrs Li will book them in for you. Equally, if you need your children to attend Kids' Club after school, then please contact the school office either by phoning or emailing Mrs. Staples. Alternatively, Junior children can sign themselves into Kids' Club using the whiteboard in the cloakroom corridor.

PE KIT - Reminders

PE kit will be needed on the following days:

Monday – Y2 – AM / Y3 & Y4 – PM

Wednesday – Y1 & KG – AM

Thursday – Reception – AM / Y5 & Y6 – PM

PE KIT



Please also note that swimming will recommence this term and therefore children in Years 3 and 4 will require their swimming kit on Thursdays.

PACKED LUNCH – REMINDER

Just a reminder to parents providing a packed lunch, please can you send a serviette in your child's lunch box as it makes it easier for them when clearing away. Thank you.

UNIFORM

If the weather over the coming week or two proves particularly warm, the children may return to school in the summer uniform. All children should be in full winter uniform from the week commencing 27th September. Whole School photographs will be taken on Tuesday 28th September and all children from Reception to Year 6 will require a blazer for this. Kindergarten children will return to school in winter uniform and there is no requirement for them to have a blazer. Details of the school uniform provider can be found on the School website; all items of uniform including bags can be obtained from them.

GARDEN PARTY – SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER – 1PM to 3PM

We are intending to hold a garden party on the above date as a welcome back to all our parents. An invitation was sent out yesterday via Parentmail with details regarding the day. Hog roast and bar available, children's games and a raffle and you may also wish to bring fold up chairs and picnic blankets on the day.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 13th	Music lessons start today Y6 Indian Culture workshops Clubs online booking closes – 12noon
Tuesday 14th	Reception class visit to Spalding market - 10.30am
Saturday 18th	11+ (VR test) @ The High School & Grammar Schools
Monday 20th	All After School clubs start Individual / Family & Class photos – 9am
Thursday 23rd	Kindergarten Phonics Workshop – 2.55pm
Saturday 25th	11+ (Non-VR) @ The High School & Grammar Schools Garden Party – 1pm – 3pm

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception: Noah Halifax

Year 1: Afiyah

Year 2: Zach

Year 3: Zara

Year 4: Cejaye

Year 5: Alaina

Year 6: Samuel

Kindness Award: Barnaby (Reception) and Primrose (Year 3)

Headteacher Award: Year 3 – for such a wonderful start in the Juniors

Golden Dustpan Award: Year 3

We have the following birthdays coming up:

Monday 6th September – Mrs Jeffries

Sunday 19th September – Arun R.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright

