



Joke

Q: Which day do monsters eat people?

A: “Chews”day!

(The stock of suitable jokes is running dry—new offerings gratefully received!)

Welcome!

At the start of a new academic year it is very exciting to meet our new Reception intake. This year we are very pleased to welcome Aimee, Charlie, George, Isabel, James, Max and Victoria. They have settled really well and the rest of the class are being very sensible and carrying on with their activities. We also welcome Tom who has joined us in Year I and Whitney, in Year 5.



We have a “new” member of staff as Mrs Elaine Aspey has come back to school after the holidays as Mrs Huggins! Apparently the weather was very kind on her wedding day and we wish her and husband Keith a very happy married life.

Environment News

Lots of exciting work has happened over the Summer break. Our “Practical Room” is now completed and already being used—next to get the oven baking! We have new Interactive Whiteboards in both classrooms and the most visible impact is from the gate which has been very kindly installed and donated by Simon Hayward of E.B. Hayward and Company. The children drew their ideas for designs on the gates and using his contacts Simon has co-ordinated a very functional but attractive gate, we are extremely grateful for his support.

Website

In the “electronic world” there have also been great changes as Mrs Fiona Davis—Governor—has spent lots of time around school taking photos and inputting them and further information onto our website which looks terrific. Have a look if you can and you could always add a comment on the “Guest book”.

Dates

Many dates have been set for the Autumn but a couple are subject to change, therefore dates will be published in full in the next Newsletter.

Uniform

The children have arrived back at school looking very smart, no doubt lots of feet had grown since the Summer! A reminder however about footwear in particular. At the end of last term some children were coming to school wearing “Crocs” which are unsuitable for the school environment. Please refer to the school brochure if you need guidance on footwear. Also, children with long hair should have it tied back so that it does not interfere with school activities and earrings should be small studs. Any child who cannot remove their earrings will have micropore tape put over them for Physical Activities.

Nature Club

Mrs Mandy Vince will be starting a Nature Club on Friday evenings between 3.15pm—4.15pm from 18th September. Please let Mrs Sara Whittard know if your child would like to attend. This club is open to Years 1—6 children.



Morning Routine

As from Monday 14th September all children will be expected to be on the playground before going into class. No children should arrive in school before 8.45am (unless they are in Before School Club, which starts at 8.00am). Mrs Elaine Huggins will be supervising the playground from 8.45am. The children have practised the routine this week and know what it involves. If Parents or carers need to see a member of staff during this time they are welcome to do so, however, we request that the children are left to sort out their own personal belongings when they come into school as this helps to promote independence, staff will be available to help children who may have initial difficulties with this. May I also remind you that the school day begins at 8.55am for Key stage 2 children and at 9.00am for reception and Key stage 1 children. ALL children can arrive from 8.45am.

Ashleworth Information

In the last Newsletter I mentioned that our learning theme in the Autumn is about Ashleworth. If you, or anyone you know has any artefacts—photos, letters, books etc which we may find useful then please let us know. We would also like to invite in people to come in and talk about village life in the past—any volunteers are welcome!

The Autumn Term starts with the end of the Summer weather and ends with the cold, with Harvest in between. We are going to make the most of all these happenings in our learning. Our assembly theme up until the term break is “Hope”, we will be exploring this further with the children. “Hope”fully the term will continue to go from strength to strength!

New intake Autumn 2010

We would like to get a feel for the numbers of children who will be starting school in September 2010. Please contact the school office if you have a child who will be five between September 2010 and August 2011 or indeed pass our details to others who would like to consider Ashleworth School for their child.

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