



Headteacher: Mr. S. Kendrick

HEADLINES

Dear Parents,

I would like to start by informing you that after much hard work we now have a new mission statement, vision motto and five school values. The mission statement sets out what we strive to achieve each and every day and will be as follows:

We provide a happy, secure and creative environment in which all members of the school community can grow in confidence, develop a strong sense of moral responsibility and be challenged to achieve their full potential

The vision motto will now be : ***Inspired for life*** .This denotes what we aspire to achieve in all that we do.

Finally we have 5 new values which we see as our moral code of conduct for everyone in our school community to live by and these are: ***respect, resilience, high aspirations, integrity and tolerance.***

Over the course of this academic year we will be holding many events to educate our children in particular on why the mission statement, vision and value are important in the future direction of this school.

I would like to also thank all those parents for making a real concerted effort with regards to the safety of our children at the start and finish of the school day. There has been a noticeable decrease in parents parking illegally on the lines outside the school gates and also entering the school site by vehicle without school permission. I would strongly urge us all to continue to work together and to make sure we keep child safety at the forefront of our minds. Please be mindful that the police will be undertaking routine spot checks in the future.

There has been a huge amount happening in and around school this half term and its been fantastic to see our children engage with really exciting learning opportunities. As a consequence of this we have decided that from the spring term 2018 our newsletter will become a monthly magazine depicting all that has been taking place at our school. Each year group will have a page celebrating learning that has taken place but the difference is that our children will write, edit and draft the bulk of the work under the supervision of Mrs Yearsley. In essence we are to have a pupil led school newsletter and Mrs Yearsley and myself will be holding interviews for various positions in the coming weeks. Children will have to apply for these positions just like in a real world situation but for the time being it will be only open for children in Year 4-6. Children below these year groups can aim to take the place of children who leave the school in the future. Don't worry though there will a new weekly office blog letting you know about key dates etc sent out in the usual way. This will start from next week.

On another note ,we will also be holding student council elections over the coming weeks. It is important that our students have a clear voice in the future aims of our school. Mrs Jones will initially be the lead teacher supporting the work of the student council and this is a very important position for our children to hold in the school. Those children who wish to be selected for school council will have to hold a small presentation to their class peers. There will then be a vote by the child of each class to decide who will represent them on the student council.

Finally I am sure you are all aware that parents evening events will be taking place in the last week of this half term. If you haven't already signed up please contact the school office in the first instance as your attendance will be gratefully appreciated. At this meeting we will be providing you with further information on age related expectations for your child in leaflet format so you are aware of what your child should be achieving in English and Mathematics in order to be on track by the end of this academic year.

Best wishes and have a good weekend,

Mr Kendrick
Headteacher

Parking in the morning and at the end of the day

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE SCHOOL DRIVEWAY/ENTRANCE.

This is a very dangerous practice and puts the safety of all the children at Ashfield Park at risk.

Make sure you allow plenty of time for your journey to school and think about where you are parking your car.

Traffic wardens and police will be operation over the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued cooperation with this matter.

Dress and Appearance

After a great start to the term it has become increasingly noticeable that recently some of our children are now not following our dress and appearance code. I have attached our current uniform policy to this newsletter but in particular I would like to draw your attention to the following:

Hair & Make-up:

- Shoulder length hair or longer must be tied back (health and safety). In addition **only black or blue headbands/ elasticated bands must be worn**
- No nail polish or make-up (unless special event when the Headteacher /SLT informs parents or carers)
- No extreme hair styles or hair bands e.g. Mohican or dyed beyond their natural colour
- No hair art e.g. Tram lines—If Tram lines already exist please let them grow out naturally
- No Trainers except to be worn at the appropriate times of the school day

The large majority of our children come to school smartly dressed and representing our wonderful school in the correct manner. After half term, however, we will be enforcing these rules and parents could be asked to come into school for a meeting if there is still a problem. I hope we can all work together on this and have a common sense approach as we continue to look to move our school forward in every single department. Thanks in advance of your co-operation.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 11th October: Reception to Year 2 Harvest Assembly at 9am—please send dried/tinned food donations to school for the Ross Community Larder.

Thursday 12th October: Year 1 trip to Beechenhurst plus Year 5 & 6 Netball tournament at JKHS.

Monday 16th to 18th October: Parents Evening, please sign up for a slot if you haven't done so already.

Thursday 19th October: Individual and sibling school photographs.

Friday 20th: School Closed for INSET day.

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October: Autumn half term holiday. School re-opens on **Monday 30th October.**