



### Dates for the diary

**24th Sept:** Coffee Morning (donations for Macmillan gratefully received)

**25th Sept:** PDSA 'Animal welfare' workshops for each class

**27th Sept:** Selection of school council reps visiting the Mayor's Office

**30th Sept:** 6pm - Y6 School Journey meeting (optional)

**1st Oct:** Phonics workshops for Nursery/Reception parents: 9.15 am and 6pm

**2nd Oct:** Y5 trip to HMS Belfast

**2nd Oct:** Full Governing Body Meeting 6pm

**7th - 11th Oct:** Maths Week

**8th Oct:** Maths workshops for parents: 9.15 am and 6pm

**8th Oct:** Y1J trip to Science Museum

**9th Oct:** Y3 trip to British Museum

**10th Oct:** Y1L trip to Science Museum

**11th Oct:** Y6 trip to National Maritime Museum

**14th - 18th Oct:** Y6 school journey

**22nd Oct:** Parent-Teacher meetings (3.50 - 7.00)

**24th Oct:** Parent-Teacher meetings (3.50 - 6.00)

**28th Oct - 1st Nov: Half Term**

**5th Nov:** Y4 trip to Museum of London

**25th - 29th Nov:** Science Week

**4th Dec:** Y2 trip to Museum of London

**20th Dec - 3rd Jan:  
Christmas Holiday**

**6th Jan: INSET Day (school closed to children)**

### **A hello from our new staff**

Caroline Bellew is covering Faye's maternity leave this year. "I have been at Ashmead for three very enjoyable weeks now and just wanted to introduce myself to you. I have taken over as SENCo while Faye Howard is on Maternity Leave. Many of the children already know me and brighten up my day with smiles and hellos when they see me in corridors. I look forward to getting to know all of you too".



Andy McPartland is our new Y6 teacher. "I've thoroughly enjoyed my first few weeks at Ashmead. In Y6 we have learnt lots already and we are looking forward to plenty of challenges ahead, including our week long school journey in three weeks time!"

Ashleigh Mugridge is teaching in Reception. "My name is Ashleigh and I have loved my first three weeks in Reception. As the Acting EYFS leader I am looking forward to meeting all the new children joining our Nursery this term as well as all the new families".



Usua Leniz was with us last year as a student and is now completing her NQT year with us. "I have loved being in Ashmead from the first day I entered the building for my teacher training placement. The school boosts creativity and has a great atmosphere for learning. I feel proud to work here".

Emma Dodsworth is also an NQT, teaching in our Y4 class. "I have really loved my time so far at Ashmead. Year 4 have made a great start to the year and all the parents and staff at Ashmead have made me feel really welcome. Thank you".



### Parent workshops



This half term we will be holding different parent workshops about how to support your child with both phonics and maths at home. The phonics workshops will be most relevant

for parents of children in Reception (but anyone is welcome to attend) and will be on Tuesday 1st October at 9.10 am and repeated that evening at 6pm. The maths workshops will happen during our whole school Maths week and will take place on Tuesday 8th Oct at 9.10 and repeated at 6pm. We will send out more details nearer the time but remember to put the dates in your diaries now so we can see as many of you here as possible! We are also planning some parent events for our Science week but if you have any other suggestions, please come along to our coffee mornings and let us know your ideas.

### Coffee Mornings

*Coffee Morning*

*Everyone Welcome*



Starting next week we will be resuming our weekly coffee mornings every Tuesday from 9.10 in the Community Room. These will be hosted by Michelle, one of our support assistants and the theme of our first for the year will be a 'Meet and Greet' fundraiser for Macmillan. Donations of cakes would be gratefully received and any money raised will go towards Macmillan's 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning'.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday!



### Please dismount!

Just a quick reminder as we start the new school year that bikes and scooters are not to be used on school grounds please. It is great to see children (and adults!) cycling or scooting to school so if you ride or scoot to or from school, please remember to dismount before entering the school gates so that pedestrians and riders can keep safe. No scooters or

bikes are allowed in the playground and should be stored in the racks provided. Please do not leave bikes or scooters at school overnight as unfortunately we have had some items stolen and we cannot guarantee that we can keep bikes and scooters safe after school hours.

### Birthdays

We love to acknowledge a child's birthday at school but unfortunately we cannot accept large birthday cakes, candles or party bags to have in school. If your child would like to share a birthday treat with the class then we are happy for them to give out individual (nut free) cakes



or a packet of sweets at the end of the day for the children to eat after school. Please do not send in large cakes that require cutting as we cannot do this in class. Thanks for your understanding.

### Y6 Buddies

This year we have introduced a new buddy system between our Y6 and Reception children. So far, all the children have met their buddy and had



the chance to share books with them in class and also support them in the playground at lunchtime. This is a great initiative that gives the Y6 children a sense of responsibility and hopefully supports the Reception children to feel secure in their new environment.