



Ashmead Primary School

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24th July 2020

Returning in September

As you know from the newsletter on Monday, we will be operating a staggered start and end to the school day from September to enable us to get children in and out of school as safely as possible. More details of exactly how this will work will be sent over the summer. To reiterate, the timings are as follows: Nursery FT session: 9.30am - 3.30pm, Nursery AM session: 9.30am - 12.30pm and Nursery PM session: 12.30pm - 3.30pm.



Reception: 9.30am - 3.30pm

Year 1: 9.15am - 3.15pm

Year 2: 9.15am - 3.20pm

Year 3: 9.15am - 3.25pm

Year 4: 9.00am - 3.15pm

Year 5: 9.00am - 3.20pm

Year 6: 9.00am - 3.25pm

Summer Reading Challenge

A great way to keep children reading over the summer is to sign them up to the Summer Reading Challenge. This is delivered in partnership with public libraries and funded by Arts Council England. The Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure over the summer holidays, providing lots of fun as well as minimising the summer reading 'dip'.



Each year the Challenge motivates over 700,000 children to keep reading to build their skills and confidence. This year, the Summer Reading Challenge's 'Silly Squad' will celebrate funny books, happiness and laughter. Children taking part in the Challenge will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck into all sorts of funny books!

The 2020 Challenge features bespoke artwork from award-winning children's author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson (*Amelia Fang; Evil Emperor Penguin; I Don't Want Curly Hair*).

With the disruption caused by Covid-19 and the impact of social distancing on schools and public libraries, the 2020 Challenge will launch in a new digital format designed to keep children engaged and interested in reading. Children will need to create a 'challenge account' to take part - a very simple process. The Challenge started on 5th June and will run to mid-September.

The Summer Reading Challenge website is free to access and features games, quizzes and downloadable activities that incentivise and encourage children to take part in reading related activities. Although public library buildings are closed, libraries will continue to deliver the Challenge through virtual services and e-lending platforms. Children taking part in the Challenge can continue to access free reading materials from their local libraries, then keep track of their summer reading activity using this website: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

Have fun reading! We will write to parents again during the holidays with further suggestions for home learning over the summer.

Breakfast Club



Government advice is that children from different bubbles can be in Breakfast Club - we will separate them as much as is practicable. So we will offer Breakfast Club from September. There will be one flat

fee for each session whether your child is here from 8am or later. It will also need to be booked and paid for in advance. We will explain more about the fees and how to book sessions before September.

After school Club



It was confirmed last Friday that Rocks and Pebbles @ Myatt Garden will no longer offer after school

childcare to non-Myatt children. We know this will be disappointing for many parents and we have asked our staff who might be able to help us offer an alternative to this from September. At this stage we are not certain if we can staff an after school club within the Covid-19 guidelines from September but we will strive to let you know as soon as possible.

Support over the summer break

If anyone has individual circumstances that you would like to discuss with us, e.g. in relation to safety or food needs, then please contact Sean or Jane over the summer break at

admin@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk

