



# Ashmead Primary School

<https://myashmead.org>

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## September



We continue to work on the risk assessment for all children to return in September. We are planning to follow government advice so that school is as safe as we can possibly make it for children, staff, parents and other visitors. We are also thinking through how we would cope with a local lockdown. Data for Lewisham at the moment is very encouraging (17 cases in the borough from 9th to 15th August) but we want to be ready with a remote learning plan that builds on our good practice and to be able to do this at very short notice.

We will write to you again with more detailed information about the September return before children return.

## Summer Learning - Reading



Reading is one of the most important ways for children to keep learning during the holidays. If children read regularly throughout the holidays it really helps them settle quickly in September. The summer reading challenge is still running and is a great way to give a structured reading challenge if you have not already signed up: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk> *We would always recommend reading to children at bed-time if you can manage to fit this in too.* Children listening to audio-books is a great option as well. This works for all children and can be a great way of getting them 'into' more challenging books, e.g. children may find re-reading a book they have heard read to them more straightforward than independently reading it 'cold'. Amazon are still allowing access to some free audible.com content for children: <https://stories.audible.com/discovery> This article explains some of the key benefits of audiobooks as well as signposting to more resources: <https://www.theschoolrun.com/listen-and-learn-why-audiobooks-are-great-your-child>

Our website's remote learning tab is still live and offers lots of great ideas. It might be a good idea to recap some of last term's maths learning over the summer and the White Rose website is very useful for this: <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

Seesaw activities are still available to be completed if they were not done before the holidays and completed activities can also be responded to again if this would be useful. We may not have time to acknowledge every activity completed over the holidays though.

## Building Update



Work on the new building has carried on over the holidays as has the planning for the development of our outdoor play spaces once the build is complete.

The trench across the playground is due to have cabling laid in it soon so it can be filled in before the children return. The portakabin that will temporarily house the Year Six class was installed yesterday. We think this will be needed for the whole of the Autumn term. Have a look at the blog to see how it was craned into place! Some internal works are due to be completed over the holidays too including the creation of more storage space in the small hall and some work in the kitchen.



## Support over the summer break

As always, 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](mailto:admin@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk)

