

3rd March 2023  
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**Article 28**  
Every child has the  
right to an education

## Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

### On Site Car Parking

Thank you for supporting the changes to the car parking arrangements on our school site. The central staff car park is going to be a designated area for the taxi service that supports our hearing-impaired children. Please avoid walking through this area. These improvements are all helping towards making our school environment safer for our school community.

### GB Cycling Team

Grace Lister a former pupil of Ashwood Park visited school this week to share her experiences as a cyclist of the GB Cycling Team with Years 2- Year 6. Grace would like to thank the staff and children for making her feel so welcome and hopes that she has inspired the children to follow their dreams and to 'be the best' they can be.

### Battery Hunt

Our 'Big Battery Hunt' is going well with a total of 4,136 batteries collected within the first half term. Well done to 3/4R who have collected an amazing total of 1,718. Please continue to send your used batteries for recycling to school. Thank you.



### Praise Awards

Children who gained badges and certificates in Praise assembly deserve our special congratulations:  
**W/C 27th February 2023**

#### Key Stage One

RR Foxes	Freddie
RT Hedgehogs	Oliver
1/2B Squirrels	Ted
1/2D Moles	Cody
2W Badgers	Chloe Ann

#### Key Stage Two

3/4B Elder	Kaitlyn
3/4R Oak	Megan
4D Chestnut	Seb
5E Beech	Leo
5/6H Holly	Grace
6RB Rowan	Taran

## Dogs Trust



On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Claire, the Education Officer for the West Midlands Dog Trust will be coming into school. We will be starting the day with a whole school 'Be Dog Smart' assembly. As part of their English writing unit, years 3 and 4 will then be participating in education workshops.

The aim is to educate the children about how to behave safely around dogs, how to show them we love them in safe and kind ways and how to approach them when they are out and about.

There are now over 12 million dogs in the UK so it has never been more important for all children to know how to behave around them.

Claire will be bringing her stuffed toy dog, Conker the Jack Russell, with her, and we have no doubt the children will become very fond of him!

## Bikeability Dates

### Year 5

#### **Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th March**

(Children need to come to school dressed in their own clothes. Please ensure it is suitable for riding a bike!)

### Year 3 of Class 3/4B

#### **Wednesday 8th March**

(Children need to bring with them suitable clothing to change in to at lunchtime)

### Year 3 of Class 3/4R

#### **Tuesday 7th March**

(Children need to bring with them suitable clothing to change in to at lunchtime)

**Please ensure your child's bike is in good condition and that they have a helmet with them.**

**Thank you.**



## Menu

**WC 06.03.23 (Week 2)**

### Monday

Cheese and tomato pinwheel  
Battered fish  
Herby diced potatoes, spaghetti hoops in tomato sauce, mixed vegetables  
Fruit cheesecake

### Tuesday

Spaghetti bolognese & garlic bread  
Vegetable fingers  
Fish finger  
Creamed potatoes, sweetcorn & peas  
Chocolate crunch & mint custard

### Wednesday

Traditional roast chicken  
Halal chicken  
Vegetarian meatballs with pasta in tomato sauce  
Fish goujons  
Roast & boiled potatoes, broccoli & mixed veg  
Apple shortbread & custard

### Thursday

Mediterranean chicken wrap  
Halal Mediterranean chicken wrap  
Cheese & potato pie  
Fish bites  
Potato wedges, baked beans, sweetcorn & coleslaw  
Pineapple upside down cake & custard

### Friday

Cheese and tomato pizza  
Battered fish  
Chipped potatoes, baked beans & peas  
Strawberry mousse

### Available Every Day

Grab bags which contain a sandwich either cheese, tuna or ham filling. Salad bag. One from a cake, biscuit or yoghurt. Fresh fruit. Water  
Jacket Potato with a choice of cheese, beans or cheese and beans.  
Fruit jelly, yoghurt

**All dinners must be booked through School Money the day before they are needed. Please contact the school office if you are having any issues.**

### KS2 News

Welcome back to all of our families. It has been lovely to see the children. We have also welcomed back Mrs Addison-Brown from her maternity leave. We hope that she settles back in and we know that she will do a brilliant job with the children in 5/6.

On the theme of welcomes, we have also welcomed a previous pupil back this week. Grace Lister has been in to talk to the children about what she has been working on since she left Ashwood Park, and about her career as a professional cyclist. The children were fascinated to hear about the events that she has raced and the countries that she has visited. Thank you Grace for sharing this with us and a huge well done from all of us. We are so proud of you and you are a great role model for what the children of Ashwood Park can achieve.

Also this week, the children in 4D have started their swimming lessons and are looking forward to this for the next half term. Our year 6 children are all talking about their secondary school placements for September and the children in years 3 and 5 are geared up for Bikeability next week.

We have also had some fantastic story boxes for World Book Day. Thank you to our families for supporting our children to make them, they are amazing.

### Sickness & Diarrhoea

If a child is unwell with sickness or an upset tummy they **MUST** remain off school for 48 hours from the last 'episode'.

**Please ensure this rule is followed to help us control the spread of germs.**



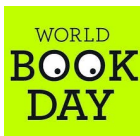
### Dates for the Diary

**Thursday 30th March**  
School closes for Easter

**Friday 31st March**  
INSET Day School closed for pupils

**Monday 17th April**  
School reopens to pupils

### KS1 News



This week the children have had a great time celebrating World Book Day! Their book boxes were amazing and will look fabulous displayed in the school library. Thank you all so much for all of the effort you have put into them.

We have also been finding out more about Serrekunda and what it is like to live in the Gambia. The children thought about ways to travel there and asked Miss Reynolds lots of questions about her visit.

Next week we will be starting a unit on poetry and writing our own free verse poems.

### EYFS News

Reception and Nursery have had a super first week back. Reception have really enjoyed making musical instruments this week and exploring all sorts of music as their topic.

Nursery have had some new children join, a warm welcome to them. World book day was super, and we are very grateful for the wonderful book boxes you made! The children had a great time telling us all about their favourite books and we celebrated how special books are.

Next week at Toddlers, Wordsley Library will be visiting us, please come along with your 0 - 3 year old Tuesday 9 - 11a.m.

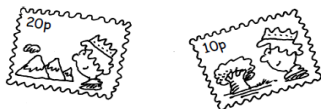
### Year 6

Can the children please return their **Maths CGP revision** books into school Mon-Weds next week for stamping. Thank you

### Maths Challenge

#### More stamps

Rosie spent £2 on 10p and 20p stamps.



She bought three times as many 10p stamps as 20p stamps.

How many of each stamp did she buy?

### RBD News

We hope that you all had a lovely half term break. It has once again been lovely finding out what the children have been doing! This is a short half term but we have lots of exciting things to pack into 5 weeks.

Well done to the children to created their marvellous Book in a Box creations - we have been amazed by them and have really enjoyed seeing how proud the children are when they have talked about them.

Well done also to the Year 5/6 RBD children who have completed their next stage of their Bikeability training. You were all very sensible.

I am expecting Mr Molony (ENT) to hold a clinic at Ashwood in March. Once a date has been confirmed, I will send letters out to RBD and mainstream children who are under our service.

Our sign of the week is: **World Book Day**. We have filmed a signed story to celebrate World Book Day this week... please follow the link below to enjoy 'A Squash and a Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson (Ashwood RBD Youtube) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qL3INOLVbY8>



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★ **TT Rockstars** ★

★ This weeks Rockstars are; ★

★ **1st Paige J** ★

★ **2nd Scarlett P** ★

★ **3rd Hoo-Rain** ★

★ **Half Term Battle** ★

★ Congratulations to our winning ★

★ class, 4D, and well done to all of ★

★ the children who participated in ★

★ the battle. ★

★ **1st - 4D** ★

★ **2nd - 3/4R** ★

★ **3rd - 3/4B** ★

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