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Newsletter

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Happy New Year

We hope you and your families all had a wonderful holiday and have had a fantastic start to 2017. The children have had a busy start to the term and are all loving their new topics! Year 1 and 2 are learning all about the Circus and our Early Years children are enjoying Nursery Rhymes and Traditional Tales.

School Council

Congratulations to our Year 2 pupils who have been voted as our School Council for the Spring Term. These pupils have special responsibilities in school including playground buddies, lunchtime duties and awarding classes for good behaviour at assembly times



Attendance

Whole school attendance for the week was 96.1%. A huge well done to the Sycamore class who achieved 97% attendance.



EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER: Mrs Maria Hamblin
DEPUTY HEAD: Miss Zoe White

Dyslexia
friendly

sing up
Silver Award

Volunteers in school

A huge thank you to all of our parent and grandparent volunteers for their help and support during the Autumn Term, you make a huge difference to our pupils.

We have already had some new volunteers sign up for the Spring Term, but if we have anymore keen volunteers out there, who can spare an hour or so each week, please let either Miss White or Mrs Bowyer know.

Please be assured that all helpers in school are subject to both Ashcroft and DBS checks.



Community Together CIC Colouring Competition

Coming home with your child today is a 'Watchman' colouring sheet which is from 'Community Together CIC'. They have launched a community project to build a new memorial to the Staffordshire Regiment in Tamworth and as part of this have asked all Primary schools to colour in a picture of 'Watchman'. All entries will go on display at Tamworth Activity Centre and Watchman (and his handler), along with the Mayor of Tamworth and Lee Bates will be selecting 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The winners will receive some watchman themed prizes and a certificate. If you would like your child to take part please colour in the picture and return to school by Friday 27th January, being sure to write your child's name, age and Ashcroft Infant School on the back of the sheet. Good luck!

We Love to Cook!

Last year lots of Ashcroft families took part in 'The Big Cookathon'. In fact it was so popular that we would now love to send home a monthly 'We love to Cook' newsletter featuring photographs of our families cooking. If you cook a home-cooked meal or dessert with your child/children please send pictures to s.buckler@ashcroft.staffs.sch.uk

Computing at Home

In Key Stage 1 the children are taught what algorithms are (basically the step-by-step instructions you give a computer in order to get the job done, like the 'how to' part of a cake recipe!) and how programmes work. There is a great online game called [Bomber Bot](http://go.bomberbot.com/hourofcode/1) which our Computer Club children have been trying out. It's a great algorithm game which can be played online at home. There are three levels: <http://go.bomberbot.com/hourofcode/1> - Have a go!

Dates for your diary

Monday 23 rd January	Reception vision screening
Wednesday 25 th January	Year 2 Maths Workshop
Wednesday 1 st February	Year 1 Maths Workshop
Tuesday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day
Monday 13 th February	Year 1 and 2 Circus Assembly
Thursday 16 th February	Y1 and 2 Circus Dress up and activity day
Half Term - 20 th to 24 th February	
Monday 27 th February	INSET Day
Tuesday 28 th February	School opens for pupils
Monday 27 th March	Enterprise Week