



# ASHCROFT INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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# Newsletter

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## Reception Vision Screening

A reminder that all Reception children will be taking part in the National Vision Screening Programme on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, unless you have sent back the letter requesting to opt out.

## Year 1 and Year 2 Maths Workshops

On the 25<sup>th</sup> January (Year 2) and 1<sup>st</sup> of February (Year 1) there will be a maths workshop for parents in school. This is a great opportunity to parents to learn about the methods we use to teach the children. Miss White has sent letters out with the full details on with the children. If you have not yet returned your slip to say that you are able to make the workshop please could you do so as soon as possible.



## Careful driving and Parking

Please take extra care when driving around the school area and note that the '20 is Plenty Scheme' is in place around school opening times. Be aware that the traffic wardens are supporting us in the safe parking and driving outside school. This is for the safety of all our children and families. No parking is permitted on the yellow lines at the times stated on the signs, no parking is permitted at any time on the Zig Zag lines outside of school.

Please also take care of our pedestrians by making sure you leave adequate room for them, pushchairs and bikes. Many thanks for your co-operation.

## Attendance

Whole school attendance for the week was 96.9%. A huge well done to the Willow class who achieved 99.5% attendance. They have won our weekly star attendance trophy



## Helpers in School

Thank you to those parents who have already offered your time to come into school and help. If anyone else is able to help by offering just one afternoon or morning each week to hear readers in school we would be very grateful. Please speak to Miss White or Mrs Bowyer who will be glad to give you more details. Many thanks

**Sainsbury's**

EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER: Mrs Maria Hamblin

DEPUTY HEAD: Miss Zoe White

**Dyslexia**  
friendly

**sing up**  
Silver Award

### Sainsbury's Active Kids

Sainsbury's are launching their 'Active Kids' voucher scheme on the 25<sup>th</sup> January. Please help us collect as many vouchers as we can to receive new cooking and sports equipment to use in school. With your support your vouchers will bring a smile to all our children, helping them to eat well, move well and live well.

### Admissions to Nursery

If your child or you know of anybody who has children due to start Nursery in 2017 all applications need to be submitted on line before the 5<sup>th</sup> March.

[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

### Free School Meals

All children in Reception through to Year 2 are entitled to Free School Meals under the Universal Free school meal scheme which is funded by the government.

Even though your children are entitled to a free school meal for their time at Ashcroft, registering for income assessed free school meals could give the school extra money called Pupil premium. This can be used to subsidise those children who qualify for the funding in various ways e.g subsidising wrap around care, after school clubs and school educational visits. If you think you may qualify for this additional funding the quickest way to apply is online and you will get an instant answer, alternatively forms are available from the school office. [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmealsapplication](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmealsapplication)

### Dates for your diary

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Reception vision screening
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 Maths Workshop 9.00 - 10.10
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 1 Maths Workshop 9.00 - 10.10
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 and 2 Circus Assembly 9.00
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1 and 2 Circus Dress up and activity day
Half Term - 20 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> February	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	School opens for pupils
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Enterprise Week