



# ASHCROFT INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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# Newsletter

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## *A message from the headteacher*

*As you may be aware, on Thursday we held a special assembly to observe a one minute silence for the victims of the Manchester bombing. We made the decision to talk about what had happened with the children as we had become aware that the children had been talking about it throughout the school and were often using some very graphic language. We felt that it was best to talk about it openly, but in a very gentle, age-appropriate way and to talk about how events such as these might make them feel. We focussed very much on the people that helped and how it was sad, but that as children they need to leave worrying to the adults. The children were given an opportunity to ask questions and talk about their feelings and we encouraged them to talk to a grown up if they are feeling at all worried.*

*We were very careful with our language and avoided terms such as 'killer', 'murderer', 'terrorist', 'death' or 'died'. It is unfortunate that such an event has occurred and that we have had to talk to your children about it. However, some children were talking about how there were nails in a bomb in a rucksack and that the killer did it because he wanted to go to heaven. I would like to reiterate that this information did not come from us.*

*The children were shown a BBC Newsround video in their classrooms, which can be accessed here <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002> that talks about what to do if you are upset by the news. You can help your children by reassuring them that sad things do happen, and that it is normal to feel sad or worried. Encourage them to talk about how they are feeling and reassure them that things like this are extremely rare.*

*Mrs Fellows*

HEADTEACHER: Mrs Jayne Fellows  
DEPUTY HEAD: Miss Zoe White

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## Attendance

Whole school attendance for the week was 97.2%. Well done to Chestnut class who achieved 99.2%.

## Ugly Bug Ball

Thank you to everyone who attended Reception's Ugly Bug Ball. The children did an amazing job and as you can see they really enjoyed being an 'ugly bug' for the day.



## Health and Safety

We have noticed some children climbing on the wall and gates after school. Please can you ensure that children do not climb these as we cannot ensure their safety.

Could we also remind you of the parking restrictions outside of school, parking is restricted during drop off and collection times, parking is prohibited on the yellow zigzag markings directly outside of school at any time.

We have also had a few parents expressing their concerns with the way people are parking inconsiderately on the pavements, making it very difficult and sometimes not possible to walk past the side of a parked car on the pavement. All these restrictions are put in place for the safety of the children, please can you be considerate of this when parking around school.

## Grandparents Lunch

We are happy to announce our Grandparents Lunches will take place next half term. Meals will cost £2.58, please complete the slip below if you wish to join us.

(If you are unable to print off the slip attached please ask at the office.)

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## Parent Pay

Your children should have all brought home their parentpay activation letter – one per child.  
The parentpay system will be 'going live' on week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

## Dates for your diary

Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for Half Term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School opens
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	School closed for Voting
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET day - school closed to pupils
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Grandparents Lunch - Willow
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Grandparents Lunch - Elm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Non Uniform Day – Bring a bottle
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Grandparents Lunch - Chestnut
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fair 11-2pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Grandparents Lunch - Sycamore
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Grandparents Lunch - Cedar

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## Grandparent's Lunch.

Child's Name ..... Class .....

Date of Grandparents Lunch- (see dates above for your child's class)

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Name of Grandparent/s attending the meal (max 2 in total) .....

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Amount of money enclosed (£2.58 per person) .....

Signed by parent .....

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