



# NEW ASH GREEN SCHOOL NEWS



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## FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Curriculum Core Values - 'Together Everyone Achieves More'

CURIOSITY

RESILIENCE

CHALLENGE

INSPIRATION

INDEPENDENCE

SELF-MOTIVATION

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our Newsletter for February 2021 and to the first week of Term 4. We are delighted that all children will be able to return to school from Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> March to continue their learning. I am incredibly proud of all the hard work the children have achieved over the last few challenging months, none of which would be possible without the dedicated support from my team. Thank you also to all our parents and carers who have continued to show resilience and endless patience over the last few weeks and months. We appreciate everything you have done to keep the 'show on the road' and now look forward to the rest of Term 4.

Mrs C.A. Cain, Headteacher

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY

4 MARCH 2021

New Ash Green



Book Hunt  
Challenge!

4<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### Reminder: World Book Day

Children are invited to wear a costume to reflect their favourite book character on

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

£1 (digital) book tokens will be available as well as other activities to enhance reading for pleasure such as

**Screen Break Day, Book Hunt Challenge and our very first Virtual Library!**

Further details on how children will be celebrating books and authors on this special day will be confirmed via your child's class teacher.

RED  
NOSE DAY  
2021

### Comic Relief: Red Nose Day

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Please make a note of this date in your diary.

We will be sending further details regarding how the children will be taking part in this event in due course.



### New Ash Green PTA and Co-op Funding: Developing our Outdoor Learning

We have great pleasure in confirming that due to the combined donations from the PTA and the Co-op Local Community Fund, a gazebo will be built for the school to sit up to 50 children within the school's orchard area. A huge thank you to the PTA and the Co-op for their very kind generosity.



### PE Kit and Wellington Boots

Children will be notified in advance when they will need to come to school wearing their PE kit or to bring a pair of Wellington Boots.



## Safer Internet Day

### An Internet We Trust: Exploring Reliability in the Online World

The whole school took part in a range of activities on 9th February to mark National Safer Internet Day.

Our Year 5 children looked at their digital footprint and how to begin to recognise and analyse fake news. The whole school (including those learning at home) watched a Safer Internet Day assembly provided by Sevenoaks District.

Online safety awareness is raised in all classes, every term, as well as during this annual event.

If you have any questions about keeping children safe online, please see the range of resources and website links which are listed on the school website.



## New Ash Green Primary School Receives the Green Flag Award

We have been delighted to receive the Green Flag Award from Eco-Schools on 12<sup>th</sup> February.

The Eco-Schools Flag is an internationally recognised award for achieving excellence in environmental action and learning. The school will be receiving a flag from Eco-Schools in commemoration of this achievement, which will be displayed in the school for all the children to see.

We would like to thank a local resident, Mr Graeme Wilson, for his kind donation of a set of goal posts for the children to use. This is greatly appreciated and will be used on the playing fields by all the children once the current restrictions have lifted.



## Hanson Box Competition: Winners at New Ash Green Primary School!

Hanson Boxes are created by the Hanson Foundation in memory of the British Philanthropist, Don Hanson. Each box is full of a wide range of free educational resources donated to schools for children to enjoy.

We have great pleasure in announcing that two children at our school have both received the

### **Runner's Up and Judge's Choice Award**

after entering the Hanson Box competition for writing a 500 word essay on what they thought was the best invention of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

**Many congratulations to:**

**Elsie G and Seren P in H4, Year 5**

Both children have each won £150 in Amazon vouchers to go towards educational books and resources.

**Very well done, girls!**

## Eligibility for Free School Meals

We would like to remind our parents and carers that your child may be eligible for free school meals, outside of the normal universal programme for children in Foundation and KS1. Should you qualify, then your child will still be eligible to receive free school meals, subject to your personal circumstances not changing, throughout their time at school. Please refer to the attached information from Kent County Council regarding the eligibility criteria, should this be of interest to you, or click onto the link below to apply:



[www.kent.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.kent.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)



Mental Health  
and Well-Being

We have a wide range of resources available for our school community to support emotional well-being and mental health during this time. Please refer to our website in the 'Well-Being' section for presentations and other material.

Trailblazers started working with the school in 2019 and have provided emotional and well-being support for young people.

The team are now known as The Emotional Well-Being Team (EWT).

### **Emotional Well-Being Workshops**

The Emotional Well-Being Team in Kent (EWT) are committed to early intervention and prevention of mental health difficulties, whilst promoting emotional well-being. A variety of workshops are available to join via Zoom which are running throughout March. Please refer to the school's website under the Well-Being section for the timetable of events. These details have also been sent to all parents and carers via email. To join any of these virtual workshops just click onto the relevant link within the timetable.

**EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING**



**Reminder: Free Virtual Sessions  
from Kent Children's Centres**

We would like to remind our school community of the free virtual sessions which have been available to access from 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Details have been sent separately to all parents and carers this week, so if you have not yet had a chance to review this, please do so as there are a wide range of resources and workshops available for families who live in Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Malling, Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone areas.



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## Academic Term Dates 2021

### SPRING TERM 2021

<b>INSET DAYS</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Term 3</b>	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February - Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April
<b>Bank Holidays</b>	Good Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April and Easter Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>EASTER BREAK</b>	<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>

### SUMMER TERM 2021

<b>Term 5</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April - 28 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Bank Holidays</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May and Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>INSET DAY</b>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Term 6</b>	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June - Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July

**INSET days:** In-Service Training Days when children do not attend school

