



Ash class newsletter

2016 Summer first half term

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. I hope you all enjoyed the holidays. As it is now the Summer term, please may I remind you to send in named sunhats for the children and to apply sun screen lotion before school, if you so wish. Please could I also politely ask all Ash parents to park in the village car park before and after the main school day, rather than parking in the road outside the school or church. Thank you.



Our topic for this half term is

LIVING THINGS.



We will be exploring how plants grow, as well as finding out more about the minibeasts that live nearby. By working around the stories of "Jack and the Beanstalk," "The very busy Spider" and "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," we will also gain opportunities for reading, writing, music, drama, measuring and counting.



The reception children will be taking their first welly walks down to Offwell woods from 1pm on the afternoons of **Friday 13th May** and **Friday 27th May**. Children will require wellies and a waterproof coat on these days and you may send in clothes for them to change into after lunch, if you so wish. I would appreciate some helpers with both of these sessions so please do let me know if you are available!



We would also love to hear from any musical parents or family members who would be willing to come in and play an instrument for the class. It would be interesting to see and hear a range of musical instruments, over this half term. Thank you.



Story and rhyme times for Ash class and any younger siblings or friends will be held from 2.45pm to 3.15pm on **Thursday 28th April** and **Thursday 26th May**. Please do spread the word and encourage new faces to join us. Thank you.

To develop confidence, speaking and listening skills, I am also sending home a 'Special thing' rota to both Nursery and Reception children. During your designated week, please could your child choose something from home that is special to them (but nothing too precious that may get damaged please!), bring it to school and share it with the class. I will send a reminder note home the previous week and would be grateful if you could jot down a few notes on the attached slip, so that we have a starting point for the discussion. Thank you.

Next week, we will be sending home targets for each child - little challenges that we can all work on together. As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to talk to either myself or Miss Hansford.

Yours sincerely, Sally Hunt.