

## *Asfordby Hill Primary School*

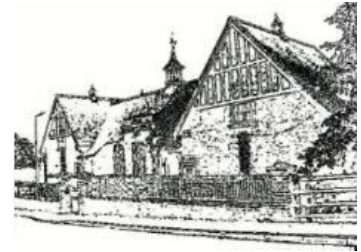
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to your first term at Asfordby Hill. Miss Houlton, Mrs Griffin and I have worked extremely hard over the summer to create a fun, safe and stimulating learning environment and we are excited to begin exploring the curriculum with your children. We have had a lovely first few days settling in, getting used to new routines and we are really proud of how well all of the children have adapted to 'Big School'. We have spent a lot of time getting to know all of your children and their hobbies and interests will continue to inform our planning.

### Curriculum Information

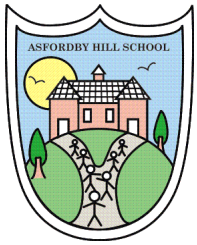
We are soon to start our main theme for this half term: 'It's Good to be me'. We will use this theme and ideas of the children to learn about ourselves and others through the different areas of the EYFS curriculum:

- communication and language (C&L)
- physical development (PD)
- personal, social and emotional development (PSED)
- literacy
- mathematics
- understanding the world
- expressive arts and design

We love to use stories and events as WOW moments to draw the children into the learning while having fun.

Over the next two weeks we will be carrying out a 'baseline' to find out what your children already know and can do, in regards to each of the areas of learning. This will be done through play, exploration and 1-1 tasks with the adults in Chestnut class. There is also a requirement for us to complete the government baseline as well (you can read more about this on the next document).





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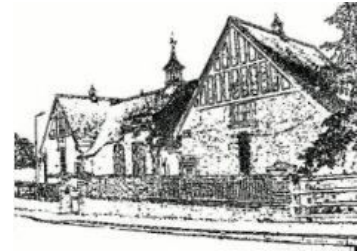
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After our baseline assessment we will have directed maths, writing and phonics sessions daily. When not working with an adult, children will have access to independent activities and play that will help develop their understanding of different concepts and skills. We refer to this as the children 'Choosing their Learning'. While playing, we will be sharing, taking turns, and helping each other. We will also use our 'Buddies' system regularly, to ensure that all of the children engage with everyone in Chestnut class.

As you are aware we use an app called 'Tapestry', which allows you to see what the children are learning at school. This is also a method of contact for you, as it is often difficult to find the time to talk during drop offs and pickups. If need be we can then arrange a face-to-face meeting from this.

### Home Learning:

All of our home learning will be communicated through Tapestry. Home learning tasks will be set on a Friday each week. Some activities will involve communicating with us about your child's learning through an observation. We then find time at the end of each day to share and discuss what has been sent through on Tapestry. We are always eager to learn about what the children get up to out of school so please send us lots of photos and videos as well.

### Reading

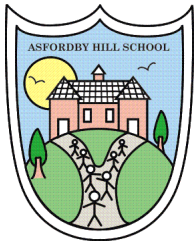
We want your child to develop a love of reading and enjoyment of books. Your child will hear stories, share books and read regularly throughout the school week. We will start by sending home various pictures (through Tapestry) for you to share with your child. This should stimulate discussion and imagination. We highly value the understanding, inference and deduction skills children can develop through pictures. In the near future we will start to send home wordless books whilst we begin the teaching of phonics.

### PE

As you are already aware our PE day is Friday. Please send your child in weather appropriate kit and suitable footwear. From next week we will also begin a sequence of balance bike sessions. We recommend sending your child in trousers as this



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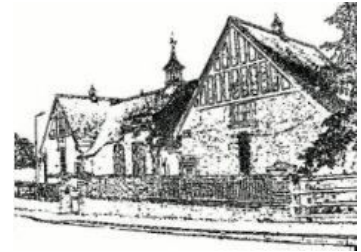
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ensures that their ankles do not rub on the bikes and adds a layer of protection against cuts and grazes.

### Other Information

We are really lucky to have our outdoor shelter. The children have access to this space all week and can choose to play either in or out when 'choosing their learning'. We will also continue to use our outside woodland area throughout the year to support learning and enthusiasm in the classroom. To ensure that all children are able to participate, please make sure they have wellies and coats ready for all weathers.

Refreshments: If you wish your child to have milk every day, please remember to order online. Miss Webb is able to supply further details. Milk is free for under 5s, but you must be signed up. Once you have registered it usually takes a week or two, due to delivery dates, for your child to be on the class milk list.

We are looking forward to a great term ahead! Please don't hesitate to ask any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Harby