



Mr Austin's message for the new school year

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning. Lamentations 3:22-24

Every September is a new start for schools, with new relationships being built and first steps being taken in our journey through the academic year. Along the way, there will be successes for us all just as there will be challenges. Some days everything will work out and we will feel as though we are invincible; as teachers, as pupils and as parents we'll feel able to stride through life like Titans. Other days, we will doubt our strength, doubt our abilities, and wonder if we have moved forward one single, solitary step in our learning and our relationships. It's important to acknowledge the fact that we, as human beings, all experience the same ups and downs in our lives; albeit at different times. One of the greatest human needs is community and togetherness and that is what we should all aspire to create here in our school. When we are at our weakest, there will always be someone who can help; and when we are filled with confidence, it will always be our desire to bring someone else up to those heights with us. That is our responsibility not only in school but in our lives. That quote from Lamentations is one of my favourites. We all start fresh every morning; that is the gift that God gives us. We all wake up to the possibility of change. Let us embrace each new day in our journey through the year as a chance to move forward and to help others do so with us.

September Diary Dates

- Tuesday 17
September—Book Bus 2.30pm
- Friday 20 September—
Year 6 Junior Citizen trip
- Wednesday 25
September—Reception Reading and Phonics meeting 9am
- Thursday 26
September—new Reception parents breakfast meeting 9am
- Monday 30
September—Year 2 Brooklands Museum visit

Look out—the bus is coming!

It's not the 290 to Ashford CE Primary School but the Book Bus that will be in the school playground on Tuesday 17 September at 2.30pm. Who doesn't love to lose themselves in a good book? We want our children to also love reading. There will be a large variety of books on sale for you to purchase. So please board the bus and let's keep the journey going!



Get set to eat fresh



FROM 6 September—3 November if you spend £30 or more in Aldi you will receive a special Team GB Sticker. We will be collecting these stickers at school. If we can collect 300 stickers we will get an exclusive school sports kit and an entry in a draw to win £20,000! Please see your email for more information on this.

Please help us to try to reach the magic 300 and get your sticker when you do your shopping.

Once a week, take a peek!

WE may only be 2 weeks into this term but already we have had reports of several cases of headlice. These little critters are hard to avoid so please can we ask that you check your child's hair once a week and if necessary treat them and send them to school. Once treated, children are OK to come to school straight away.

Love in a box

ONCE again this year we will be participating in the Love in a Box Christmas scheme. In the next week or so your child will come home with the leaflet explaining what you need to do. So why not make an underprivileged child happy this Christmas and fill your shoe box so that they too can unwrap a present at Christmas. You will have until November to fill and wrap your box. Let's see if we can collect more boxes than before!



Weekly Reflection

I have always been delighted at the prospect of a new day, a fresh try, one more start, with perhaps a bit of magic waiting somewhere behind the morning."

JB Priestly, born 13 September 1894