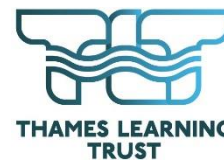




Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter



3rd February 2023

This week has flown by and we cannot believe that it is nearly the end of the half term. The children have been working really hard this half term on their learning journeys and the work that they are producing is of high quality and is extremely interesting.

We are sharing more of the children's work and things that we are up to on our twitter page. You can see this on our website and on twitter. We could do with lots more followers and you will see our learning along with pictures of events and displays from our days in school. If you would like to join our twitter page, please follow this link <https://twitter.com/AshfordHillPS>

St Gabriel's Maths Challenge

At the beginning of this week, some of our year 4 children went off to the Maths Challenge at St Gabriel's and had the most wonderful time. They definitely worked hard to solve lots of challenges during the afternoon and enjoyed themselves. Next week it will be the turn of our year 5s. Thank you to Mrs Huxley who accompanied them on the visit.

Billy's Meeting

Our Vice Chair of the School Council decided that he would like to contact our local MP with some quite challenging questions. Billy, who would like to be a politician was pleased when Kit Malthouse, the local MP agreed to meet with him. Kit was impressed with Billy's challenging questions and has invited Billy and some of the school council members to go to the Houses of Parliament to have a look around and see what happens there. Kit will also visit the school to work with the school council. Thank you Billy for modelling to all of us how to make a difference and have your voice heard!

Upcoming PTA Events

The PTA have been busy planning their events for this term. The following dates have been confirmed:

- Discos – Thurs 9th February
- Film Club – Friday 24th February

Please watch out for updates from the PTA and information on how to book your tickets.

World Book Day Celebration - Friday 3rd March 2023

World book day will take place this year on 2nd March this year – however, there is a clash with the possibility of industrial strike action. Therefore, we will celebrate world book day on Friday 3rd March as a school community. You may like to start thinking about your favourite book character now and start planning your costume. We will most certainly be dressing up that day and Mr Walker is planning some lovely work for us to collaborate on during the day.

Lunchboxes and Snacks

Over the last few weeks, we have been noticing an increased number of packets of crisps and chocolate bars in lunch boxes. It is really important that children are offered a balanced meal for lunch and dinner. Sometimes, we are aware that it may be a last-minute dash out of the house and lunch boxes contents are the last thing to think about but please review what children are packing in their own lunchboxes also. The school council are currently working on a healthy eating initiative that will be shared with you over the next few weeks. School dinners are also a good option and our wonderful kitchen staff produce balanced meals daily. Your children can also choose these if they do not wish to have packed lunch occasionally.

Carparking

It has come to my attention that recently there have been a few incidents in the car park and in the local area (Oakfield Road) and the safety of our children has been at risk. Please ensure that if you are driving down these roads or in the carpark at the times that children are around, that you are extra vigilant. This also applies to people walking home with children – the roads locally can be quite dangerous and the safety of our children is paramount.

Matilda West End Visit – Year 2-6: 29th March 12pm-7pm

This trip has now been confirmed. Our wonderful PTA have agreed to cover the cost of the coach to London in order to make the trip affordable for families. I have managed to secure a huge discount on tickets for our children therefore the price of the ticket per child is **£26.50**. We will be sending out further information and request payment from next week. This will be such a brilliant opportunity for the children to watch a Westend show from the front of the circle! If you have any concerns over payments, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Lion King Masterclass – 29th March 2023

Natalie Collins (breaking Barriers) has arranged for a cast member of the Lion King (London) to come and work with the year R and Year 1 children. They will participate in a workshop for the day where they will create masks and learn to move like the animals in the show. The PTA have also agreed to fund this for our children. What an experience!

Staffing Next Half Term

After half term the classes will have the following teaching staff:

Willow	Mrs Yeo	PPA – Mrs Jackson and Mr Pereira
Chestnut	Mrs Dixon Mrs Murray	
Maple	Mrs Lang	
Oak	Mr Walker	PPA – Mrs Cole and Mr Pereira
Hornbeam	Mr Dixon	

End of Year Performance – 13th Jul 2023 – 5pm

This year our end of year performance will include years 2-6. There is a role for everyone and some children may prefer to be part of a technical team, stage management team or centre stage. We encourage all children to become part of the show and work as part of a team. I have just secured the Haymarket Theatre, Basingstoke for our performance. This means that there will be professional lighting and sound too. As you can imagine, this will be quite an exciting end of year event for the children and our community. I am currently working on licences for the show that I would like to put on and will update you as to what that show will be as soon as I can. Tickets for parents/families will be on sale nearer to the show.

In the meantime, I would love to have volunteers (parents/grandparents) to become part of the production team. This will require a few meetings, a sprinkle of creativity and a good sense of humour. The roles will be around costumes, make up, set and set design, logistics, programmes and production. If you would like to join the production team of our first Theatre performance, please contact the admin office on admin@ashfordhill.hants.sch.uk or catch me on the gate. I can assure you that it will be a great experience for all.

Schools and grassroots ticketing initiative

Ashford Hill have teamed up with Reading Football Club's SCHOOLS AND GRASSROOTS TICKETING INITIATIVE to exclusively get heavily discounted match day tickets for selected home games.

There next match is on **Saturday 25th February 3pm Reading v Blackpool**

And it isn't just the children that get a discounted rate! Friends, family, parents and your hardworking teachers and coaches also benefit with this exclusive offer to back the boys, so check out these special discounted prices using our unique code;

12 & Under: £1

17 & Under: £3

18 to 24: £5

65 & Over: £5

Adult: £10

To redeem, please visit <https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the following unique coupon code: **#AshfordHillPrimary** in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets.

(This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski.)

Keep an eye on our Twitter page & newsletters for future dates and discount codes.

RFC is looking forward to welcoming Ashford Hill children, friends and families as the next generation of Royals supporters.

Parent's evening – Tuesday 28th Feb and Wednesday 1st March 2023

Parents' Evening will now take place on Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March; we will send out more information over the coming weeks.

Topic Showcase – Tuesday 28th March 2023 – 2.45pm

Our end of term topic showcase will take place from 2.45pm for all classes. Willow class parents are also invited to spend some time with their children in class.

Have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Kirsty Kingham

Principal

Dates for your Diary:

The school website now has diary dates included – you are also able to subscribe to this to ensure that you are always up to date on dates coming up over the term.

Please follow the link to view the calendar. [Ashford Hill Primary School - Calendar](#)