



# Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter



12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents,

It has been a really busy yet successful week at Ashford Hill. Early on Tuesday morning, our year 6s arrived full of anticipation for their first paper. Mrs Stanley- Barry had laid out the SATs breakfast ready for the children to fuel their brains for the day ahead. It was wonderful to see them enjoying breakfast together, laughing and having fun before school started. Thank you to all of those parents who made this possible for the children; it really made a difference to them. The year 6s have shown such a great attitude this week – they have demonstrated resilience, perseverance and great humour over the week. Wednesday brought quite a difficult reading paper but each of our children took it in their stride. We are so very proud of them and how hard they have worked. No matter the result, we know that each and every one of them have worked to be the very best they can be.

I have just been up to the church where the PTA are setting up for the quiz night. I have my family team ready and prepped and they are looking forward to attending their first Ashford Hill quiz night. Thank you to all of those parents who have spent time planning the event and to everyone who will attend this evening; I am sure that we are in for a treat.

### **PGL – Osmington Bay: Drop off on Monday**

We are really looking forward to Monday and we know that the children may be a little nervous, but they really will have the most fantastic time. Please drop your children off at the normal time. Mr Dixon and Mrs Avery will meet the children in the hall with their suitcases. Mrs Avery will be collecting medicines and pocket money. So please ensure that you complete the relevant forms with your child in the morning. The children will then go to class and get ready for the journey. The coach will be arriving around 10.30am and we are looking to leave between 10.30 and 11am.

Mr Kearsey (CEO), Mrs Morley (Director of Education) and Mrs Hunter, will be taking my place at school this week while we are on camp. So if you have any urgent questions, please do contact the office and they can put you in touch with one of us. I know that all three of them are looking forward to spending some time in school with our children and the team.

### **School Dinners – H3CS update**

The price of school dinners will increase to £3 per day from the 3<sup>rd</sup> June. You can pay for dinner on the school money account. If you have any problems with your account, please contact Mrs Marchetti in the office and she can help you.

### **Staffing News and Recruitment**

If you know any brilliant teachers who would like to join our team and community, please share with them the following link – closing date is 23<sup>rd</sup> May:

<https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/class-teacher-hampshire-1853535>

### **Holiday Dates and Inset Dates for Next Academic Year**

The term dates and Inset days can be found at the link [download.asp \(ashfordhillprimary.co.uk\)](https://www.ashfordhillprimary.co.uk/download.asp) or [Ashford Hill Primary School - Term Dates](#). You will need to scroll to the end of the page on the second link. Hopefully this will be helpful when planning holidays and childcare for INSET days.

### **Attendance**

Over the next week we will be sending home letters to parent of children whose absence falls below 95%. Any attendance rate below 90% is seen as a persistent absentee. It is important to us that children attend school every day as this gives them the best chance of success as they move through their schooling. If children are persistently absent then they will be missing the teaching of fundamental skills and knowledge that they require in the future. We aim to achieve a whole school attendance of 97- 98%.

### **Large Playground Gate**

Since Covid the large playground gate has been used to support a one-way system. As there is no longer a need for a one way system, the gate will now be shut and all parents are to use the children's gate (outside Maple Class, to the right of reception) for drop offs and pick ups.

### **Staying Safe Online**

We work hard with the children to understand how to be safe online. This week I am sharing a factsheet for parents to support your children at home also. Our children are safer when we work together. The children will revisit online safety through our curriculum and assemblies consistently throughout the year. As always, if you have any concerns about your child or the safety of another child, please do not hesitate to contact us, the police if there is immediate risk or children's services if this is out of school hours.

**Police:** 999

**Children's services:** 0300 5551384

**School:** 01189 813822 - Designated Safeguarding Leads:  
Kirsty Kingham and Ben Dixon

I have once again attached the parent fact sheet about staying safe online. Please do have a read of the information below.

## PARENT FACTSHEET – May 2023

### 10 tips to stay safe online

1. Be careful about talking to people you don't know and trust in real life – anyone can pretend to be a child online. If you do talk to people you don't know, don't give away personal information – such as what street you live on or where you go to school, or share your location with them. Say no to any requests they send you for images or videos of yourself, and stop talking to them
2. Set your profiles to private, to limit what others can see
3. Think carefully about what you share and with who. Once you've shared an image, you've no control over what the other person does with it. Remember, it's **illegal** to take, share or view sexual images of under-18s, full stop
4. Be mindful of your digital footprint. What you post online now could come back to bite you later, like when applying for jobs, college or university
5. If you see something upsetting, or someone bullies you, tell an adult you trust. Report it too
6. When reading news online, ask yourself what the source is, when it was published, and whether it could be a hoax or made up. Read beyond the headline too
7. Remember, people try to make their lives look more exciting and interesting online. There's a lot people can do with photo editing to make their photos look better. So don't assume everything you see is a true-to-life representation
8. Watch out for hoaxes and scams, like messages you're meant to forward on or that ask you for payment details or your password
9. Take any content that seems to glamourise gang lifestyles with a very large pinch of salt – it's not as glamorous as it looks. Be wary of schemes promising easy cash for receiving and transferring money too, they're almost definitely criminal activity
10. Watch out for loot boxes or other parts of games where you pay money to take a chance on getting a reward – you can get sucked into spending lots of money on them

Don't feel confident starting a conversation with your child about what they're up to online? Read this advice

from the NSPCC: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety>

### Further information

- > ['Ban kids from loot box gambling in games', BBC News, 12 September 2019](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-49661870)  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-49661870>
- > [How to spot fake news, Childline](https://www.childline.org.uk/get-involved/articles/how-to-spot-fake-news/)  
<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-involved/articles/how-to-spot-fake-news/>
- > ['Rescue and Reponse county lines project: strategic assessment 2019, Greater London Authority](https://www.london.gov.uk/mopac-publications/rescue-and-response-pan-london-county-lines-service)  
<https://www.london.gov.uk/mopac-publications/rescue-and-response-pan-london-county-lines-service>
- > [Home, Money Mules](https://moneymules.co.uk/)  
<https://moneymules.co.uk/>
- > [Sharing nudes and semi-nudes: advice for education settings working with children and young people, GOV.UK – Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, UK Council for Internet Safety](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sextin-q-in-schools-and-colleges)  
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I hope that you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

Kirsty Kingham

Principal

### Dates for your Diary:

Please see the website for further information:

PTA Quiz Night: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Ice Cream Fridays: From 5<sup>th</sup> May (Ice creams from £1)

SATS Week: 8-12<sup>th</sup> May

Hornbeam Residential: 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May

Matilda Production Meeting: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 7pm

Sports Day: **Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> June** – Parents invited from 12pm –

Races to start from 1pm

Matilda the Musical: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm

PTA School Fete: Date to be confirmed - July 2023

Topic Showcase: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2.45pm

Last Day of Term: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

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