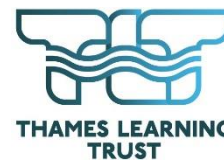




Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter



18th March 2023

This week has just flown by. The choir are out today singing at a special event with Mrs Dixon. It was lovely to hear them rehearsing all week and we can not wait to hear all about it on Monday.

Thank you to the PTA for their lovely daffodils and donuts event on Friday. Daffodils really are such a happy flower and bring the hints of the long-awaited Spring. Over the winter months, our grounds team have been working hard to smarten up the grounds and I can not wait to see what the school will start to look like in the spring and summer.

Hillier Gardens

The year twos had the most fabulous time on Thursday at Hillier's Gardens. We enjoyed a day of learning outdoors and it really inspired us to think about long term plans for our own school grounds and how we can make the most of them. A big highlight of the day was when the children made a human tree – please do ask your children what their own role in the tree was. Eva, our very own year 2 tree genius, shared with us fantastic facts about trees – she delighted the instructors with her knowledge. Did you know that the rings on a tree differ in thickness because over the tree's life, there was a different amount of rainfall each year... Therefore, the thicker the ring, the more rain there was that year. Thank you to Mrs Lang, Mrs Huxley and our volunteer parents who made this happen.

Matilda Family Tickets

We are visiting the West End on Wednesday 29th March. With year 2-6. There will be a very small number of tickets (around 8-10) available to purchase for family members at the highly discounted rate of £26.50 per ticket. If you would like to join us, please let the admin team know. We will add you to the list. You will be welcome to join us on the coach or you can make your own way there. This will be very much on a first come, first served basis. I personally cannot wait to see how much the children gain from this trip and the look on their faces as the orchestra begins the overture and the curtain goes up. Exciting!

New Kitchen Team Interviews

On Friday next week, I will be interviewing for our new kitchen team. As I am sure you are aware, the kitchen team are such an integral part of our community and I look forward to introducing you to the new team once we have successfully recruited with Hampshire Food Services after Easter.

Parents' Evening – 21st and 22nd March

Parents Evening will now be held on the 21st and 22nd March. If you have not yet had your allocated timeslot sent home, please do get in touch with the admin team or your class teacher who will be able to help you. Please allow ten minutes before your appointment to share your children's books with them. Books and waiting area will be in the hall and your teacher will come and collect you for your appointment.

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.

PTA Easter Event – Thursday 30th March 3.25pm

There is currently a stash of very tempting Easter Eggs near the staff room waiting for new owners. This can only mean that it is time for the PTA Easter Egg Hunt. This event is full of fun and the children enjoy every minute of it. This will be the last day of term for the children, so please come and join us on the final day of term. The PTA will send out further information and how to join the Easter Egg Hunt later this week.

Safeguarding Update

We will be having a Safeguarding external review after Easter and I will be sending a questionnaire home in the near future. I would be grateful if you would return these as soon as possible to ensure that we have the voice of our whole community regarding the safeguarding of our children and school.

Have a wonderful weekend,

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](#)



