



Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter



28th April 2023

Dear Parents,

It has been a lovely week here at Ashford Hill although the weather is still a bit chilly, the children are making the most of their time outside in the lighter weather. This week the children have continued to 'sweep the sheds' around school and are taking responsibility for their classrooms and communal areas.

It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning this week and our year 6s have been working extremely hard to get ready for their SATS in a few weeks. Final preparations are being made for the residential trip to PGL later in May and there will be further information coming home from Mr Dixon.

Next week is a slightly disrupted and shorter week but busy as always, we are seeing great progress in reading from our children thanks to the Read Write Inc phonics scheme and next week we will be welcoming back their trainer who will work with our fabulous LSA team. We are currently trying to improve the home reading offer and will be looking at how to manage this more successfully in school. I am a great believer in Continued Professional Development as it is an important part of school improvement and really benefits staff subject knowledge, confidence and skills; in turn this transforms into great outcomes for our children.

Industrial Action Next Week

Once again there will be industrial action on Tuesday 2nd May. This will mean that I can only partially open the school. This is not a decision that is taken lightly, but as always, I must consider staff ratios and the safety of all of our children. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding during this time. Years R, 2, 3/4 and 6 and keyworker children will be in on Tuesday with the whole school returning on Wednesday.

Coronation Picnic and celebration school lunch

Friday will bring our Coronation Family picnic. We will welcome families to join us on the field from 1.30pm with their picnic baskets, chairs and rugs (we are hoping that the weather is in our favour). Each class will provide some entertaining games for families to enjoy throughout the afternoon. We look forward to seeing you all then. At lunch time the new kitchen staff will provide a special coronation lunch for the children including scones and finger sandwiches. Dinners can be booked as normal on the morning of the 5th May.

Uniform

The children can now wear summer uniform to school, details of which can be found via the following link:

[Ashford Hill Primary School - Uniform](#). Children should still bring their cardigans and jumpers to school each day and black school shoes are still required. If you would like to look at any of our pre-loved uniform, please contact Fiona from the PTA via the PTA page; I am told that she has her whole loft space dedicated to Ashford Hill uniform. Thank you Fiona for organising this.

PGL – Osmington Bay, Parent briefing

Mr Dixon, Mrs Avery and I are looking forward to going on the residential this year with Hornbeam class. There will be a parent briefing on Wednesday 3rd May at 7pm via Zoom. Mr Dixon will be in touch with the zoom code and to confirm final arrangements for the PGL trip.

Staffing and Classes for next year

We are currently recruiting to secure our team for September, and I look forward to updating you with the class structure and staff team for next year towards the end of next term. As always, I will look forward to sharing any new appointments with you as soon as I am able to.

I hope that you have a wonderful long 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 Meeting: Evening of Tuesday 2nd May

PTA Quiz Night: Friday 5th May

Ice Cream Fridays: From 5th May (Ice creams from £1)

SATS Week: 8-12th May

Hornbeam Residential: 15th-19th May

Sports Day: Thurs 24th June – Parents invited from 12pm – Races to start from 1pm

Matilda the Musical: Thursday 13th July at 5.30pm

PTA School Fete: Date to be confirmed - July 2023

Topic Showcase: Tuesday 18th July 2.45pm

Last Day of Term: Friday 21st July

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](#)