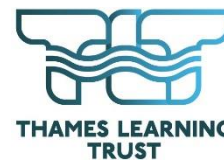




Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter



9th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful first week back after half term. The sun has been shining and the children have returned in high spirits. It has been great to see them playing and learning outside throughout the week.

Our Y2-6 children have begun rehearsals with JJ and Natalie from Breaking Barriers this week. I cannot believe how they sound and look already. It is great to see the concentration on the faces of the children as they relentlessly pick apart dance routines and songs to make them sound and look wonderful. Hopefully, they will be singing around the house and are helping you to familiarise yourself with the tunes ready to enjoy their performance. I am told that tickets should be on sale next week and will be available via the Haymarket Theatre website; the tickets will be on a first come, first served basis – I will update you as soon as I have any further information.

As I am sure you are aware, we have our new secure gates in place. Our new electric gates have been installed for the safety of our pupils, parents and staff. The pedestrian gates unlock at drop off and pick up times. Please push the gate to gain entrance at these times or press the buzzer if out of these hours. The vehicle gate access is for disabled badge holders only and must be rearranged with the school office.

This is going to be an extremely busy term and we are looking forward to transitions, shows, showcases, sports days and trips so please let the team know if you have any questions and we will be happy to help.

Have a wonderful, sunny weekend.

Kirsty Kingham

Class Photos – Friday 16th June

Class photos will be taken on Friday 16th June all day. All children will have their photographs taken and proofs will be sent home for purchase afterwards.

Football Y5/6 - Wed 15th June 3.30pm

Selected children from year 5 and 6 will have received online permission forms for a football tournament at Woolton Hill next Wednesday. We will be taking the children in the Mini Bus and they will be returned to school after the tournament unless picked up by parents at the event.

Sports' Day – Note from Mr Dixon

Thursday 22nd June is our **sports day** when the children will be competing in their teams. They will take part in various games in the morning followed by races in the afternoon. We would like you to invite you to join your child for a **picnic on the field from 12 – 1pm** after which you can then stay to watch the final races of the day. The races should end by 3:15 whereupon we will announce the winning team of the day. You may bring your own food for your family or continue to send your child in with a packed lunch / order a school dinner as per your usual routine. Please do not bring any alcoholic beverages with your picnic as there is to be no alcohol on the school site.

You can position yourselves alongside the race track in the field to cheer your child/children on as they race their peers – children will be able to eat with their families but will then return to their class teacher for the remainder of the afternoon! You will be able to enter the site and sign in through the office on the day of the event. If you have any gazebos that we could borrow to help keep the children covered during the afternoon we would greatly appreciate them – please contact Mr Dixon if you are able to lend your gazebo or help raise them before the start of school.

For the day your child will need:

- Their PE kit
- T-shirt the colour of their school team (Poppy – red, Saxifrage – green, Coltsfoot – yellow & Speedwell – blue)
- Water bottle
- Sun cream
- Hat

We look forward to welcoming you to cheer all of our children on.

Transition Time

It is the time of year that we start to think about transitions to new year groups. Year 6 will be the primary focus for the next few weeks as they start to think about starting brand new schools. Mr Dixon will send parents further information about transitions as the information becomes available to him. He is already working with the secondary schools to ensure that there is a smooth transition for all of our children.

For the rest of the school, we will be letting you know about new teachers for next year in the near future.

Marwell Year R Trip – Friday 7th July

Year R will be going to Marwell on 7th July. Mrs Yeo will be sending home further information for you next week. We will be taking the children in the mini bus, which will be exciting for them and us!

Year 6 SATS Trip – Thursday 6th July am

Mr Dixon will be in touch with year 6 parents next week to let them know about the Year 6 post SATs event. Our wonderful PTA will be financing the trip as always and the children are sure to have a wonderful time. It will also be their first experience in the minibus too!

Matilda: Production meeting and costumes

This week we had our second production meeting with our volunteers. It was such a positive meeting with so many creative ideas around the table. We will be providing the vast majority of costumes for the children in order to keep costs to parents at a minimum, however, the costume team will be sending a letter to parents which will include items that your child may need. These should be items that you have around the house already.

The set team will be requiring a lot of muscle on the day of the show from 8am in the morning until 11am. If you are free on the 13th July in the morning and would not mind helping to lift set into the theatre, please let the office know and we can put you in touch with Gemma and her team.

Next Production Meeting – Wednesday 28th June at the George and Dragon at 7pm

Holiday Dates and Inset Dates for Next Academic Year

The term dates and Inset days can be found at the link [download.asp \(ashfordhillprimary.co.uk\)](http://download.asp(ashfordhillprimary.co.uk)) 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.

Dates for your Diary:

Please see the website for further information:

Football Y5/6 - Wed 15th June 3.30pm

Class Photos – Friday 16th June

Sports Day: **Thurs 22nd June** – Parents invited from 12pm – Races to start from 1pm

Marwell Year R Trip – Friday 7th July

Year 6 SATS Trip – Thursday 6th July am

Matilda the Musical: Thursday 13th July at 5.30pm – tickets will be on sale after half term. They will be £12 per ticket and a £3 admin fee per ticket.

Topic Showcase: Tuesday 18th July 2.45pm

Last Day of Term: Friday 21st July

Plase follow the link to view the calendar –

[Ashford Hill Primary School - Calendar](#)