



Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter



16th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The week has flown by. The sunshine has brought with it high spirits and a general great feeling in the atmosphere around the school. The children have been extremely successful in their learning this term and we cannot wait for them to share this with you at the end of term showcase.

We had a few very proud moments at school this week where our academic work has started to come to fruition. The year 1s had their phonics screening tests at the beginning of the week. They showed just how hard they have worked with their talented teachers to gain a 95% pass rate. This is with great thanks to the team, parents and the PTA for raising funds for the Read write inc. scheme that has helped with this success. We are going to continue with further training and development of the scheme next year also.

Mrs Lang, who has been with us for a term, had county moderators in this week. It is their job to come in and moderate her assessment judgements for her Year 2, end of key stage assessments. She showcased our children and their work perfectly. I was so proud of her, with a slight tear in my eye (if I'm honest'), as the moderator told her judgements were spot on, that the progress her class had made in just over a term was incredible and that she was an EXCELLENT teacher!! We are so lucky to have the talents of Mrs Lang as part of our team moving forward.

At the showcase on **Tuesday 18th July 2.45pm** the choir will also perform along with our singers who has been working with JJ this year.

Please remember that children will need to wear sunscreen and have plenty of liquids and a hat with them. There is little shade around the school and we are doing our best to keep them cool.

The gates and security have been a great addition to the school, however, there have been some younger (and older) children swinging on gates. Please can you ensure that children are supervised after school for their safety as these gates are quite heavy and could hurt either your child or someone else.

Thank you for your continued support and I can already hear our wonderful PTA team setting up for ice cream Friday. I hope that you have a wonderful, sunny but cool weekend. We look forward to seeing you all at sports day next week.
Kirsty Kingham

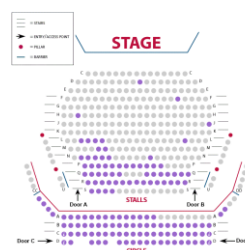
Matilda Tickets are now on sale

Tickets are selling fast with so many tickets sold. Please follow this link to secure your tickets:

<https://www.anvilarts.org.uk/whats-on/event/ashford-hill-primary-school-production>. You will need the code

AHPS2023. Families and friends as well as new parents and families are also able to join us and we can not wait to share our hard work with you all: it is already looking and sounding fabulous.

The coloured seats are still available:



Football Y5/6 - Wed 15th June 3.30pm

It was such a shame that this was postponed due to the hot weather. We will wait to hear about a new date as I know the team were disappointed about the cancellation.

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.

Matilda: Production meeting and costumes

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

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. 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!

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Andrew Tate

You may have seen this name pop up in the news, or you may have heard about him from your children. Find out who he is, why he's in the news, the risks he poses and how to talk about him at home.

Who is Andrew Tate?

- Social media influencer with over 5 million followers on Twitter
- Former professional kickboxer

- Previous *Big Brother* contestant



Why was he in the news?

In 2022, Andrew Tate was banned from YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and TikTok due to his controversial and misogynistic (hatred and discrimination against women) posts.

In December 2022, he was arrested in Romania along with his brother on suspicion of human trafficking, organised crime and rape.

How does this affect our children?

Andrew Tate, sometimes referred to as the 'king of misogyny', is a famous and influential figure on social media, even after being banned. He draws a lot of attention to his extreme wealth, luxury lifestyle and possessions, such as his expensive cars.

Children may still see his content (as other people can still share his posts) and may believe that acting and thinking like he does will lead to fame, fortune and success.

He promotes ideas such as:

- Men are more important and more powerful than women
- Violence against woman is okay
- Men shouldn't show emotion

He has said things like:

- "I think the women belong to the man"
- "[Women are] intrinsically lazy"
- "[There is] no such thing as an independent female"
- "Depression isn't real"
- "The hallmark of a real man is controlling himself, controlling his emotions, and acting appropriately regardless of how he feels"

We know children are talking about Andrew Tate, and boys in particular are being influenced and 'groomed' by his views, with concerns that his power and influence could lead to radicalisation and violence against women. Girls are also in danger of accepting that what he says about women is true (i.e. that they're worth less than men).

What can we do as parents?

We are talking about topics raised by Andrew Tate in school, for example:

- We talk about equality in assembly and discrimination
- Within our PSHE sessions we ensure that we cover feelings and that our feelings are valid

- We also support children to let us know if they feel that someone has been unkind to them in this way.
- Teach about keeping safe on line and telling adults if they are concerned about any content that they may see.

However, children are less likely to listen to influencers such as Andrew Tate if they are having similar conversations reinforced at home.

We recommend you:

1. **Read recent news articles** about Andrew Tate, if you're not already familiar with him (you can find some in the 'Sources' box below).
2. **Ask your child what they're getting up to online** – show genuine interest, don't judge them or tell them what they should and shouldn't be doing. Children are more likely to share if they feel you're interested, rather than trying to check up on them.
3. **Have open discussions about Andrew Tate** – don't tell your child how to think, but question their thinking and understanding. Ask if they believe what Andrew Tate says, for example his comments that women "belong" to men, and how that might make the women in their lives feel, or they themselves feel. The charity Bold Voices have a great toolkit to help with this, which you can find in the 'Sources' box below.
4. **Be role models** – encourage your child to be open with their emotions. Teach them that it's okay to cry if you're sad. Show respect for women and girls, and encourage your child to model this behaviour.

Holiday Dates and Inset Dates for Next Academic Year

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