



Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter



23rd June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week at Ashford Hill – as always but some particular things to note!

Sports Day

Firstly – our amazing Sports Day on Thursday - we had such a wonderful day. Mr Dixon and I would like to say a huge **'Thank You'** to everyone for coming along to support our children. It was a fabulous experience - the children were exemplary in their attitudes, showing wonderful kindness to each other in races, and in the games and events in the morning. The Sports Ambassadors, Jamie, Imo and Phoebe along with the addition of Olly, who came in early to help set up - were a real credit to the school. We are so proud of all our children, and we know that all of you are too – thank you!

Class Photos

I have had a sneak preview of the class photos that are now able to order – we do have such a wonderfully smart and gorgeous school of children! We hope you will be ordering your copy of these memorable photos – please remember you need to do this online! Thank you.

School 'Lockdown'

In our ever-ongoing quest to keep our children as safe as we possibly can we held a 'Lockdown' Drill today. (Please note – we didn't call it this to the children – too many connotations of Covid Lockdown which are still in our memories!) We explained to the children in an extra assembly what we would do if there was something outside the school that we needed to remain inside the school for. We discussed all the procedures for Fire Drills which the children remembered brilliantly but then explained that if we needed to stay inside for any reason, (we gave the example of a swarm of bees so we wouldn't have to think of any other possibilities), we needed to do something differently. In the assembly I showed them the horn we would be sounding – told them it would be loud but not scary loud and explained that they

would need to close the doors and blinds and sit under tables and be silent.

The children were exceptional – they all managed to do this without any fuss or bother and they were so sensible. When Mrs Hunter and I went around to check from the outside and then 'release' them – telling them all was safe – we could not hear a single sound! Willow class took it as a great chance to play hide and seek – we couldn't see or hear them – they were in the little cloakroom and were so grown up and sensible. All schools unfortunately must undertake these drills to ensure everyone is kept safe – we are sure you would have been as proud as we were in how they handled this!

Talking of all things safe and secure - the gates and fences in terms of keeping everyone safe - have been a great addition to the school, however, we are aware that children and adults need to be really mindful when entering and leaving the site and to make sure they are careful. The gates are carefully designed to ensure they do not swing back and hurt or trap anyone, however you do need to be looking to ensure you see the small area that sticks out with the magnet on it! As previously mentioned, 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 a child could be hurt if using them to climb on. Thank you.

Please remember that children will need to continue to wear sunscreen and have plenty of liquids and a hat with them **every day**. There is little shade around the school we do our best to keep them cool, but we need your continued support.

Ice Cream Friday has been much needed today following the long, hot week we have had – as always, a big thank you to our wonderful PTA team who give up their time on a Friday afternoon to do this – we are very grateful!

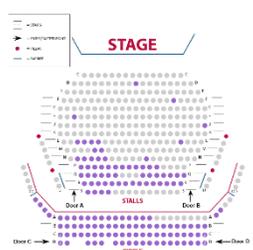
Thank you as always for your continued support. I hope you have a lovely, restful weekend – looking forward to seeing you all again next week.

Kirsty Kingham

Matilda

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 cannot wait to share our hard work with you all: it is already looking and sounding fabulous. The coloured seats were still available at last look:



Matilda: Production meeting and costumes

Next Production Meeting – Wednesday 28th June – This will be at school

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.

Dates for your Diary:

Please see the website for further information:

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](#)