



Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter



December 8th 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

The school has been filled with shepherds, wise men and a whole host of animals in the corridors and halls as our nativity is starting to take shape. The children look and sound fantastic. Miss Hudson and the team are creating such a special performance for you all.

The church has a very strict capacity limit to only one main fire escape. We have to ensure that our numbers do not exceed 250 per performance including children, staff and the audience. The Tuesday performance is at maximum health and safety capacity so please only attend if you have a ticket allocated to you and your party. There are some tickets still available for the Wednesday performance so please contact the office if you wish to attend that performance.

On Wednesday we had an extra special assembly at the church. The hall was filled with festive smells of oranges and jelly tots as the children created their very own Christingle candles for the church service. Thank you to those parents who were able to come and walk with the children up to the church with us. I am sure that you will agree that it was a very beautiful and special service full of reflection and the thoughts of others at Christmas time.

Thursday brought Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Sebastian's Trust. Thank you for your generosity – we raised £142 for the charity in memory of Juliette and will be donating this directly the charity early next week.

Also, we have had some library elves working away at labelling our books ready to launch our Accelerated Reader reading scheme. Thank you so much to our parent volunteers and school librarians who have been working tirelessly to label and restack all of our books. What a team! If you have any spare hours next week and would like to help us, please do let us know: the more the merrier!

Next week brings the end of a busy term and many opportunities to come into school for parents. On Tuesday and Wednesday, we have the Nativity at the Church and Thursday brings the end of term Curriculum Showcase.

We look forward to seeing you all next week.

Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
96.8%	95.5%	100%	96.8%	96.4%	100%	92.3%	96.5%

Welcome to the Team

Mrs Ann Stacey has joined our Admin team and she will be working in the office on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Marchetti will be working Monday to Wednesday. Please take the opportunity to welcome her to our school when you are next in.

Return of School Books

As you are aware, we are in the process of reorganising the library. In order to do this successfully, we will need all library and school books returned to school before the Christmas break. If you do have any books at home, not matter how long they have been borrowed for, please can you send them in to be relabelled and organised into the library system. It has been a huge yet rewarding task.



Clubs

The clubs letter was sent out this week and you have been able to sign up to your preferences. I am still currently working on some further options to increase the offer including working with external companies to see if we can make an additional offer to teacher led clubs, Breaking Barriers and Gol. Thank you for your patience and understanding. We will also be analysing the results of the after school provision questionnaire that was distributed last week and I will update you on the outcome of this in due course.

Curriculum Showcase for Parents – Thurs 14th Dec at 2.45pm

Please come and join us to celebrate the work of your children for this term. This is a great time for them to share the work that they have been up to in school and for you to celebrate their success with them and their class teacher.

PTA Hamper Link

The PTA Christmas hampers are all ready to go to their new owners. There are many hampers available as raffle prizes and below are just a small selection. Please follow the link below to get your tickets. Please share far and wide to make this a great success.

<https://raffall.com/348829/enter-raffle-to-win-christmas-hampers-hosted-by-ashford-hill-primary-school-raffle>



Safeguarding:

Safeguarding is our number one priority. Together we want to ensure that all children are safe, happy and secure at all times.

It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Scan the QR code to find out more.

A Parent's Guide to Social Media

A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures

A Parent's Guide to Gaming

A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming

scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website

A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming

A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers

A Parent's Guide to Fake News

A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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This year our Designated Safeguarding Lead Team are as follows:

Mrs K. Kingham Principal	Miss C. Hudson Vice Principal	Mr B. Dixon UKS2 Teacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Please do have a lovely weekend and Miss Hudson and I look forward to seeing you at the gate bright and early on Monday morning.

Kirsty Kingham

Principal

Dates for your diary

Nativity and Carol Concert – Whole school – Families invited. Tuesday 12th afternoon and Wednesday 13th Morning.

14th December – Curriculum Showcase – 2.45pm

Y4 – Minstead Residential Trip – 7th – 9th February 2024

Y3 – River trip to Minstead 8th February 2024

Y2-6 – Frozen West End Trip – Wednesday 13th March 2024

Sports Day – Friday 21st June 2024

SATS week - 13th – 17th May 2024

Y5/6 Residential Trip - 3rd – 7th June

Date	Event	Location	Years
Thu 19 th Oct	Multiskills	Park House	1/2
Wed 22 nd Nov	Alternative Olympics	Theale	5/6
Thu 14 th Dec	BISI Badminton	Theale	3/4
Wed 7 th Feb	Speed Stacking	Theale	1/2
Tue 27 th Feb	Hockey Festival	Park House	5/6
Thu 7 th Mar	Tag Rugby Megafest	Newbury RFC	3/4
Wed 13 th Mar	KS1 Cricket	Willows	1/2
Tue 12 th Mar	X Country	Newbury Showground	3/4/5/6
Tue 23 rd Apr	Kwik Cricket Dynamos Skills	Doui Abbey	3/4
Thu 9 th May	Tri Golf	St Barts	3/4
Tue 14 th May	Kwik Cricket	Falkland	5/6 Girls
Tue 4 th June	Kwik Cricket	Doui Abbey	5/6 Boys
Tue 18 th June	Table Tennis	Willink	5/6
Tue 2 nd July	Dodgeball	St Barts	KS2 Girls
Tue 9 th Jul	Multiskills	Theale	1/2