



Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter



November 24th 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy Friday around school. Children came in this morning with very many donations for the famous Christmas Hampers. All morning our wonderful PTA members have been wrapping and arranging hampers for the draw. They look fabulous and are now in my office waiting for their new owners. The PTA will be sharing information very soon about how to enter the hamper prize draw!

As a teaching team this week, we too part in some PE training. The aim was how to bring outdoor activities such as caving, archery, orienteering and problem solving to our curriculum PE lessons. It was a fantastic experience with Jamie from Park House. I have already seen year 1 doing some indoor caving in their PE lesson this week and even had a go myself! It was a brilliant experience and am looking forward to seeing the rest of the school take part in these activities over the coming weeks.

As I am sure you are aware we have been thinking about afterschool provision and wrap around care at school for a long time and how we are able to meet the needs of our families. Next week we will be informing you of clubs that will be held next term and ask for you to sign up. There will also be a questionnaire sent around regarding wrap around care. Please take your time to answer this questionnaire even if you are not wishing to use wrap around care in the future. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Halsall for working with us on this.

Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
94%	79%	93%	100%	95%	100%	98%	97%
Huge congratulations to year 2! 3 weeks in a row 100% attendance! Super Stars!							

Nativity – Tickets

A form was sent out on Wednesday for you to chose your tickets for our nativity which will be held on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December. As always, we appreciate any parent help to escort the children from school down to the church and back up again. Please let the office know if you can help out on either of those days. We will be in touch at a later date to confirm your allocated tickets

Xmas Jumper Day - Thurs 7th December

This year we are taking part in Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Sebastians Action Trust. Sebastians Action Trust are a local charity supporting families with seriously ill children emotionally, mentally, and practically. They passionately believe seriously ill children should be able to have quality time together with their families, never having to face life alone. Their mission is to ensure lives, however short, are lived to the full.



Back in September, Thomas (Oak) and Rowan Tordoff's (Willow) 8 year old sister Juliette very sadly died at home in the arms of her Mum and Dad. Juliette was born in 2015 with severe brain damage and was given a poor prognosis, but managed to live and enjoy life beyond what was expected. She is very sorely missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. The family were supported throughout her life and now after her death by Sebastians Action Trust and this is a charity truly close to their heart.



Sebastians Action Trust receive no government funding and rely fully on donations and fundraising efforts. We look forward to seeing the children in their jumpers on this day.

The Big Ambition- a survey from The Children's Commissioner

All schools in England have been invited to complete an online survey for all 6-11 year olds from the Children's Commissioner. Parents are being encouraged help their children complete the survey, which can be found [here](#). More information about this national survey can be found on their [website](#).

Visit from Rev Dodie – Mr Dixon's Update

This week we had Very positive assembly from Dodie about her recent trip to Uganda, she also came back to Hornbeam and answered hundreds of questions so it was a real and meaningful experience for the children.



Hornbeam loved reading the letters and the boy/girl card cuts outs they received in return to their own letters written earlier this year. There was also a school report written by the head teacher with a bit about how the school is structured.



Hornbeam were left buzzing and are keen on writing more letters and answering their Ugandan peers' questions as well as starting new projects.



Residential trip – Hornbeam June 3rd – 7th

We have now secure PGL on the Isle of Wight for our school trip to PGL this year. Letters will be with year 5/6 parents on Monday so please do keep an eye out. The payment is an installment plan starting from January. If you do have any concerns with regard to payments, please do let us know- we are here to help.

Flu Vaccinations

Our Nasal Flu Immunization session this year will be on Friday 8th December. Please complete the online form sent out this week, even if you decide to you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine against flu.

School Age Immunisations
Today's Health, Tomorrow's Wellbeing

NHS
Southern Health
NHS Foundation Trust

School Age Immunisation Team
Get protected against flu

COMING SOON
The Immunisation team will be coming to school soon to administer the flu nasal spray
Date: 8 December 2023

FLU: 5 REASONS TO GET PROTECTED AGAINST FLU

1. Protect your child - the vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
2. Protect your family and friends - having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
3. No injection needed - the nasal spray is painless and easy to administer.
4. It is better than having the flu - the nasal spray helps protect against flu and has been given to millions worldwide
5. Avoid costs - if your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Scan the QR code to complete a flu consent form (even if you wish to opt out)

School code
SH115921

For more information about the flu vaccination visit
www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk/winter-flu-vaccination-programme

Open Days for Year R 2024:

We welcomed new families in this week to our open days and they could see just what makes our school special. We have one more open morning, so please do share this with anyone that may be a school starter for next September.

Monday 27th November – 9.30am



Ashford Hill Primary School Year R September 2024 Open Days and Tours

Monday 9th October at 1.45pm - Wednesday 8th November at 9.30am - Monday 27th November 9.30am

We warmly invite you to visit our school and look inside and to meet our team and wonderful children.

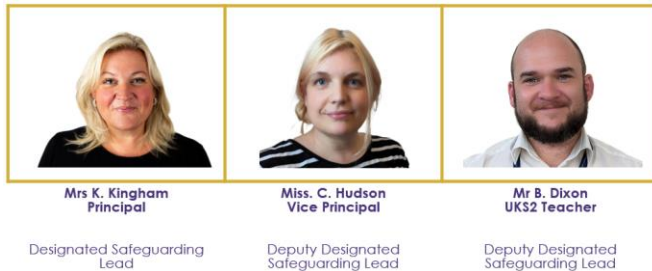
Please contact the school office on 0118 981 3822 or email admin@ashfordhill.hants.sch.uk to book a place on the tour. Individual tours also available by request.

TRAVEL LEARNING TRUST

Safeguarding:

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

This year our Designated Safeguarding Lead Team are as follows:



Three headshots of the Designated Safeguarding Lead Team members.

Mrs K. Kingham
Principal
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss. C. Hudson
Vice Principal
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mr B. Dixon
UKS2 Teacher
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

28th November - Corn Exchange Panto

TEACHER LED CLUBS END: 1st December

7th December 2023 – Christmas Jumper Day

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