



# Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter

November 17th 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been incredibly busy this year and we are now well into the second half of the Autumn Term.

It has been marvelous to see our sports teams out and about so much this term. It was the turn of some of our year 2s this week, who took part in the Cheam Football Festival. Don't the children look splendid in the Ashford Hill colours! Thank you to both Mr Walker and Mason for taking the children to this event. Mr Walker has much more planned for the year ahead.



Last week we remembered those who gave their lives for our future. Mr Dixon and some of our year 6 children went to the memorial at the church to pay their respects.



## Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
96.4	98	89.9	100	98.6	96.3	95.4	97.1
Well done to Y2 for 100% attendance again.							

## Anti-bullying Week

This week we started Anti-bullying Week with Odd Socks Day on Monday. The theme was 'Make a noise about bullying.' It is a theme designed to empower people to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. We reflected on our trusted adults at school and how we can make our voices heard if we need to. In assembly this week, we discussed scenarios and talked about what we might do to get the help we need. Here is a link to the video about speaking up!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UU\\_jOiway0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UU_jOiway0)

## Children in Need



Today we were 'Spotacular' and managed to raise **£104.36** for Children in Need. A huge thank you to Miss Hudson for arranging all of these events for our children. Thank you for your kind donations.

## Non-school uniform day – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov (PTA)

A reminder that next week is the PTA non-school uniform day is on Friday next week. Please see the information below from the PTA.

## Christmas Hamper Raffle

Dear Families

We are excited to announce we will be running our online Hamper Raffle this year!

**On Friday 24th November the school will have a non-uniform 'Wear Your Own Clothes Day'!** If this is a PE day for your child, they do not need to bring their PE kits, but PE will still be going ahead so please ensure their clothing/footwear is appropriate for this.

In exchange for wearing your own clothes, we are asking for a donation for our hamper raffle. Please bring in an item to make up a class hamper.

Each class will have 2 hamper themes. The donation can be for either of the hamper themes in your child's class. Themes are as follows:

### Willow Class

1. Toys & Craft hamper &
2. Food hamper

### Chestnut Class

1. Picnic hamper &
2. Cheese and wine hamper

### Maple Class

1. Gin hamper &
2. Movie hamper

### Oak Class

1. Gardening/Wildlife hamper &
2. Christmas Eve hamper

### Hornbeam Class

1. Pet hamper &
2. Pamper hamper

The collection boxes will be placed in your classrooms. In addition to your themed item, please feel free to bring in any unwanted items that might fit in any hamper. All items must be new, sealed and please check consumable items are in date.

**Tickets will go on sale from Friday 1st December.** The link to buy tickets will go live on the Facebook group and will be texted to all families. Tickets are £1 each. Good luck! Thank you as always for your ongoing support!

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> November – 9.30am



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

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 1.45pm - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@ashfordhill.hants.sch.uk) to book a place on the tour. Individual tours also available by request.

THAMES 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.

Mr Dixon spotted a helpful poster on a recent trip – if you know of a family or a child who is struggling in any of the areas below – please do share these QR codes with parents or responsible adults.



## Keeping your child safe from Cyber Flashing

What is it?

Cyber-flashing is when a stranger sends an explicit picture, uninvited, to your phone via Wi-Fi or Bluetooth. It's sexual harassment.

It's most likely to happen on public transport or in crowded places.

The file-sharing app AirDrop for iPhone and iPads is most commonly associated with cyberflashing, but there are lots of different file-sharing apps out there.

With AirDrop, it's easy for anyone to send you images. The automatic preview feature means you also see images without actually opening them.

### 3 steps to keep your child safe

#### 1. Restrict who can send files to your child's phone

Most file-sharing apps allow users to restrict who can send files to them by Wi-Fi or Bluetooth. Find out which apps your child uses, then make sure your child knows how to use these settings.

For AirDrop on iPhones:

- Open '**Control Centre**' (swipe down from the upper-right corner or up from the bottom of the screen, depending on the model)
- Press firmly on the **network settings card** in the upper-left corner. This will open more connectivity controls
- Tap and hold the **AirDrop** icon
- Select '**Contacts Only**', or '**Receiving Off**' (to not receive AirDrop requests)

Or, do this by going to Settings > General > AirDrop

Some of the other most popular file-transfer apps include:

- > Google Drive
- > Dropbox
- > Microsoft OneDrive
- > AirDroid
- > Zapyra

Make sure your child knows to only accept files from people they know.

### 2. Turn off Bluetooth when not using it

Otherwise, it's easy for strangers nearby to send images to your child's phone.

To do this on **iPhone**, open 'Control Centre' (see above), then tap the Bluetooth icon (it looks like a 'B'). The icon dims when it's off.

On **Android**, swipe down from the top (you might need to do this twice or scroll across). Then tap the Bluetooth 'B' icon to turn it off. It'll be grey when Bluetooth is off.

### 3. Make sure your child knows what to do if it happens to them

If your child doesn't feel in immediate danger, they should take a screenshot and report the incident to the police using the non-emergency numbers:

- > If it happens on public transport, text 61016 or call 0800 40 50 40
- > If it happens anywhere else, call 101

If your child feels scared or in immediate danger, they should call 999. They should also move to a safe place – find someone in authority to talk to like platform staff, a security guard or a shop manager.

If it happens in school, your child should talk to a trusted adult immediately.

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

24<sup>th</sup> November: Non-school uniform day for hamper donations (PTA)

28<sup>th</sup> November - Corn Exchange Panto

TEACHER LED CLUBS END: 1<sup>st</sup> December

7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Christmas Jumper Day

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

**14<sup>th</sup> December – Curriculum Showcase – 2.45pm**

Y4 – Minstead Residential Trip – 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Y3 – River trip to Minstead 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Y2-6 – Frozen West End Trip – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Sports Day – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

SATS week - 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Y5/6 Residential Trip - [\(date change to follow\)](#)**

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