



Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter



November 3rd 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We cannot believe that we are already at the end of the first week back. The dark nights are already setting in and I am sure that your heating and fires are now warming you up in the evening.

Already this week we have seen some fantastic learning happening across the school. We can not wait to share all of this with you at the end of term – **Thursday 14th December**. This year as a school, one of our key priorities is to concentrate on subject leadership and ensuring that every subject has a broad and balanced curriculum that shows progression across the year groups and ensures that our children have all of the knowledge that they will need for the next stages of their education. Our talented team have been working hard in each of their areas and we are already seeing some excellent implementation of our English, Reading, Art and PE curriculum. We will bring you more details over the next few terms of what this looks like with our curriculum newsletter.

Attendance update from Miss Hudson:

This week's attendance is 96.4% which is an improvement on the week before half term. It is, however, still below our school target of 97%. Year group attendance is:

Attendance %							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
96.4	98.3	94.9	89.5	96.8	97.2	100	99.4

Well done Y5 children for being in every day.

Book Fair - 8, 9 & 10 November



As you know, we love to read and reading is our main priority across the curriculum. We will be running a Scholastic book fair in school.

The book fair will be open on:

Wednesday 8, Thursday 9 and Friday 10 October
08:30 – 08:55, 12:30 – 13:00 and 15:15 – 16:00
Classes will also be allocated a set time during the 3 days in which to visit the fair. During this time children will be able to write the names of the books they would like on a wish list so parents/carers can buy them during the times above. We will have a card reader so can accept card payments and you are also able to pay online by scanning the QR codes and searching for Ashford Hill Primary School. Please remember we are a cashless school so are unable to accept payments via cash.

Book Amnesty and Read, Write, Inc book reminder:

Please can we ask you all to check your bags and book shelves for any Read, Write Inc books or school library books to return to the school after half term? Please can we also ask that your children's reading books are bought into school everyday and not left at home. We use the books during the school day and only have limited numbers of each story. We can only send home new reading books once we receive the old ones back.

Parking in the car park opposite

We have received multiple calls from the farmer across the road this week saying he cannot access his track to his farm because of parents parking in the entrance to the car park and on the verge. Please can we ask that you park in the car park allocated spaces only- this is for everyone's safety. There is plenty of parking at the church down the hill. We appreciate in the bad weather the walk from the church is not ideal, but please do be mindful of the farmer's right of way to his property.

Spare uniform/changes of clothes

The change in weather and slippery playground surfaces have resulted in a lot of muddy clothes this week! We would hugely appreciate any donations of socks/tights (boys and girls, all sizes) for our spare uniform supplies. If you would like to pack a change of clothes for your child in their bag in case of these situations, please do!

PE Days:

Class	PE Day 1	PE Day 2
Chestnut	Monday	Thursday
Maple	Monday	Thursday
Oak	Tuesday	Friday
Hornbeam	Tuesday	Friday

Open Days for Year R 2024:

It is that time of year again. We have open days for the year R September 2024 intake. If you or you know anyone who would like a place next September, please share these dates:

Wednesday 8th November 9.30am

Monday 27th November – 9.30am

Congratulations:

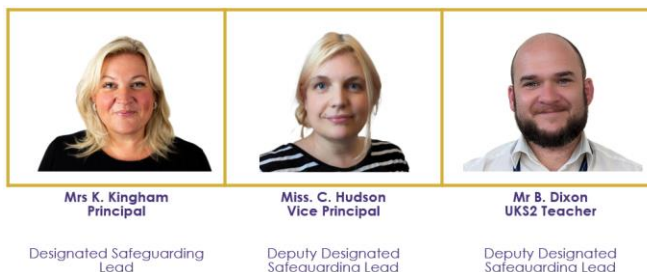
Congratulations to Caitlin for achieving her Silver Award for Scouting! A huge achievement, well deserved!



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:



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

Book Fair - 8, 9 & 10 November

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 - (date change to follow)

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	KSI 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