



Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter



October 6th 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful to all be together in the church again this morning for our Harvest Festival; to see all of our children performing from Year R to Year 6 was an absolute joy and we are so proud of each and every one of them. This was also a great opportunity for us to meet our new Vicar, Rev Pete Williams. He will become a regular visitor to the school and will welcome us as we go up to the church throughout the year. A huge thank you to Miss Hudson and the other staff members for producing such a slick and professional festival and I hope that you all have the 'Harvest Samba' as an ear worm throughout the weekend.

As a result of our Harvest celebrations, we were able to take some of our year 6 leaders, with a mini bus full of food donations, to Basingstoke food bank this morning. Thank you for your kind donations to offer help to those who are in financial crisis – we were able to donate 79kg of food! Here is a picture of our Head Students with not even half of the food that we donated.



This evening brings our first PTA event of the year in the hall. The children are currently cozy and transfixed by 'Elemental' the movie. A huge thank you to the PTA for arranging this. If you would like to be a part of the PTA this year, there is the AGM next Tuesday 10th at 7pm. Please come and join us in the school hall to see how you can be involved.

Attendance:

We are aiming for 98% attendance for our children across the year. Year to date we are sat at 97.7%. However, last week Year R, 1,3,4 and 6 had 100% attendance - this is fantastic! If your child is not unwell they should be at school.

We do understand that there may be some occasions such as medical appointments where children will need to be taken out of school – but where possible, please try to make these appointments outside of school hours. We also understand that there may be other instances that children will need to have time off from school.

However, holidays are not permitted during term times and will result in an unauthorised absence on their record. Absence forms must be completed for any appointments or planned periods of absence. You can pick these up from the school office.

Christmas Card Design Project

This year, we have decided to participate in the Christmas Card Design Project run by Cauliflower Cards. The project aims to encourage pupil creativity while raising money for school. Your child has been creating their own masterpiece which can be printed as Christmas cards, mugs, wrapping paper or gift labels.

A letter, your child's artwork and their unique order form and code will be coming home next week. The orders will need to be back in school on Monday 16 October. We hope as many of you as possible will choose to order the wonderful items for Christmas and help raise funds for our school.

World Mental Health Day - Hello Yellow

On Tuesday the 10th October it is World Mental Health Day. We invite the children to wear non- school uniform for the day with as much yellow as possible. If you do not have any yellow, please do not worry; non-school uniform is fine; we will all be joining together during the day to mark the event.

Homework next Friday will be a little bit different so please watch our for it as it will be linked to World Mental Health 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. There will be more details will come closer to the time.

School Photos:

The children looked splendid in their best uniform with beaming smiles on Monday morning. You should have received the proofs home this week in your children's bags. Please ensure your order is in before the deadline.

Reading Meeting

A big thank you to Miss Hudson for leading the very informative reading meeting. We will be sending the slides out later next week for anyone who missed the meeting.

Future Term Dates:

We are hoping to share further dates for events over the school year next week to ensure that you have plenty of notice about the events that can be attended by parent. We hope that this will be helpful for future planning. We are also updating our website with dates and information about our curriculum over the next few weeks so please keep an eye out for the improvements.

Outstanding Dinner Money and Debts:

If you do have any unpaid items on your school money account, please do try to clear them as soon as possible. If you require any further support with this or spread payments, please do contact the office. Later this term there will be a new procedure in place for unpaid school money accounts. We will share this with you before half term.

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:

Monday 9th October – 1.45pm

Wednesday 8th November 9.30am

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.

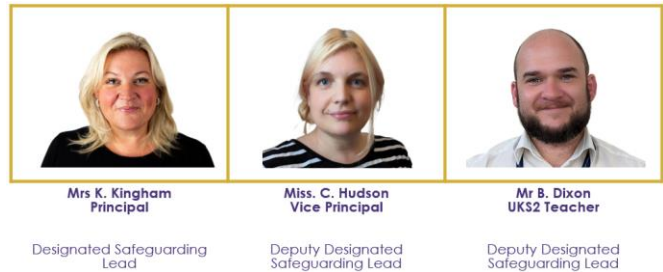
Please contact the school office on 0118 981 3822 or email admin@ashfordhill.hants.sch.uk to book a place on the tour. Individual tours also available by request.



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

Mon 9th Oct – 9.30am - Open Day for New Parents

Tues 10th Oct - Young Minds Mental Health – Yellow Wear

Tues 17th Oct – Parents' Evening

Thursday 19th Oct – Parents' Evening

Book Fair - 8, 9 & 10 November

Tuesday 28th Nov – 10am – Whole school Water Mill Panto

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

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