



Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter



September 29th 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a lovely week here at Ashford Hill. Our year 3s and 4s have been on the first school trip this year and had a wonderful time investigating historical invasion at Hilliers Gardens.

The children are in full flow of learning their class piece for the harvest festival next Friday and our student leaders are looking forward to the arrival of their badges and job descriptions early next week.

We are currently finalising school trips for the year and will update you on these as soon as we have secured dates and transport arrangements. The two residential trips (Year 4 and Year 5/6) are also being organised and will be shared this term to ensure that there is an opportunity to spread payments in advance of the trip.

Trips can be expensive and with the exception of residential trips we are aiming to ensure that no trip will exceed £30 per child. Transport costs, due to being a small school, are always a problem; A coach cost is normally around £500 to £1500 per trip and as you can imagine this can make some visits unaffordable for small schools. Our wonderful PTA have allocated some of their funds to subsidise visits so that they are affordable to all.

The overall aim is that each year group will have two specific trips for the year to enrich their curriculum along with two whole school trips to the December Pantomime and a West End show (Y2-Y6) later in the year. Please look out for more information coming soon.

It was wonderful to see so many parents attend the Meet the Teacher evening this week. Thank you for your kind comments about the school and the hard work that has been happening inside. We are extremely proud to show parents around and introduce them to our curriculum offer. Dates for Hornbeam and Maple Meet the Teacher events will be shared in due course.

School Photos Monday 2nd October:

Photos will be taken on Monday morning. Please ensure that your child wears full school uniform and not PE kit on this day - PE kit can be brought to school in a bag on this day.

Harvest Festival: Confirmed date 6th October at 9.30am

The Harvest Festival will begin at 9.30 at St Pauls' Church. If you are free to come and share a short celebration with us, please come and join us. Doors will be open from 9.15am and the children will arrive at 9.30 for a 30 minute service.

If you would like to donate items for the food bank, please send them into school this week. A list of items is detailed below. We will then send them onto the foodbank.



Harvest Shopping List A

Please choose an item from the list to bring to your Harvest Celebration

Thank you!

- Instant Mash Potato
- Vegetables (Tinned carrots/peas/sweetcorn)
- Breakfast Cereal (cold)
- Spaghetti/Ravioli (Tinned)
- Fruit Juice (Longlife 1L)
- Packet or Microwave desserts
- Tomatoes (Tinned)
- Rice Pudding (Tinned)
- Toiletries

Thank you for your support!

Part of the work of



Earrings and Jewellery:

Earrings and Jewellery are not permitted in school. If children have recently had their ears pierced, then they may wear plain stud earrings and these must be covered for PE.

Fidgets and Cuddly Toys:

In school we are focused on learning behaviours and maximising learning time. Every minute counts and fidgets and cuddly toys can be very distracting for children who have these and for others around them. Please ensure that you children are not bringing these into school. If you believe that your child would benefit from these for any reason, please discuss this with your class teacher who will work with Miss Hudson to ensure that every child has the tools that they need to maximise their learning. Where these are required, the school will provide them.

Parent Volunteer Meeting

Thank you to those parents who attended the volunteer meeting. We are working on three big projects this year that we would love your help with.

- **Reading Fluency and Intervention (afternoons)**
- **Read Write Inc Book updates (urgent help required)**
- **Sensory Garden Renovation Project**
- **Renovation and Update of the Library**

If you would like to be involved in any of these projects and you have some spare time, we would love for you to be involved. Please come and see us at the admin office to register your interest. The latter of the projects will be student led projects and we hope to empower them to make a difference in the school community with a little bit of help from parents and volunteers.

Wed 4th Oct - 7pm - Reading Meeting with Miss Hudson

Miss Hudson will be holding a reading meeting for parents. This meeting is for all parents and will cover early reading to KS2 reading. It will cover how we teach reading and how to support your children at home. A virtual code will be sent to you nearer the time.

PTA AGM: 10th Oct at 7pm

Our PTA is a fundamental part of our school community and their annual AGM is going to take place in the school hall on **Tuesday 10th October at 7pm**. Please come along and join the team to discuss new initiatives and fundraising events. This is also a brilliant opportunity to meet other people and work towards some wonderful opportunities for our children. We look forward to seeing you there.

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:

 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

Tues 26th Sept – 6.30pm Meet the teacher evening Yr-6

Wed 27th Sept – 6.30pm Parent Volunteer Meeting

Mon 2nd Oct – am - School photos for all children (Uniform)

Wed 4th Oct - 7pm - Reading Meeting with Miss Hudson

Friday 6th Oct –9.30am – Harvest Festival – Parents invited

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

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

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