



Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter



September 22nd 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yet another busy week at Ashford Hill. Miss Hudson and I have had the pleasure of observing lessons around the school this week; it is always a privilege to be invited into teachers' classrooms to watch the learning and how each classroom is run. We are so fortunate to have such engaged children who are excited to learn. The atmosphere was calm and purposeful and the children were excited to share their learning since the start of the term. I can not wait to see how they progress in their learning this year.

Student Leadership:

This week we were excited to announce all of our school leadership positions. There is such a wealth of talent amongst our children and it is such a brilliant opportunity to celebrate them on occasions such as this.

Our school leaders this year are as follows:

Head Students: Grace and James

Chairs of School Council: Imogen and Elodie

Digital Leaders: Alex, Dexter, Ronnie and Finlay

Sports Ambassadors: Lou and Emma

Young Leaders: Lilly, Martha, George L, Olly, Esme, Liv and Brodie

Environmental Team: Caitlin and Lou with Eliza and Elodie

Librarians: Grace, Martha, Ava J, Emily B, Nathan P and Charlie H

Our school councillors this year are:

Chairs of School Council: Imogen and Elodie

Year 6 Reps: Martha and Cody

Year 5 Reps: William and George B

Year 4 Reps: Bradley and Alfie

Year 3 Reps: Sienna and Amaiyah

Year 2 Reps: Henry and Max

Year 1 Reps: Adrianna and Henry.

Congratulations to all of our children and there will be many more opportunities throughout the year to get involved in school projects.

Team Captains will be announced next week.

Golden Sparkle Badges This week

The school value that is the focus for this half term is Active and Motivated learning. **Lou** (Hornbeam) wowed us with his motivation for learning this week. Congratulations for showing us your great attitude to learning.

Wellies and rain coats:

The weather has certainly taken a turn. Please can you ensure that children are bringing coats to school. We also like to use the field as much as we can, so we encourage all children to bring a pair of wellies to school: these can be stored in class conservatories.

Car Parking:

We are aware that the car park opposite school is busy, but please do avoid parking on the grass verges. The school gates are open at 8.30am and the doors to classrooms are open at 8.45am. Registration is 8.55am.

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.

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

Teachers will invite you into their classrooms on this evening to talk to you about the curriculum that your children will be covering this year, homework and classroom routines. They will also share with you how to help your children at home and the opportunities that are open to our students this year. This is also a great opportunity to meet your teacher and ask any questions that you may have. Each meeting will be approx 30 mins so if you have a child in two classes, you will be able to visit each.

Uniform – Hair ties:

Children are looking smart in their uniforms and it is always fantastic to see them together in the hall during assembly. Please ensure that children with hair that is longer than just above the shoulders is tied up. This is then far less distracting to them when they are working.

Sporting Fixtures:

Mr Walker (our PE Leader) has been working hard to arrange several sporting events over the year. We already have some rugby fixtures in the diary for 31st October and 7th November. Nearer the time, Mr Walker will select students to attend these matches and will send letters home.

He has also booked us into several other events over this year as we work on our sports provision. Children will have the opportunity to sign up to these throughout the year.

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	Douli 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	Douli 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

We are looking forward to joining all of these events and using our minibus.

Wed 27th Sept – 6.30pm Parent Volunteer Meeting

Now that we are securely part of the trust and we are on track, it is a great time to think about volunteering in school. If you have any spare time in the week and would like to join us to help with readers, support classrooms, work in the grounds on projects or if you have a special talent for the library or displays, please do come along to the meeting. This will be a virtual meeting and the code will be shared nearer the time. We look forward to welcoming you into the school. There will be an application to complete after the event unless you have already done so.

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.

School Photos Monday 2nd October:

Apologies, I said it was a Tuesday – however School photos have been booked for Monday 2nd October. At least uniforms will be nice and fresh! We will remind you nearer the time in order to give you some warning for hair gel and buns! 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

We are still waiting to have the date of the festival confirmed by the church – however, we would like to welcome you to bring in any tin cans or harvest festival items to be donated to the foodbanks and residents in the first week of October. Here is a list of the type of things that the food bank would like to have donated.



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!

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Attendance:

Miss Hudson will be sending home a letter regarding our attendance procedures. Please be sure to read through this as there are some slight changes to our policy for this year.

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.

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Y6 to Y7 Transition and applications to secondary school:

Mrs Marchetti has sent home a year 7 transition letter this week. Please keep an eye out in your email box as it is vital that these applications are completed in good time. If your children are attending any open days at other schools, please ensure that you email admin@ashfordhill.hants.sch.uk to ensure that this is logged with our admin team and does not affect your child's attendance percentage.

Outstanding Dinner Money:

If you have any outstanding dinner money or trip money from last term, please can you clear this as soon as possible. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact Mrs Marchetti in the admin office and she will be able to help you.

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
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss. C. Hudson
Vice Principal
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mr B. Dixon
UKS2 Teacher
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Online Safety is constantly in the news and for important reason. If you would like to learn more about how to keep your children safe online, please have a look at this following leaflet. There are some links that will be really helpful below

Skips Safety Net Keeping children safe online

Parent Guides to Online Safety

- A Parent's Guide to Social Media
- A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures
- A Parent's Guide to Gaming
- A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming
- A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming
- A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers
- A Parent's Guide to Fake News
- A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skips.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Developed in partnership with:
Home Office
West Midlands Police Reduction Unit
West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

Skips www.skipssafetynet.org

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 – all day - Oak class to Hillier Garden

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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

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