



# Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter



January 26<sup>th</sup> 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week at Ashford Hill. This week we invited two of our trustees into school to show them how well we are progressing with our school improvement plan. It is the role of the Trustees to support with the strategic direction of the school and to hold leaders to account on their plans and data. This was a positive experience and we look forward to welcoming them back to look around classrooms in March.

The children have been working hard this week in their learning journeys and you should have received the curriculum homework letter for this term. Please let your class teacher know if you are still to receive this.

## Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
96.6	96.5	99.2	97.2	100	97.5	93.8	91.8
Well done to Yr3 for having the highest attendance this week.							

## Accelerated Reader

Our key stage two children have now started to read their first accelerated reader books and there has been a real buzz around reading in classrooms. Our children have independently chosen books within their assessed range and are already enjoying finishing their first books and completing the quizzes. I must extend a big thank you to all involved for getting this system ready to launch; it was hours and hours of work. I hope to see it's continued success over the coming weeks.

## World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

March brings us the famous World Book Day. This is always a great event in school where we celebrate authors and the characters they create. To mark the day, we ask that children and the team come dressed as one of their favourite book characters. If you would like some inspiration, please follow this link [Dressing up - World Book Day](#).

## Curriculum Showcase and Egg Hunt

The PTA Egg hunt and the Curriculum Showcase will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 2.45pm. This is always a fabulous event, and the PTA will be providing further information nearer the time.

## Frozen West End – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Years 2-6 will be going to see Frozen in the West End of London. The coach will leave school at around 10.30am and return to school at around 7pm. This is an opportunity for the children to see a big show and get some ideas for their own characters for later in the year when we perform the show ourselves. The £25 ticket cost will be added to school money later next week. The PTA have agreed to fund the transport cost to ensure that this experience is affordable for all. We are looking for a few volunteers, so please let us know if you are able to help on the day.




## Frozen Casting and Auditions

Next Monday, we will be sharing information with the children on how they can audition for roles in the school show. Children will then have the opportunity to work with an adult in school on their audition piece. Each child will choose one role and they will be considered for others from that one audition. There are parts for everyone, be it a leading role, a supporting role or ensemble. Auditions will be held the week after half term on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February: the cast list will be shared the week after. Tickets for the show will be released mid-march and we will send you further details of this at a later date.

## Safeguarding:

Safeguarding is our number one priority. Together we want to ensure that all children are safe, happy and secure at all times.

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

**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**

**World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

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

**Curriculum Showcase and Egg Hunt – Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**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 - 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June**

<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
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Speed Stacking	Park House	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	KS1 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