



# Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Ashford Hill Primary



'Be the Best We Can Be'

January 5<sup>th</sup> 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! Well, what a wet start to the new year. It was lovely to see everyone returning on Tuesday; this term is a quick and busy term and there is a lot of learning to squeeze in. We also have many new things to implement into our curriculum and have been working hard to get them ready to launch in classrooms. You will hear more about this as the term progresses. You may have already heard about our Purple Mash computing programme.

We really value your feedback as we are dedicated to making our school the very best that it can be. So, as a result of some recent feedback, I have included the school timetable for this half-term. In some instances subjects may be swapped around as there may be events or visits happening in and around school. This is down to our teachers' professional discretion and it is our statutory duty to ensure that the national curriculum is covered throughout the school year.

Whole School Timetable 2023-2024 - Spring 1 2024

CP = Continuous Provision - Learning through play.  
SSL = Speed Sound Lesson (phonics)

If you would like any further information about the curriculum this term and what your children are covering in class, please follow this link to our website.

<https://www.ashfordhillprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=35>

We are currently working on the development of our curriculum so this overview will be adapted accordingly at the end of the term and shared again for the Summer Term.

## Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
95.3	98.8	100	96.1	98.2	97.7	88.5	87.5
Well done Y1 for having the highest attendance this week.							

## Homework

There will be no homework this week due to our relaunch of our homework policy (with the exception of year 6). It is important to us that all homework has an impact on learning for all children therefore, we have reviewed our current systems along with the research behind great practice in both reading and spelling and will be sharing our plans for homework with you next Friday both in children's bags and in the newsletter.

Year 6 will have their SATS 10 minute test booklets sent home and they have been asked to complete both a reading and maths mini test for next Friday. These will be marked in class with myself.

## Clubs

We will now be having a staff training twilight session on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February due to the availability of a training provider. This will therefore mean that there will be no Fun fitness or SATS booster club on Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> February.

## Y6 SATS meeting

There will be a year 6 SATs meeting with Mrs Kingham and Mr Dixon on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm. This will be online and invitations and zoom codes have been sent this week via email. Please have a look in your inbox for this. The meeting will explain the SATs that will be held in May and also help you to support your child at home.

## Swimming Next Week

Swimming for Key Stage 2 starts next week. Children will not be required to wear PE kit and can wear normal school uniform on these days.

The children will be taken to Tadley Health and Fitness by coach which will leave school at 1.30pm

and return to school by the end of the school day. Please ensure your child brings in a waterproof bag, a one piece swimming costume (no bikinis) or appropriate swimming trunks (must be well above the knee) and a towel. Swimming hats should be worn by children whose hair is of medium to long length and are desirable for all swimmers. If your child is unable to go swimming at any time please send a written note. Children are allowed to wear goggles but not masks that cover the nose and children need to be able to put them on independently. Please ensure they are named. Children who arrive with no swimwear will be provided with spare kit.

Please can we ask for £20.00 per child to subsidise the ever-growing cost of transport. The coaches for swimming are in excess of £2000 for the term. Please see the school money app to make this payment.

Thank you for your continued support.

### 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 Jr - Y2 – 6 End of Year Show



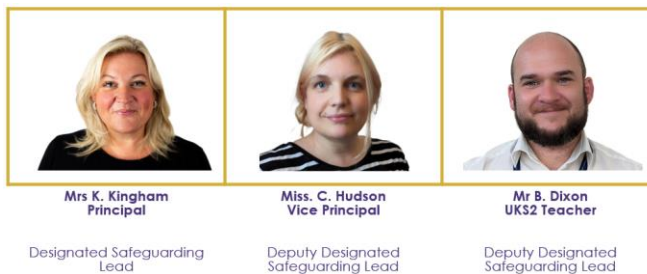
Due to the success of our production of Matilda last year, we are excited to announce that we will be producing Disney's Frozen Jr. at the Haymarket Theatre, Basingstoke on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (tickets will cost £15 per seat and be on sale nearer the time). Later this term, we will be holding auditions for the roles and we will also be taking years 2 – 6 to see the show in the West end after half term.

Last year we had an amazing team of parent/grandparent volunteers who pulled the show together behind the scenes. If you would like to be part of the show team for this year, please register your interest via email to [admin@ashfordhill.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashfordhill.hants.sch.uk). The more the merrier and it really is a fantastic experience for both adults and our brilliant children.

### 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

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

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

Date	Event	Location	Years
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
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Speed Stacking	Theale	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	KSI 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