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# Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter

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'Be the Best We Can Be'

March 1st 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another week has passed by in a flash at Ashford Hill. We are already looking forward to a busy week next week. On Wednesday, we will be showing our Trustees around our school and on Thursday, the world famous World Book Day will return.

In assembly this week, we had a look at some wonderful 'book nooks'. These are wonderful little models that show a diorama of books that we know and love. At home this week, my children have tried to make a couple of these for our school library as we start to refurbish the area. Mrs Lang's daughter has sent one in to school for us to have a look at also. The children enjoyed seeing pictures of the steps (and determination) that it took to make these.



We are hoping to design our very own book nooks during World Book Day next week. Thank you to those of you who brought in pictures of your own creations during the week. I look forward to sharing designs from our classes with you next week.

On Tuesday, the Cast list for our Summer Show of Frozen Jr was shared with the children. We are looking forward to working as a community to bring you the show in July. Whether there was disappointed or pleased little faces, children supported each other beautifully to ensure that we work together as a team to create the best show that we can. For further information about the rehearsals and access to the rehearsal materials, please follow the link to our website. All of the information regarding the show will be shared on here and linked via the newsletter. [Ashford Hill Primary School - School Performances](#)

On Wednesday, we hosted a very exciting football match between Kingsclere and Ashford Hill. It was an excellent game and both teams showed great sportsmanship. The final score was 7-5 to Ashford Hill. Congratulations to our team! I am looking forward to seeing many more wins this year.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all at the gate on Monday morning.

Kirsty Kingham  
Principal

## Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
93.9	96.5	98.5	98.9	98	81.3	89.3	94.1
Congratulations to Year 2 for 98.9% attendance this week!							

Although attendance has fallen this week due to lots of illness in and around school, I am pleased to share that we have received a national award for our Autumn Term Attendance. Thank you for working with us to keep our children in school and learning every day.



## Message from the PTA



## Parents' Evenings - Virtual

Parents' evening slots were snapped up quickly this week. There are still a few appointments available, so if you have not booked yet, please do so as soon as possible. We will share the virtual meeting code closer to the time via email.

## Library Books

We have recently had a few of our brand new books returned from homes in a rather sorry state. Some have been waterlogged or even ripped. As you can imagine, it is very expensive to replace books and can take time to source new ones. In order to retain the quality of our books in the library, please ensure that books are returned in the plastic book bags provided. Letters will be sent home requesting payment for books that are damaged beyond repair in order for us to restock the title for other children to read.

## HC3S are changing their name

Our school caterers, HC3S are changing their name to *Hampshire County Council Education Catering* – this is going to be a gradual change- you will start to see changes on their website and in communications over the coming months. Please visit their website for menus and other information

[News | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk)

## 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](#).

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



Please make your contribution on your school money account. If you have any questions regarding the trip or payments, please do not hesitate to contact us. All children from year 2 – 6 will be in the show so it will be great for them all to see it and see what we are aspiring to create.

## 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.

## Safeguarding

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

		
Mrs Kirsty Kingham	Miss C Hudson	Mr B Dixon
Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Vice Principal and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)	Class Teacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)

## Dates for your diary

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

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

Parents' Evenings - 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March

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 2024

Date	Event	Location	Years	Timings	Cover needed?
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Multiskills	Park House	1/2	15:45 – 17:30	From 3pm
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Alternative Olympics	Theale	5/6	4-5:45	No
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	BISI Badminton	Theale	3/4	4-5:30	From 3pm
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Speed Stacking	Park House	1/2	4-5:30	No
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Hockey Festival	Park House	5/6	Tbc	Tbc
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Football vs Kingsclere School	Ashford Hill	5/6	3:30 - 4:15	No
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	X Country	Newbury Showground	3/4/5/6	12:30 – 4pm	Yes
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Netball	Kingsclere School	5/6	3:30 - 4:15	From 3pm
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Rugby cluster event	Kingsclere Fieldgate Centre	5/6	3:30 - 4:30	
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Kwik Cricket Dynamos Skills	Douli Abbey	3/4	10-12 or 1-3	Yes, have asked if we are likely to be am or pm slot or both
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Tri Golf	St Barts	3/4	3:45-5:45	From 2:45
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Kwik Cricket	Falkland	5/6 Girls	Tbc	Tbc
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Kwik Cricket	Douli Abbey	5/6 Boys	10-3	Yes
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Table Tennis	Willink	5/6	3:45-5:45	From 2:45
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Dodgeball	St Barts	KS2 Girls	3:45-5:45	From 2:45
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Multiskills	Theale	1/2	3:45-5:30	From 2:45

