



Integrity – Determination - Community

# Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter

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'Be the Best We Can Be'

March 22nd 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is nearly the end of the term and there is still so much to fit in. John from St Pauls' Church came and delivered a wonderful Easter assembly on Tuesday – it was wonderful to hear his rendition of 'Hot Cross Buns' with his guitar. It is always a pleasure to welcome members of the community into our school. This week has given us the opportunity to celebrate successes with parents during parents' evening meetings. Our virtual style seemed to work well and we will be asking you what your preferred parents' evening format would be as we begin to plan for next year.

Classes are finishing work and getting ready to welcome you into the curriculum showcase next week before the 'eggcellent' PTA Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you for the homework that I have seen coming in this week already – the children have been keen to share this with all of us and their peers!

There are just a few messages for you in the newsletter and I look forward to seeing you on Monday morning. Have a wonderful weekend.

Kirsty Kingham  
Principal

## Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
92.8	92	100	95.8	84	96.9	94.3	87.6
Well done Y1 children for being in every day.							

## Teachers at drop off in the morning

Please remember that teachers are very busy in the morning settling children into their routines and although a quick update with how your child is feeling is helpful, longer conversations can reduce the learning time in classrooms. If you would like to meet with a teacher, please arrange this with the office in advance. If there is an urgent message that requires immediate attention, please come to the school office. Myself or Miss Hudson will be able to see you or book an appointment with ourselves or the teaching staff. Thank you for your understanding.

## Curriculum Showcase

All year groups have learning to share with you next week. The showcase will start at 2.45pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. If you have a child in year R and have siblings in other year groups, please come to year R after you have seen the work of the children in the older year groups. This will then allow for space in the classroom for everyone.

## Egg Hunt

Please see the email below regarding the PTA egg hunt on Thursday afternoon next week after the Curriculum Showcase.



## Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024, from 3.25pm

This year the PTA are organising our Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the school and their siblings on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** on the school field (keeping our fingers crossed for good weather!).

Please come and join us. The hunt involves finding different coloured pegs around the playing fields and exchanging the pegs for an Easter Egg at the end. Every child who participates will take home a chocolate egg, plus the chance to win extra prizes for the children who find the **silver peg & golden peg!** The cost to take part is **£5 per child. All monies raised from this event will be going towards our school library makeover.**

Parents will need to collect their child/ren from their classroom at the end of the day after the Topic Showcase and take them to the start of the hunt on the playground to collect a wristband. Parents will need to stay to supervise their children and join in the hunt! As we don't know how long it will last, we will need you on hand to take them home when they are ready!

Please pay online using our QR code. If paying by cash or your child has any allergies, please use the form below.

Once again, thanks for your support. We look forward to seeing you on the day.  
Ashford Hill PTA

## Frozen Tickets

Tickets for our school show are now on sale. It will be £15 per ticket. Please contact the Haymarket Theatre Box Office on [01256 844244](tel:01256844244) and quote the reference code **ASHPAR24**. The sales of the tickets goes towards the cost of the production and it is magical for the children to play to a full audience. So please bring along friends and family to see the wonderful show that our children will put on for you. After the success of last year, I expect that we are quite likely to sell tickets quickly, please ensure that you book soon to avoid disappointment. There is no restriction on number of tickets per family.

## Safeguarding

Please could we remind parents not to use the disabled parking spaces in the car park. We do have parents who require these spaces when bringing children to school. Many thanks



Safeguarding is our number one priority. Together we want to ensure that all children are safe, happy and secure at all times. Please see the leaflet attached this week regarding safety and you tube.

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

## Dates for your diary

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	Ashtford 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