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# Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter

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'Be the Best We Can Be'

May 3rd 2024

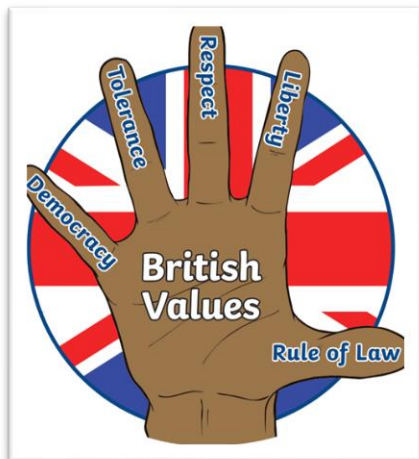
Dear Parents/Carers,

May is upon us and the weather does not really look to be improving. Some of us did witness the most incredible storm on Wednesday evening! Let's cross our fingers for some sunshine over this bank holiday weekend.

The summer term is such a wonderful term as our children start to see the fruition of all of their hard work over the year. They can easily see the progress that they have made in their books from September and it is so lovely to hear the children talking about their achievements proudly.

Our assembly programme is a hugely important part of our curriculum; it is an opportunity for our whole school community to be together and think about our values and how we can be the best that we can be. For the last few weeks, we have been delving deeper into the British Values, how these are linked to our school values and to think about the protected characteristics in order to ensure equality for all. Our children know at Ashford Hill we believe that every child and adult should respect each other despite their background and that we have a zero-tolerance approach to any discrimination. It is during these assemblies, and within the work within classrooms that the children learn about what true equality is.

A lot of this curriculum is taught through story books. We revisited the British Values of Rule of Law, Tolerance, Respect, Liberty and Democracy and read 'The Only Way is Badger' to see how to live out these values to ensure that our community thrives – or not so much if you have Badger's attitude. Please ask your child if they can remember them and how they link to our school values. This picture may help...



This week we began to revisit the Protected Characteristics inline with the Equality Act. The story that we read together was 'The Invisible'. This is a beautiful story about a young girl who has lost her home and opens her eyes to all of the other 'invisible' people. They all come together to make a diverse community thrive.

Stories are a great way to give children access to big ideas and these form a major part of our curriculum. As we continue to work on our curriculum, we are looking to ensure that we have an even more diverse offering of texts for our children to engage with. I look forward to bringing you more news about this early next year.

If you would like to re-read these stories with your children and ask them to share the messages with you, please click on the book cover below and it will take you to a YouTube video of each text. I hope you enjoy them.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8YANw78y68E&t=3s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQpIJCEYgWMM>

For information about our Equality policy and curriculum developments, please click on this link.

<https://www.ashfordhillprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=58&type=pdf>

I hope that you have a wonderful bank holiday and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday morning at the gates.

Kirsty Kingham  
Principal

## Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
98	100	96.9	100	94.7	100	95.9	97.6

Well done R, Y2 and Y4 children for being in every day.  
Amazing attendance this week!! Well done to everyone.

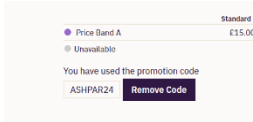
## Frozen Tickets

Finally, the link for tickets is now working. Please follow the instructions below:

<https://www.anvilarts.org.uk/events/ashford-hill-primary-school-production>

Customers need to enter the code before any tickets will show.

- Click on event.
- Book Now
- Scroll down.
- Apply code 'ASHPAR24'



- Tickets available will show up.

It will be £15 per ticket. The sales of the tickets go towards the cost of the production and it is magical for the children to play to a full audience. There is no limit to the number of tickets that you can buy. **Tickets will be sold to the wider community from June (other schools etc) so it is important that you book your tickets as soon as possible.**

## Sports Success Story

Oliver Lapham and George Liddeatt were proud to show off their trophies this week after becoming champions of their football league. Huge congratulations to them and their teams!

## Cashless Tuck

The new cashless tuck system has been successfully rolled out, please remember to top up your child's dinner money account so that the office can take payment for your child's tuck for the week. The payments are also available for you to make yourself via credit/debit card as you would a school trip if you would prefer.

## Lost Property

There is a lost property box in the office, please pop in if you are missing an item, or send your children to the office to search themselves.



## Ice Cream Fridays



They are back! Starting on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The PTA will be selling ice lollies and ice creams every Friday after school either on the playground or in the hall (depending on the weather!) We will also be selling on Sports Day too!

## Safeguarding

Safeguarding is our number one priority. Together we want to ensure that all children are safe, happy and secure at all times. If you have any concerns about the wellbeing of a child, please contact us.

		
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)

## From the Ship-Inn Arts

Would you like to be a Dwarf in our production of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs on Saturday 20th July 2024? At Shipinnarts (Music and Arts Venue) The Ship Inn, Ashford Hill RG19 8BD

We are looking for Happy, Sleepy and Bashful, very easy parts to play.

Performances are 11am and 3pm.

Please could you contact: Vanessa Martin 01635 299227 – please leave a message as I may be teaching. I promise to get back to you. Thank you.

I will then send you a form and rehearsal dates (just a handful, mostly on Sunday afternoons 3 – 5pm)

## Family Fun days courtesy of Hampshire County Council



The Multiply team are hosting a FREE family fun day at Beaulieu National Motor Museum. Come along and join in with some maths related activities and fun challenges. After the event, you are welcome to stay and explore the motor museum. The event includes entrance fee and parking.

**Date:** Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2024

**Time:** 10am – 12pm

**Venue:** Beaulieu National Motor Museum, Beaulieu, SO42 7ZN

**Eligibility:** This event is free for families with children aged 5 and over but at least one adult in the party must NOT have a level 2 maths qualification (e.g. Maths GCSE at grade 4/C and above, or a Functional Skills level 2 in maths).

**Contact:** To register your interest, please use the QR code or contact us at [multiply@hants.gov.uk](mailto:multiply@hants.gov.uk)



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## FREE Family Fun Day at Milestones



The Multiply team are hosting a FREE family fun day at Milestones Museum in Basingstoke. Come along and join in with some maths related activities and fun challenges. After the event, you are welcome to stay and explore the museum. The event includes entrance fee into the museum and parking.

**Date:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2024  
**Time:** 10am – 12pm  
**Venue:** Milestones Museum, Basingstoke, RG22 6PG  
**Eligibility:** This event is free for families with children aged 5 and over but at least one adult in the party must NOT have a level 2 maths qualification (e.g. Maths GCSE at grade 4/C and above, or a Functional Skills level 2 in maths).  
**Contact:** To register your interest, please use the QR code or contact us at [multiply@hants.gov.uk](mailto:multiply@hants.gov.uk)



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Term 1	
<i>Inset Days (school closed to all pupils)</i>	Monday 02/09/24 and Tuesday 3/9/24
Term Starts	Wednesday 04/09/24
Term ends on	Wednesday 23/10/24
<i>October holiday</i>	Thursday 24/10/24 – Friday 1/11/24
<i>Inset Days</i>	Thursday 24/10/24 and Friday 25/10/24
Term 2	
Term starts	Monday 4/11/2024
Term ends on	Friday 20/12/24
<i>Christmas holiday:</i>	Monday 23/12/24 – Friday 03/01/2025
Term 3	
Term starts	Monday 06/01/25
Term ends on	Friday 14/02/25
<i>February holiday:</i>	Monday 17/02/25 – Friday 21/02/25
Term 4	
Term starts	Monday 24/02/25
Term ends on	Friday 4/4/25
<i>Easter holiday:</i>	Monday 7/04/2025 – Monday 21/04/25
Term 5	
Term starts	Tuesday 22/5/25
Term ends on	Friday 23/5/25
<i>May holiday</i>	Monday 26/05/25 – Friday 30/05/25
Term 6	
Term starts	Monday 02/06/25
Term ends on	Friday 18/07/2025
<i>Inset Days</i>	Monday 21/07/2025 and Tuesday 22/07/2025

### Dates for your diary

Sports Day – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024 – **Parents invited from 12pm**

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

Year R Trip - June – Date to be Confirmed

Frozen Show – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Curriculum Showcase – 2.45pm Tues 16<sup>th</sup> July

Volunteer Tea – 1.30pm Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly – 2.30pm – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Water fight KS2 – After school Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Inset Days 2023- 2024 – 22<sup>nd</sup> July and 23<sup>rd</sup> July

**DATES 2024**

Ice Cream Friday  
**MAY**  
 3 / 10 / 17 / 24

**JUNE**  
 7 / 14 / 28

**JULY**  
 5 / 12 / 19

Sports Day  
 ice-creams  
**FRIDAY 21 JUNE**

Summer Disco  
**THURS 18 JULY**

Bag2School  
 Collections  
**Dates to follow**

Colour Run  
**SEPT 2024 (TBC)**