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Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter

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'Be the Best We Can Be'

May 24th 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Half term is here and it has arrived quickly! This week, we have had an in-depth inspection on Early Reading and KS2 Guided Reading from an external Inspector. Our children shone as always and they were articulate, bright and full of praise for the Read Write Inc and Master Reader Schemes that we have in place. This very much aligns with our Year 6s and their attitude towards reading within their SATs last week. We are very proud of how well our children learn to read at Ashford Hill and we look forward to working on some further key actions over the coming months.

The results of the colouring competition, run by Antler Homes (the new build estate opposite), were announced on Monday, during assembly. The overall winner of the competition was Billee from Year 4. She will have her artwork displayed at the show home!



Other winners were:

Ariah – Year R, Adrinna – Year 1, Henry – Year 2, Jack – Year 5 and Grace – Year 6. All of our winners were awarded with a £20 Smiggle voucher cutesy of Antler Homes and also all entrants were given their very own goody bag.

We enjoyed a visit over to the site to collect our prizes! The children loved looking around the show home and behaved impeccably. 'This is my dream home,' exclaimed one of our year 2s.



We have now started our Frozen rehearsals and we are already amazed at the talent that we have in the room! JJ came and started with a whole school rehearsal of the key numbers on Tuesday and we have begun setting the show. It is sure to be wonderful and not to be missed. If you have not booked tickets, please do so as soon as possible as tickets will go on sale to the general public and there will not be spare seats on hold.

It is advisable for children to practice at home to ensure that they can be the very best that they can be. This will also help their confidence when it comes to performing on stage. The more practice that they have, means that words and dances are committed to muscle memory, meaning that not even the biggest case of nerves can interfere with what they know and can do. The links to all of the songs are below. Please ensure that children are looking at these especially the leading characters.

<https://www.ashfordhillprimary.co.uk/page/?title=School+Performances&pid=57>

<https://www.sctridgewood.com/services-7>

After half term we will be sending home costume lists for the children as soon as possible as we know that the show date will come around in no time!

If you would like to see a few shots from the first rehearsal, please click on the picture below.



During the half term, there will be a lot of work going on in the school library as we are reorganising books and shelving, and it will be undergoing a large paint job! We are so excited to see what this looks like on our return. This will also mean that we can continue to implement our accelerated reader scheme to ensure that it is supporting the progress of all of our children. I cannot wait to share the outcome with you.

Sports day is also just around the corner on Friday 21st June. We will be inviting all families to join us for the afternoon. Gates will be open from 12pm for a whole school family picnic followed by races (and plentiful cheering and encouragement from the sidelines). This is one of our favourite events of the year and we are looking forward to sharing it with you.

Thank you for your patience with our waterlogged entrance this week and to those of you who have reported the leak. We have done the same this week and are hoping for this to be resolved by the water company over the next few days.

We hope that you have a wonderful week and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 3rd June when Hornbeam Class will be off on their adventures to the Isle of Wight.

Kirsty Kingham
Principal

Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
94.6	96	97.1	97.6	97.3	96.3	82	95.3
Well done to everyone.							

Author Visit

Kerry McIntosh will be visiting us to share her book "Rory Green, Secret Agent to the Queen". She will be reading an excerpt from her book, answering questions and signing books for the children.

It is such an exciting opportunity for children as they learn about how authors work. They are sure to be inspired by Kerry and her creativity. Children often like to read the books that an author has spoken about following these events. Kerry will be bringing plenty of copies with her and they can be purchased for £6.99 and she will even sign them!

A payment of £6.99 has been added to your school money account. If you think your child would like to take a signed book home, please pay for this before the day. If you do not want to take this opportunity, simply leave the item unpaid and we will remove it soon after Kerry's visit. There will also be the opportunity to purchase a book after the event if your child comes home inspired.

If you wish to purchase more than one book, please contact the school office to organise this.

We look forward to meeting Kerry on Monday 10th June for this special assembly.

Healthy lunchboxes



Sunscreen, Hats and Water

As the weather has started to turn, please can you apply sunscreen to children before school and make sure that they have hats and a water bottle for the school day. Children are able to fill up their water bottles throughout the day if they are thirsty.

Special D-Day Lunch 6th June

Thursday 6th June marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Hampshire County Council Education Catering are providing a special menu that day in recognition of this anniversary.

Meat Option: Fish, Chips and Mushy Peas to celebrate the role that fishermen had during WW2 on D-Day and what is now a British tradition

Veg Option: Homity Pie- a potato, cheese and pastry pie that was a WW2 staple.

Roast dinner that week will be moved to the Friday.



Brigade Discount Code

Our School uniform suppliers Brigade are offering a 15% discount on all orders from Saturday 1st June – Monday 3rd June. This is their biggest discount of the year! Use code **FINAL24** when checking out.

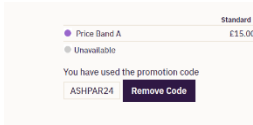
Frozen Tickets

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. Circle tickets will not be released until all of the stall seats are sold - please do not leave this too late. **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.**

Ice Cream Fridays



They are back! Starting on 3rd 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!

Nut Free School

Just a reminder that we are a nut free school. We do have children in school with nut allergies. Please do not send any products in lunch boxes that contain nuts. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

		
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<i>Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead</i> (DSL)	<i>Vice Principal and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</i> (DDSL)	<i>Class Teacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</i> (DDSL)

Dates for your diary

Sports Day – Friday 21st June 2024 – **Parents invited from 12pm**

Y5/6 Residential Trip - 3rd – 7th June 2024

Year R and Year 1 – Beale Park Trip -14 June

Frozen Show – Thursday 11th July

Curriculum Showcase – 2.45pm Tues 16th July

Volunteer Tea – 1.30pm Friday 19th July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly – 2.30pm – Friday 19th July

Water fight KS2 – After school Friday 19th July

Inset Days 2023- 2024 – 22nd July and 23rd 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)