



Integrity – Determination - Community

Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter

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'Be the Best We Can Be'

June 7th 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Ice cream Friday brings a joyful close to the first week back and what a week it has been! This week, the children are back and the sun is finally starting to show it's face. Hornbeam class have had the best time on the Isle of Wight as they have navigated their way through escape rooms, climbing walls, many activities and enjoyed a great big splashing game in the sea soaking all of us from head to toe!

This was the first time away from home for many of our children but they shone as they worked hard and played hard throughout the week. I was lucky enough to join them for most of the week and take part in all of the activities; all of our children demonstrated that they were an absolute credit to both the school and their families as they showed resilience, determination and a great sense of humour. As I write this newsletter, the children are on the Ferry over the Solent – apparently, they have just seen two of their parents pass by on a sailing boat enroute to France (it could only happen at Ashford Hill)!

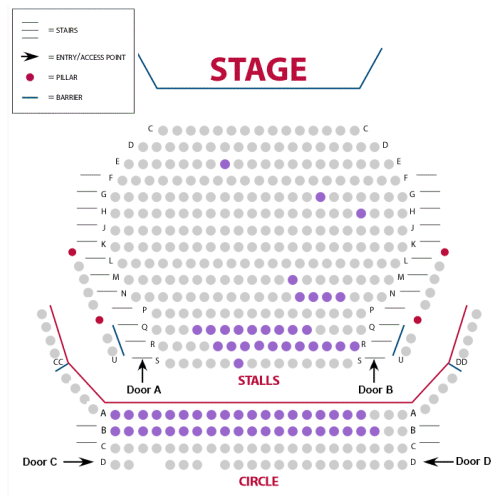
These residential events cannot happen without the dedication of our wonderful staff team, so a huge thank you to Mr Dixon, Mrs Avery and Mrs Walker for accompanying the children on the trip and leaving their families for the week too. I am sure that all participants will have a very good sleep tonight (and for most of the weekend). Next week the children will share their experiences in the newsletter and share some photographs of the trip with you too.

Back at school, the younger children have been working hard and our year 3 and 4 girls football team have been out and about showing that they are champions. Thank you, Mr Walker, for the lovely photograph below. It has been excellent to see so many of our children out and about representing our school this year.



Early next week we will be sending home Frozen Jr costume lists. The lists include many things that you should have at home already to make this cost efficient. If you need help sourcing any items please do let the admin team know and they will be able to help you.

Tickets have now been put onto public release and these (purple) are the final tickets remaining for the show. We do not have any further reserved seats for the school so please book as soon as possible to ensure that you are not disappointed.



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

Sports' Day is just around the corner on the 21st June. Parents will be invited to join us for a picnic from 12pm. Please bring your own picnic and blankets/chairs; children will be able to order a picnic meal from the kitchen that day. Races will begin a 1pm and will normally be finished around 3pm. Children will be able to leave with their adults once Sports' Day is finished.

This week has also seen a huge difference to the school library. Our plans are starting to come together after a long time in the making and it looks fantastic – the smell of fresh paint fills the air. We can not wait to share photographs with you once the restacking of the shelves has happened. We are looking forward to having a cool, calm library and extra teaching space at the hub of our school!

Kirsty Kingham
Principal

Attendance

| Attendance % (whole school target 97%) | | | | | | | |
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| Whole School | YR | Y1 | Y2 | Y3 | Y4 | Y5 | Y6 |
| 96.3 | 99 | 100 | 100 | 98.7 | 96.9 | 89.3 | 90 |
| Well done Y1 and Y2 children for being in every day. Amazing attendance this week!! Well done to everyone. | | | | | | | |

Picnic Box

Please note amendment to the Picnic box.

Monday – Cheese Wrap
Tuesday – Ham Baguette
Wednesday - Tuna Bap
Thursday - Cheese Baguette
Friday - Cheese and Ham Wrap

Safeguarding

It has come to our attention recently that many children have seen age-inappropriate content on YouTube channels. This may be down to incorrect searches, clicking links that are unknown or several other reasons. Huggy Wuggy has been mentioned around school- this is a character from a horror type clip and although seemingly harmless, contains content that is not appropriate for young children. It is important to supervise children while they are using platforms such as YouTube and look at search histories regularly. In the new school year we will be looking to invite parents to an internet safety meeting which support parents and teachers to further understand the risks online for our children. We will bring you details of this in September. Please click on the link to see further information regarding Huggy Wuggy Bear and advice regarding the use of the internet.

<https://saferschoolsni.co.uk/huggy-wuggy-online-safety-review/>

Author Visit – Monday 10th June

Kerry McIntosh will be visiting us on Monday to share her book “Rory Green, Secret Agent to the Queen”. We have already had 30 orders for books. If you would like to place and order for your child to bring home a copy, please do this through your school money account. Children will bring home a signed copy on the day.

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.

Links to Frozen Material for Practice

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>

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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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| Mrs Kirsty Kingham | Miss C Hudson | Mr B Dixon |
| <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

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 |
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| 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) |