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Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter

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'Be the Best We Can Be'

July 7th 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

The weeks seem to be just flying by. This week we welcomed in our new year R children on the first of their transition days in year R. It was so lovely to see them settle into their play really quickly and it was exciting to think of them joining us next year.

On Wednesday afternoon we welcomed some pre-school children to look at the collaborative art project that they had made alongside other nursery children. Our Frozen cast gave them a very special (even if a little bit wet) performance on the playground. Here is a picture of the project led by our year 6s. The children enjoyed spotting their own handprints on our wall. Thank you to all of those children who stayed on after school to run the event and perform.



Next week there will be several events happening in school. Frozen is in it's final week of rehearsal so Year 2-6 will be very busy polishing the performance next week. Thank you so much for sending in costumes and to the parents offering a helping hand throughout the week, whether it be ironing, making props or sewing; it makes all the difference. We also have some animals visiting the rest of our children in year 1 and year R on Thursday to enhance their learning about animals and their environment. I look forward to sharing photographs of this with you next week.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and hope that the sun is shining.

Kirsty Kingham
Principal

Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
97	92.5	98.6	99.4	100	97.5	94.7	97.6
Well done Yr3 100% attendance this week.							

Frozen Jr Plans

As you can imagine, events such as this take many hours and months of planning and it is totally worth it for what the children gain from the experience. Please take time to read through the information below and if you have any questions regarding the day or before the day, please do not hesitate to ask.

Plea for Final Props

If you have any of the following items at home, please could we borrow them for next week – from Monday would be fantastic. These are the final bits we need...

- Swords (toy!) and sword belt/cover.
- Crown (for a king)
- Torches (old black plastic)

[Extra Rehearsal – Sunday 7th July 2024 10-4pm \(Lead Characters – Parents Already Aware\)](#)

The rehearsal will start at 10am. Please drop your children to reception in their own clothes and comfortable shoes. They will need to bring a packed lunch, snacks for the day and plenty of water. Please also apply sunscreen as they will be having breaks outside. The day will end at 4pm. Thank you for making your children available on this day. There will be enough staff to run the day but if you would like to stay for a while, you are more than welcome otherwise, please enjoy some free time and wait for the full impact of the show on the day.

[On the Day – Thurs 11th July](#)

Here is some information about the day itself:

- Children to arrive at school at the normal time
- They will be transported to the theatre at around 10.00 by coach (children who require microphones will be taken by minibus to the theatre at 9am)

- Children will take all costumes with them and they will bring these home at the end of the evening. Please return anything that has been borrowed on the Friday to school.
- They will eat their first packed lunch at the theatre
- Technical and Dress Rehearsals
- Eat their second packed lunch
- 5.30pm show starts
- 6.45pm - children to be picked up from the stage door, All children must be picked up from the stage door of the Haymarket Theatre at the end of the event.

Children will require two disposable packed lunches and a water bottle – no squash or fizzy drinks please. Please provide these in carrier bags as we will not be able to store any lunchboxes due to the space available to us in the theatre.

Audience Members

We cannot wait to share this with you.

- Tickets purchased via Anvil Arts Website – we have 40 seats left – please ensure you book as they tend to fly out quite quickly at the end.
- Theatre opens from 4.30pm
- Auditorium opens at 5pm to take seats
- 5.30pm Show starts
- Approximately 6.45/7pm show ends
- Children to be collected from the stage door – please only send one adult to collect them from the stage door at the end.

iRock Assembly



The children had a special assembly this morning, led by Rory White from iRock School of Music. He sang and played songs on the electric guitar and showcased the different instruments which can be learnt in iRock music lessons. He then put together a four-piece band who learnt how to play the opening bars to We Will Rock You by Queen. The children and adults thoroughly enjoyed it. Your child will be coming home with a letter detailing how you can sign them

up to have band lessons in school. We require a minimum of 15 children to sign up to make it viable for the company to come into school, so if your child would like lessons, please do sign them up for this fantastic opportunity.



Primary Proms at The Anvil, Basingstoke

A small number of children went with Miss Hudson and Mrs Walker to The Anvil theatre in Basingstoke on Tuesday afternoon to watch the Hampshire Music Service Primary Prom. We were treated to music from all over the world played by the Winchester Youth Orchestra, Basingstoke Area Percussion Ensemble and Portchester, Gosport, and Fareham Youth Brass Bands. We really enjoyed the experience especially the incredibly loud and energetic Samba music.



Request for Donations for Early Years

Over the summer, we will be developing the Early Years classroom environment to incorporate a more natural feel and are looking for donations over the coming weeks. If you have any of the following at home, that you no longer need, please bring them to the office for the attention of Miss Hudson.

- Small fairy lights (battery or mains powered)
- Pallets
- Wooden washing pegs
- Hessian
- Wooden cable drums
- Small wooden crates
- Picture frames
- Logs that could be cut into discs (between 5cm and 20cm diameter)
- Different length and diameter branches
- Trellis
- Twine or string

- Placemats (bamboo/woven/natural materials)

Please check back each week for what else we may still need.

Many thanks for your continued support.

PTA Summer Disco



To book tickets for the disco, visit: [Summer Disco \(sumupstore.com\)](https://sumupstore.com) Please return a paper form if your child has any dietary requirements.

Year 6 – Sats Treat

Mr Dixon is currently planning this event and will be in contact with the Year 6 parents once he has finalised plans.

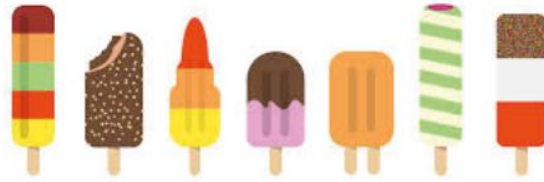
Clubs

There will be no Fun Fitness next week due to the show. There will be no teacher led clubs in the last week of term. New clubs will be shared in early September for children to sign up to next year. Thank you to all of our teachers for providing these clubs in their own time this year.

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 **named water bottle** for the school day. Children are able to fill up their water bottles throughout the day if they are thirsty.

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.

		
Mrs Kirsty Kingham	Miss C Hudson	Mr B Dixon
<i>Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead</i>	<i>Vice Principal and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</i>	<i>Class Teacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</i>
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Dates for your diary

Frozen Show – Thursday 11th July

Curriculum Showcase – 2.45pm Tues 16th July

Volunteer Tea – 1.30pm Friday 19th July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly – **2.15pm** – Friday 19th July

Water fight KS2 – **3pm Friday 19th July**

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