



Integrity – Determination - Community

Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter

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'Be the Best We Can Be'

July 13th 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, what a successful week this has been for Ashford Hill Primary School... Full of jubilation, nerves, friendship, hard work and pure joy! I am hoping that this continues for us all on Sunday as England play in the Finals of the Euros.

Our week started with the news that our Year 6 cohort have achieved a set of fantastic SATS results. They have worked extremely hard to improve their scores and secure their understanding of some extremely complex content over their time at primary school. As part of our school improvement plan, we were really focused upon having the highest of expectations of our children in order for them to achieve the very best that they can both academically and personally. This set of results exemplifies that the highest of expectations and a culture of nurture and integrity lead to success on many levels for our children.

KS2 2023-2024	Ashford Hill Primary School		Nationally 2024	
	Age Related Expectations	Working above Age Related Expectations	Age Related Expectations and Above	Working above Age Related Expectations
Reading	82%	64%	74%	28%
Writing	71%	35%	72%	13%
Maths	82%	47%	73%	24%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	76%	41%	72%	32%
Combined Reading Writing and Maths	71%	23%	61%	13%

You will see that we have achieved at least the national average in all areas and exceeded them in the majority. I would like to draw your attention particularly to the working above age related expectation/ Greater depth percentages – they are excellent and credit to both the hard work of the children and all of the teachers who have played a part in their education throughout their time at Ashford Hill. Thank you to Mr Dixon and the talented LSA team for the work that they have done to enable these very strong results.

In other areas of the school, we also have a very pleasing picture for our statutory assessments.

EYFS – Foundation Stage Performance Data 2023-2024	Ashford Hill Primary School 2024	Nationally 2023
% of children who attained GLD	90%	67%

Phonics Performance Data 2023-2024	Ashford Hill Primary School 2024	Nationally 2023
Year 1 - % if children meeting threshold	93%	79%
Year 2 - % of children meeting threshold	92%	

Although statutory testing is not compulsory or recorded by the Department for Education this year, the majority of schools (including ourselves), decided to engage with the testing. This enables us to use results to fill gaps and ensure that our curriculum is suitable for our children. As you can see below, this also shows that we are in an extremely strong position at the end of Key Stage 1. This also shows what strong start our children get off to and an large improvement on last year for us.

KS1 2023-2024	Ashford Hill Primary School 2023		Nationally 2023
	Age Related Expectations	Working above Age Related Expectations	Age Related Expectations
Reading	94%	44%	68%
Writing	88%	25%	60%
Maths	88%	38%	70%

All of the information that we gain from assessment help us to look strategically at our aims for next year. Next year, one of our priorities will be around our writing curriculum.

It was Frozen Fever this week as we geared up towards Thursday's show. Our super kitchen team, started the week with Frozen themed biscuits to get us all in the mood. They were eaten very quickly indeed. On Wednesday afternoon, the year R and year 1 children proved to be the very best audiences as we did our final run in the hall; they were mesmerised from start to finish.



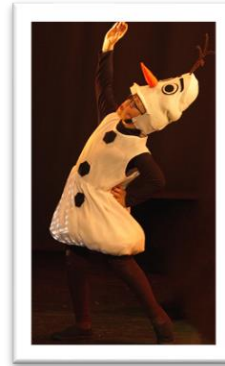
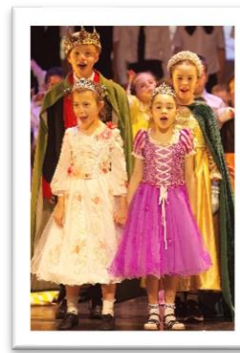
Thursday was the big day - our children were a credit to us from the moment they got to the theatre until the moment they were reunited with their parents at the stage door; we had many compliments about their attitude and behaviour from the theatre staff. They took everything in their stride and provided us all with a spectacular show. It was so pleasing to see a sea of families and friends in the audience as the children took to the stage and it was wonderful to be a community together celebrating the talents that we have within our school. Every child should be extremely proud of

what they achieved and how hard they worked which ended in one of the loudest encores that I have ever heard!



Thank you to every single person involved in the show, from ironing, to 3D crafting a giant snowman, it was a real team effort. It really is the community that makes a place like Ashford Hill and it was amazing to feel us all join together in the final week and produce an utterly outstanding show.

Mr Taylor (who came back from Safari especially) and Mr Quant have photographed the show and will be creating the photobooks that we were able to sell last year. A form has already been sent out for parents to pre-order their copy. Please ensure that you have filled this in as we order in one batch. We are unable to add to the order after the closing date. Each book is £15 and a real keepsake for many years to come. Here is a sneak peek at some of the photographs. Apparently, there are over 6000 others to be edited!



Congratulations to all that were involved in the show and thank you to everyone involved in pulling it together over the last few weeks: A triumph.

It is at this point that I must extend a huge thank you to our school team (admin, site, teaching, kitchen team) for the relentless improvements that they are implementing with good humour, dedication and a real team spirit. Community is the very essence of our school.

There is a bitter-sweet end to the year this year as two of our team will be moving on to pastures new. Mrs Walker, who has been here for many years, will be going to complete her teacher training nearer to home. She is the most fantastic teacher and we know that this is the right next step for her. Her talents, kindness and humour will be missed by all of us along with her baking skills. Good luck Mrs Walker as you move on to a bright future in education.

We found out this week that Mrs Pickthall will also be saying goodbye to us at the end of the term. Her husband has a new posting and she will be relocating too many miles away from us. We are all very sad to see her go. Her dedication to the children and her support for every single member of the team was commendable. We wish her luck as she relocates her family over August and we hope that she comes back to visit as soon as she can.

I hope you have a lovely weekend – I am now off to see my own daughter's school show for the fourth time this week to experience that same feeling of pride I saw in your faces at the theatre on Thursday evening – I wish we could bottle that as parents!

Kirsty Kingham
Principal



Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
97.1	99	95	97.5	98.7	97.5	96	95.3
Attendance for this week.							

iRock and Singing Lessons for September

Please ensure that you have signed up to both singing lessons and iRock lessons before the end of term.

Reports

Reports were sent home yesterday- we hope that you enjoy reading about your child's achievements this year. Please complete the reply slip to confirm that you have read the report and if you have any questions then please do let us know.

Next Week

It is due to be a very busy week next week.

Tuesday:

Year 6 SATs treat – Mr Dixon will be in touch regard the organisation of this trip.

Curriculum Showcase – an opportunity for the children to share their work with you from over the year ahead. This will begin at 2.45pm. You can take your children and their books home once you have looked at their work.

Thursday:

PTA: End of Year Disco After School

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

Friday:

1.30pm – Volunteer Tea (A thank you from us)

2.15pm – Year 6 Leavers assembly

3pm – Teacher and Student Race followed by the water fight

3.25pm – School closed for Summer Break

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.

Come and join our Music Mayhem Summer Activity Days

Join us for three days of music and fun this summer! With opportunities to try new instruments and learn new skills and working with others to create songs and even form a rock band!

We have lots of instrumental workshops over the three days including samba, music production, woodwind, strings and a Rock2theBeat workshop with guitar, bass and drums!

Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th August 2024
9.30am to 4.00pm each day

Suitable for Years 3 - 8 (as at September 2023)
The Kings School Fair Oak
Fair Oak SO50 7DB

£90 for the three days

Scan the QR Code to Sign up. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis as these are limited.

Hampshire County Council
www.hants.gov.uk/hms

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.

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>(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 – 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