



Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter

September 20th 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday was a whole field full of laughter and joy as the colour run kicked off with a puff of colour. The laughter could be heard from miles around and it was fantastic to see such a successful event so early in the year with many families in attendance!

Our PTA is one of the strengths of the school. Mrs Day and the team, along with Jimineys Pre-school, worked relentlessly to run the event and their efforts certainly paid off. It was touch and go with the thunderstorm mid afternoon- but the sun shone just in time. Thank you to all of the volunteers and team who were able to bring our community together. We cannot wait to show you all of the differences that the fundraising has made to our school... we are still waiting to unveil the library which is now in it's final stages of completion! Here are some of the fantastic pictures from the afternoon.



Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
97.8	100	100	94.7	99.3	100	99.4	91.3
What a fantastic Attendance for R, Y1 and Y4 this week.							

Homework - spellings

On Friday your children will have brought home their spelling sheets. These are statutory spellings that should be learned throughout each key stage. They have been broken down into half terms and we would love for you to practice each of the 15 spellings within their half term slots. Teachers will be assessing knowledge of these spellings through our read write inc. spelling lessons, in English lessons and within the children's writing across the curriculum. They may also test children on these spellings throughout the term in low a stakes quiz. Spellings run along side the times table rock star/Numbots homework and daily reading.

Teachers will explain further and answer any questions that you may have about homework in the Meet The Teacher sessions on Wednesday this week.

Wednesday 25th Sept – 6.30pm Parent Volunteer Meeting

If you would like to volunteer any time this year to work with our children or support in other areas of the school – please come along to our meeting. This is a safeguarding based meeting to ensure that everyone who is around school understands the safeguarding protocols and aware of the strategies and observations that help to keep our children safe.

Wednesday 25th Sept – 7pm Meet the Teacher Evening

Teachers will invite you into their classrooms on this evening to talk to you about the curriculum that your children will be covering this year, homework and classroom routines. They will also share with you how to help your children at home and the opportunities that are open to our students this year. This is also a great opportunity to meet your teacher and ask any questions that you may have. Each meeting will be approx 30 mins so if you have a child in two classes, you will be able to visit each teacher.

Year 7 Applications

Over the next week we will be sending out the information about applying for a secondary school place. Please keep an eye out in your email box as it is vital that these applications are completed in good time. If your children are attending any open days at other schools, please ensure that you email admin@ashfordhill.hants.sch.uk to ensure that this is logged with our admin team and does not affect your child's attendance percentage.

Open Days – New Year R intake for 2025

Our open days for the new Year R intake for 2025:

Mon 7th Oct 2-3pm
Wed 9th Oct 7-8pm
Fri 11th Oct 2-3pm
Mon 25th Nov 10.30-11.30am

Please share these dates far and wide as we would love to share our fantastic school and community with a big cohort next year.

Student Leaders

Last week we announced all of our student leadership roles for the year ahead. Student Leadership is an integral part of our school culture and supporting children to see their own impact on the world is of the utmost importance to us. Every one of our year 6 children applied to become a student leader and this was so pleasing to see. We also have new librarians, young leaders and a new school council – we will share these with you over the coming weeks.

Head Students	Jack and Ava-Lily
Digital Leaders	Will and Naomi
EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion champions)	Austin and Olivia
Sports Ambassadors	Olly and Cora
Team Captains	Naomi, Esme, George B, Brody, George L, Will, Logan, Eli
Young Leader Coaches	George L, Eli, George B

School Photos: 30th September

Next Monday brings the school photos. We will remind you nearer the time in order to give you some warning for hair gel and bunches! Please ensure that your child wears full school uniform and not PE kit on this day - PE kit can be brought to school in a bag on this day.

Headlice in School

A case of head lice has been detected in school. Please help prevent the spread by checking your child(ren) daily for the next few weeks, thank you.

iRock lessons

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their first iRock lessons this week; Charlie, the band coach has been teaching the bands to play My Hero by Foo Fighters & Never Gonna Give You Up by Rick Astley.



Book Fair

Due to its success last year, we will be running the book fair in November again this year. More details will be shared closer to the time.

Christmas Card Design Project

After running a fantastic Christmas Card Design Project last year we have decided to take part again this year. The project aims to encourage pupil creativity while raising money for school. Your child has been creating their own masterpiece which can be printed as Christmas cards, mugs, wrapping paper or gift labels. Last year's commission went towards buying some of the hessian for the display boards in school.

Your child's artwork and their unique order form and code will be coming home next week. The orders are made online and the artwork form will need to be back in school on Monday 7 October.

We hope as many of you as possible will choose to order the wonderful items for Christmas and help raise funds for our school.

Bubble Church



Hello my name is Patrick Taylor I am the churchwarden for St Paul's Church in Ashford Hill. I am writing to you with regard to our plans to introduce Bubble Church to St Paul's.

Bubble Church is aimed primarily at children of up to 7 years and their families. It is a free, puppet-packed, Jesus-centred, coffee-and-croissant-fuelled, 25-30 minute kids and families adventure. Families are invited to come to at St. Paul's for a simple breakfast offering, e.g. a croissant and a coffee, then you are guided to your family 'bubble' in the middle of the church, and then share in 30 mins of games, song, story, puppets, and prayer.

You can get a feel for what it is like by watching this linked video

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We are planning to launch Bubble Church on either Sunday 13th or 20th October – still provisional dates. Doors will open at 9:00am for the croissant and coffee offering – all completely free - and the service will start at 9:30am. Until the end of this year, we will run Bubble Church once a month. Thereafter, we might increase the frequency if there are sufficient numbers of people wanting to come and if we have sufficient volunteers to help with the running of the services.

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 another child or your own, please do not hesitate to contact one of our Safeguarding Leads.

This year our Designated Safeguarding Lead Team are as follows:

		
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>
<i>(DSL)</i>	<i>(DDSL)</i>	<i>(DDSL)</i>

Dates for your diary

25th Sept – 6.30 Parent Volunteer Safeguarding Meeting and 7pm Meet the teacher evening for all parents to attend.

30th September - School Photographs (school Uniform)

Friday 18th October – Harvest Festival 9.30am Confirmed date

15th and 17th October – Virtual Parents Evening

24th and 25th October – Inset Days

28th – 1st November - Half Term

10th December – Whole school trip to Pantomime

11th pm and 12th am December - Nativity Performance

18th December – Christmas Lunch and Parties

19th December – 2.45pm Curriculum Showcase for Parents

20th June- Sports' Day

3rd July – Oliver! Jr Performance at the Haymarket Theatre (year 2-6)

Struggling with Fractions, Decimals, and Percentages?



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Multiply is here to help! Join our **FREE online session** designed to boost your skills and confidence. Whether you want to assist with your child's homework or apply these skills in everyday life, we've got you covered.

Course Highlights

- Understand the language of fractions, explore equivalent and mixed number fractions, and learn to find fractions of whole amounts.
- Discover how fractions relate to percentages and master finding percentages of a whole amount.
- Learn to relate decimals to place value with ease
- Receive a FREE Maths like Ninja book for attending the session online

Date & time: 27th September 2024, 10:00-12:00hrs

Location: Online via a Teams Link

Eligibility

Adults over 19 who lack numeracy confidence.

How to Book

Refresh your knowledge and make math simple and fun.

Sign up today using the QR code or link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/C2Pfqy2QmT>

