



Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter

October 4th 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had an extremely busy week at Ashford Hill; the children looked fabulous for their photographs on Monday and they have now completely settled in to their new classrooms and with their new teachers. We have been so impressed with the work that the children are producing and were extremely proud to be able to show our Trustees around this week.

On Tuesday, we had a visit from three Trustees, the CEO and Director of Education from Thames Learning Trust. They reviewed our Safeguarding Culture, SEN provision, Behaviour and Attitudes to learning, Staff Professional Development and the quality of our teaching and learning. I am pleased to say just how impressed they were with our wonderful school. They said that the children clearly loved their school and wanted to work hard to be the best they can be. Feedback was extremely positive and we were praised for all of the hard work we have done to have the school in the position that it is right now. This is a huge compliment to all of our community, especially our staff and children.

Next week we have our open afternoons and evening for the 2025 cohort of Year R children. Please share our details with anyone that you know who may be interested. It is so important for us to have high level of children coming in to ensure the success of our school.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing everyone on the gate on Monday morning.

Kirsty Kingham

Principal

Attendance

| Attendance % (whole school target 97%) | | | | | | | |
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| Whole School | YR | Y1 | Y2 | Y3 | Y4 | Y5 | Y6 |
| 98.1 | 94.3 | 100 | 92 | 100 | 100 | 98.1 | 99.3 |
| What a fantastic Attendance for Y1, Y3 and Y4 this week. | | | | | | | |

UK Health Security Agency **NHS**

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

| | Until... |
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| Chickenpox | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over |
| Diarrhoea and Vomiting | 48 hours after their last episode |
| Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19) | they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19. |
| Impetigo | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics |
| Measles | 4 days after the rash first appeared |
| Mumps | 5 days after the swelling started |
| Scabies | they've had their first treatment |
| Scarlet Fever | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics |
| Whooping Cough | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics |

No
but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

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| Hand, foot and mouth | Glandular fever |
| Head lice | Tonsillitis |
| Threadworms | Slapped cheek |

QR code: SCAN ME
Advice and guidance
 To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.

Curriculum Maps

At the meet the teacher evening our curriculum Map was shared. If you would like to see what the children are taught in each class please click the link below and it will take you to their class curriculum coverage. If you do have any questions about our curriculum, please do ask your teacher. We are currently in cycle A.

<https://www.ashfordhillprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=35>

Christmas Card Design Project

Thank you for everyone who has returned their children's artwork and made orders. Just a reminder that orders need to be made online and then the artwork form needs to be back in school on Monday 7 October. If we don't have the artwork unfortunately, any orders you make will not be processed.

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

Parents' Evening

Tues 15th October and Thurs 17th October

This year, Parents' Evenings will be virtual however, there will be plenty of opportunity to come into school and for you to share your children's work with them. These 'Moment to Share' Events will happen termly and the dates can be found at the end of the newsletter (**19th December – 2.45pm Moment to Share for Parents**). Parent's Evening appointment bookings will be released on Monday evening. We are using a different online bookings system so look out for an email showing you how to log in and book your slots. Please let the admin team know if you need any support in booking on this system.

Lunchtimes

This week we have made a shift to family dining in the hall. Family dining is a wonderful way for our children to mix together during social time and to eat with one another. Every table has a member of each year group on and is led by an upper school child. It has been wonderful to watch children talking together to unpick the question of the day as they wait to have their lunch and it has been heartwarming to see older children supporting younger children to use their cutlery well and help them to support their discussion with their own opinions. At the end of the lunch session children discuss what they are grateful for and some will even share this with the whole school. We are in the early stages and are tweaking the routines as we go.

We are also looking into lunchtime activities for the children and a group of young leaders have already come up with a super plan to make sure that our children have lots to do during this time. I will let the young leaders update you over the next few weeks with their ideas.


Frozen Photo Books

This week we have selected the wonderful photos to go into the Frozen books and the art work has begun. We are so grateful to everyone involved in creating these books from photos to pulling it all together. We should have these arriving late next week and will let you know as soon as they are in school.

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:

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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

Friday 18th October – Harvest Festival 9.30am Confirmed date

15th and 17th October – Virtual Parents Evening

21st October – PTA AGM – School Hall at 6.30pm

23rd October – Halloween Disco 3.30pm – 5pm

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

Summer Fayre and Car Show - TBC

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

Reading FC- Schools and Grassroots Scheme returns for 2024-25 Season

Ashford Hill Primary School have been invited to Reading Football Club's 1st Schools and Grassroots Fixture of 2024-25!

When?

Reading vs Crawley Town
Saturday 19th October, 12.30pm kick off

Where?

Select Car Leasing Stadium

How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?

To redeem, please visit <https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the following unique coupon code: #AshfordHillPrimary in the basket once you have

logged in and selected your tickets which will be discounted to the below prices:

13 and Under: £1

17 and Under: £3

18 to 24: £5

65 and over: £5

Adult: £10

How many tickets can we purchase?

There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique code.

Important! This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand. Coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off.