



Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter



October 18th 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many families at the Harvest festival today. The children shone as always and it is great to hear the return of Cauliflowers fluffy and the Harvest Samba filling the church so beautifully. The children performed with confidence and humour and there were so many smiles of proud parents and teachers to be seen. A big thank you to the church volunteers for helping to set up and run the service.

Thank you also for all of your kind donations to the food bank. Our student leaders will be delivering to the food bank on Monday. They were extremely grateful for your generosity.

We have had some fabulous feedback from a parent this week that I am pleased to share with you.

Dear Mrs Kingham,

We have just returned from our first parents evening at Bishop Challoner and wanted to share some of the feedback with you. The tutor told us how amazingly well our son has settled in and how he's made lots of new friends. All his teachers commented on his positive attitude to learning and his exceptional behaviour. But his tutor was blown away by his and his Ashford Hill friend's manners! She told us how the bus was late one day and instead of barging into tutor late like most boys would, they knocked the door and waited for her to open the door, they apologised and explained why they were late. She said they both always say hello to her and are so polite! She said Ashford Hill Primary School must be some amazing school and that you should know how fantastic these boys are and how impressed she is with them. I said I would pass on her words as I thought you'd love to hear them!

This is high praise indeed and just shows how well our students are doing as they move onto the next stage of their education. We are so proud of them all.

There is one week left until the holidays and it has been an extremely full half term of learning and events. As we enter into our third year of operating as a new school and part of the Thames Learning Trust, we will enter the Ofsted window. This will mean that our visit from the team will happen at any point from the 1st November; this may happen quite quickly. We are currently pulling everything together to let our school shine and show the progress that we have made since the last inspection. I am so proud of our team and children and everything that we have achieved as a community over the last few

years and am looking forward to sharing this with the inspection team. I am sure that you are feeling the same.

We have a wonderful school where our children thrive and to be able to share this message with the wider community will be fantastic.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Kirsty Kingham

Principal

Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
96.2	100	91.6	95.3	97.3	100	97.5	94.7
What a fantastic Attendance for YR, and Y4 this week.							

Parents' Evening

It was great to see so many parents join the online meetings for parents' evening. We really do enjoy sharing the progress and celebrating the successes of your children with you. If you have still to meet with a teacher, please contact the school office and we can arrange this for you.

Uniform Update

We have a huge selection of pre-loved school logo jumpers, cardigans and PE hoodies of all ages in the school office. Please do come and purchase any items you need throughout the year- all we ask for is for a donation towards the PTA for your items. There is a QR code in the school office to be able to pay.

For brand new items, Brigade, our uniform supplier for logo items, has a Halloween promotion:

Halloween Promotion

- Friday 25th October to Thursday 31st October inclusive
- 10% off all parent online orders with the promotion code SPOOKY10

[Home - Brigade Clothing, LTD](#)

Frozen Photo Books

These will be arriving on Monday. We have sent codes to all of those who pre ordered. However, it is not too late we still have ten books available. If you would like to purchase one of these, please follow this link <https://ashford-hill-pta.sumupstore.com/product/frozen-the-musical-photobook-pre-order>. Each photo book is £15 and they are stunning!

Christmas Artwork Project

Thank you to everyone who ordered items from the Christmas Artwork Project. So far, we have raised £171 for the school. If you would still like to make an order, it is possible – please contact the school office for more details.

PTA AGM – Monday 21st Oct at 6.30pm:

The PTA are having their AGM next week in the school hall. Please see the information below; everyone is welcome and we would love you to play a part whether big or small – everyone counts. This is an excellent opportunity to come together and continue to work together to build a community where every child thrives.

Dear Parents, Carers and School Staff

A very warm welcome from our school PTA. The PTA exists to provide closer links between home and school. It is a fun way to bring staff, parents and children together in support of a common goal. Our efforts are focused on raising money to purchase extra resources that the school needs to support our children’s education.

All parents and members of the school community can get involved in the PTA. Every year we hold an AGM. The AGM includes a report from The Chair/s & Treasurer, where you will see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used to benefit the children at our school. It is also an opportunity for you to elect the PTA Committee for the forthcoming academic year. This year the meeting will be held on Mon 21st October at 6.30pm in the school hall. Formal committee positions are Chair (or Co-Chair), Vice Chair, Treasurer & Secretary. All these positions are available to be filled plus ‘happy helper’ roles.

If you would like to stand for election or propose a candidate, please send your nominations via email to ah.pta.chair@gmail.com by the morning of Monday 21st October. Please state their name, position you are nominating them for, your name, and name of a second person who also supports the nomination.

If you would like to attend the meeting, please do come along. **Everyone is welcome.** We look forward to seeing you on Monday 21st October. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Halloween Disco – 23rd October 3.30pm – 5pm (all year groups):

Next week brings the Halloween Disco. Please keep a look out for information coming this week about the event from the PTA.

Scholastic Book Fair – 6, 7 & 8 November



Following the great success of the book fair last year, we will be running it again.

The book fair will be open on:

Wednesday 6, Thursday 7 and Friday 8 October
08:30 – 08:55, 12:30 – 13:00 and 15:15 – 16:00


Classes will also be allocated a set time during the 3 days in which to visit the fair. During this time, children will be able to write the names of the books they would like on a wish list so parents/carers can buy them during the times above. We will have a card reader so can accept card payments and you are also able to pay online by scanning the QR codes and searching for Ashford Hill Primary School. Please remember we are a cashless school so are unable to accept payments via cash.

We look forward to welcoming you to school to browse and buy some books, and hope the fair is as successful as last year.

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
Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Vice Principal and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)	Class Teacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)

From time to time we receive some excellent information from charities to support parents and children with mental health and general parenting support. These courses are excellent and very accessible. If you would like to take advantage of any of the courses advertised below, you can book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk. The sessions for Oct/Nov are detailed here.



FREE Family Fun Day at Milestones

The Multiply team are hosting a FREE family fun day at Milestones Museum in Basingstoke. Come along and join in with some maths related activities and fun challenges. After the event, you are welcome to stay and explore the museum. The event includes entrance fee into the museum and parking.

Date: Tuesday 29th October 2024
Time: 10.00-11.30am or 11.30am-1.00 pm
Venue: Milestones Museum, Basingstoke, RG22 6PG

Eligibility:
 This event is free for families who live in Hampshire and includes the museum entrance fee and parking.

Book your place NOW!
 To register your interest, use the QR code or link below
<https://forms.office.com/e/GUcFF028j>





OCT/NOV TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each
 Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

FREE SESSIONS Introduction to Facing Defiance Decreasing Depression	24 OCT 25 NOV
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	12 NOV
Anxiety Explained	14 NOV
Understanding Anger	18 NOV
Drug Awareness for Parents	19 NOV
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	21 NOV
What is ACT?	26 NOV
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC

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Monday 25th Nov 19:00 - 20:00 FREE	 <p>FREE SESSION Decreasing Depression A range of steps that can help to reduce the crippling impact of depression.</p>
Thursday 7th Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24	 <p>Supporting a Child with ADHD Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.</p>
Tuesday 12th Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24	 <p>Anxiety-Based School Avoidance Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.</p>
Monday 18th Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24	 <p>Understanding Anger: Yours and Theirs! What is anger? Why do we have it? How do we manage it in ourselves and in our children?</p>
Thursday 21st Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24	 <p>Supporting Healthy Screen Use Clarifying the difference between healthy screen use and unhealthy screen use. Addressing concerns about blue light and sedentary behaviour.</p>

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Dates for your diary

- 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 and 12th December - Nativity Performance
- 18th December – Christmas Lunch and Parties
- 19th December – 2.45pm Curriculum Showcase for Parents
- 20th December AM – iRock concerts
- 20th June- Sports' Day
- Summer Fayre and Car Show - TBC
- 3rd July – Oliver! Jr Performance at the Haymarket Theatre (year 2-6)

Sporting Events this year – many times and dates to be confirmed – we will update these for you over the coming weeks.

Date	Event	Location	Years	Timings
19 th September	Cheam Football Festival	Cheam School	2	1:30 - 3:45
14 th October	Table Tennis	Blue Coat School	5 and 6	11am - 1:30pm
TBC October	Boys' Football League v Kingsclere	TBC	5 and 6	TBC
TBC November	Girls' Football League v Kingsclere	TBC	5 and 6	TBC
TBC November	Boys' Football League v Whitechurch	TBC	5 and 6	TBC
26 th November	Netball League v St Martin's	Ashford Hill	5 and 6	3pm
5 th December	KS1 Skipping	Costello School	1 and 2	1:30 - 3pm
TBC December	Girls' Football League v Whitechurch	TBC	5 and 6	TBC
TBC December	Netball League v Kingsclere	TBC	5 and 6	TBC
14 th January	Girls' Football League v Bishopswood	Bishopswood	5 and 6	2:30pm
TBC January	Boys' Football League v Burghclere	TBC	5 and 6	TBC
5 th February	KS1 Gymnastics	Active Life Centre	1 and 2	1 - 3pm
11 th February	Cross Country	Down Grange	3, 4, 5 and 6	2pm - TBC
6 th February	Boys' Football League v St Martins	Ashford Hill	5 and 6	3:30-4pm
TBC February	Netball League v Burghclere	TBC	5 and 6	TBC
27 th Feb	Hockey	Down Grange	5 and 6	1 - 4pm
2 nd April	Athletics Festival	Active Life Centre	3 and 4	1 - 3pm
24 th June	KS1 Quad Kids Athletics	The Priory	1 and 2	1 - 3pm
14 th July	KS1 Scatterball	Park View	1 and 2	1 - 3pm