



Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter

November 8th 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy and learning filled week at Ashford Hill. Children are back in the full flow of their learning journeys and the PE lessons that I have heard this week have been purposeful and great fun since the INSET training from the week before half term.

This week we have had Jason Ewell visit us. Jason is a school improvement partner for PE. This week he has worked with Mr Walker and our Sports Ambassadors and Young Leaders to create a new playground strategy. It is our aim that children are engaged in purposeful physical activity for an hour per day. This includes half an hour at home and school each day. There will be some new initiatives making their way to you in the coming weeks about how to stay active at home also, so please look out for details from Mr Walker about this.

Our Young Leaders and Sports Ambassadors have launched their new ideas to the whole school this afternoon and we are looking forward to seeing how this goes next week. They will update you with their plan and how the first week has gone in our next newsletter.

Here is a snapshot of how the playground will be arranged and zoned with each area being led by our student leaders and lunch time team:



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

Kirsty Kingham

Principal

Attendance

| Attendance % (whole school target 97%) | | | | | | | |
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| Whole School | YR | Y1 | Y2 | Y3 | Y4 | Y5 | Y6 |
| 96.1 | 100 | 98.4 | 96.7 | 100 | 94.4 | 93.1 | 91.3 |
| What a fantastic Attendance for YR, Y3 this week. | | | | | | | |

Oliver Jr Production News

Unfortunately, the rights to perform Oliver Jr at the Haymarket Theatre have been revoked by the rights holder. This is due to the show opening in the Westend of London. The children were given a choice this week as to what show they would like to do in July of this year and there was a unanimous vote in the favour of Shrek Jr The Musical. This is a huge show with many parts and will have you up dancing from your seats! We all have our fingers crossed that we will be able to get the rights to perform this show. We should know by the middle of next week. If we are successful, we will certainly need a lot of volunteers to make it happen. Exciting!

School Trips

A meeting this week was held for Key Stage 2 parents. Details of the meeting will be sent out early next week with the information regarding the payment schedules and structure of school trips over the next few years. Please look out for this in your inbox. It was great to see over 40 families in attendance.

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

Dates for your diary

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 – Performance at the Haymarket Theatre (year 2-6)
