



# Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter

December 5th 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas has arrived at Ashford Hill and the Elf on the Shelf is already weaving his mischief around the school corridors. The PTA did a fantastic job of the Christmas decorations in the hall last week and the children were excited to see them on Monday morning. It is lovely to come in every morning to twinkling lights.



The PTA have been working really hard over the last few weeks for some big events such as the Christmas Hamper Raffle, film club, Nativities and they are busy texting Father Christmas to see if he can make an appearance over the next couple of weeks.

The hampers look fabulous and there are some great prizes to be had. Please take a look at the link below to buy your tickets and spread the message far and wide as this is a great fundraising event for the school.  
<https://raffall.com/370780/enter-raffle-to-win-ashford-hill-pta-christmas-hamper-2024-hosted-by-ashford-hill-primary-school-raffle>

Here are just a few of the hampers to have a look at. There are many, many more. Please see the website!



Wednesday brought a very special event in our yearly calendar. As a school, we went up to St Marks church to celebrate Christingle with our home-made Christingle Oranges. Mr Dixon led an assembly the day previously with the children to understand what Christingles represent. Thank you to John at the church for providing us with such an engaging and poignant service. It is always a pleasure to be somewhere special at this time of year.



Yesterday, I was given some very sad news for the school. Mrs Cole, who has been a wonderful, dedicated and passionate member of our team has decided to move on to pastures new and will be leaving Ashford Hill on the last day of term. This has been an extremely difficult decision for Mrs Cole to make but she is looking forward to a new career in the Insurance Industry and spending more time with her family. There are sure to be plenty of tissues for the last week of term as we wish her well. She will be sorely missed by all of the children and team – she has made a difference to the lives of each and every child here and we hope that she pops back to say hello later next year.

## Nativity

Thank you for your responses to the tickets. As we are under allocation for the church for both days, all parents have their first choice for tickets. Both performances will be at the church.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Nativity Start Time: 1.45pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Nativity Start Time: 9.45am

The nativity will last for a approx. 1 hr.

Please remember to bring some loose change with you for the PTA drinks and mince pie stall. We look forward to welcoming you to our Wriggly Nativity!

Have a fantastic weekend and we look forward to seeing you bright and early Monday morning.

Kirsty Kingham

Principal

### Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
97.8	100	100	98	95	94.6	98.8	99.3
Well done to YR and Y1 for a great attendance this week							

### School Start Time

The Class room doors open at 8.45 each morning and although registration does not close until 9am it is important that children are in school for as close to 8.45am as possible. This is because learning starts straight away and there are tasks to complete in class from this time. If children arrive nearer to 9am they may miss out on some important learning and consolidation of learning. Thank you for your continued support with our drive for attendance.

### Clubs for After Christmas

Club	Day	Time	Teacher
SATS Booster (Y6 Only)	Mondays (start 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan)	3.25pm -4.15pm	Mr Dixon and Mrs Lang
Fun Fitness (all year groups)	Thursday (start 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan)	3.25 -4.15pm	Mrs Yeo
Young Voices (No new starters)	Tuesdays (January Only)	3.25-4.15pm	Mrs Kingham
Performers Club	Please see the website for details and bookings <a href="https://breaking-barriers-theatre-company.classforkids.io/info/804">https://breaking-barriers-theatre-company.classforkids.io/info/804</a>		Breaking Barriers
Football with Gol	Please see the website for details and bookings <a href="https://www.goleliteprocoaching.co.uk/school-clubs/">https://www.goleliteprocoaching.co.uk/school-clubs/</a>		GOL

All teacher led clubs will run from week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> January and last week of clubs will be the last week of term (week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> March).

There will be **no** teacher led clubs on the week of parents evening (Wc 17<sup>th</sup> March).

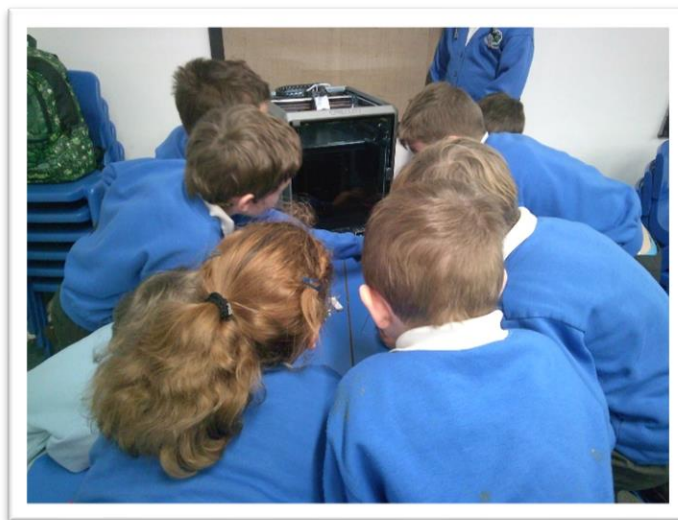
### Christmas Jumper Day

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day is on 12 December. All children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper and make a donation to Save the Children and help children everywhere get the best future ever.



### 3D Printing Magic

A kind benefactor of the school has kindly donated a new 3D printer to be used with our students. This incredible device will have so many possible applications to support our delivery of the curriculum and enhance our children's learning experience. We have already begun to explore its use in construction club and Mr Dixon will write its use into the computing curriculum. But computing is not the only time we'll get to use it, students from Oak have already suggested other possible uses such as with DT. This single device has already inspired much talk and creativity - we look forward to seeing where else it will take them!



**Thank You**  
**Ashford Hill Primary School.**  
for supporting

 **Basingstoke Foodbank**  
Together with Trussell

with your harvest collection.  
Your donations will help to support local families and individuals in crisis.

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**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.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads 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)

**Dates for your diary**

10<sup>th</sup> December – Whole school trip to Pantomime

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December - Nativity Performance (please remember cash for the PTA refreshments)

12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day

18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch and Parties

19<sup>th</sup> December – 2.45pm Curriculum Showcase for Parents

20<sup>th</sup> December AM – iRock concerts