



# Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter

December 13th 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a very busy week it has been! The week started off with the Pantomime at the Corn Exchange. Our children behaved beautifully as they all filed into the theatre and could be heard for miles around as they laughed and sang along to the music and jokes of Dick Whittington. Thank you to the PTA and their fundraising for making this trip possible: great fun was had by all.

Wednesday and Thursday brought the Nativity – our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children shone as they told the Christmas story. We are so very proud of them and their achievements as they danced and narrated their way through the very Wiggly Nativity. Thank you to Mrs Yeo, Mr Walker and their teams for the production.

I was sent this picture by the PTA last week of the film night – another huge success! Thank you to them for arranging this.



Next week is a little calmer on the events front but we still have a very full week of learning left before we break up for Christmas.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday for our final week at school of 2024 (and wow has it flown by quickly!).

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
92.4	77.1	91.6	89.3	100	91.3	96.9	92
Well done Y3							



Today, we have just arrived back from the Living Rainforest with Year 2. They have met armadillos, frogs, slipper snakes and many other animals on their journey through the rainforest. This visit enriched their science learning about habitats and they were full of stories and scientific facts on the way home.

## School Start Time

Thank you for being punctual – we are having many more children in and ready to learn much closer to **8.45am** and it makes all the difference for the day ahead!

## Hampers Fundraising

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.

The hamper raffle closes on Wednesday 18th and details of how to enter are below.

<https://raffall.com/370780/enter-raffle-to-win-ashford-hill-pta-christmas-hamper-2024-hosted-by-ashford-hill-primary-school-affle>

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



## Moment to Share – Curriculum Showcase

Just a quick reminder regarding the curriculum showcase – Moment to Share event on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. This is an opportunity to look at all of your child's work from over the last term. The children are so proud of their books and can not wait to share these with you.

Classroom doors will be open from **2.45pm** to share your children's work with them and you will be able to take them home once you have done this.

## Christmas Lunch and Christmas Parties

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December brings Christmas lunch and Christmas parties in the afternoon. The school will share Christmas Lunch together and we are hoping for a very special visitor during that time to come and spread the Christmas cheer. Parties will be held in the afternoon in classrooms and children are invited to bring party clothes to change into if they wish. If this is a PE day, please wear PE kit also.

## 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)

## School Uniform Update



A reminder that the factory is closed over the Christmas period and ordering deadlines are as below:

### CHRISTMAS DEADLINES

WHOLESALE – **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December** for delivery before Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

DIRECT TO SCHOOL – **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December** for delivery to the school by Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

PARENTS DIRECT – **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December** for dispatching by Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

**All orders placed after the above deadlines until Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January will be printed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January for delivery up to 14 working days after.**

### CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWN

Brigade will be closed from 4pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December until 8am Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 to allow our staff to enjoy an extended Christmas holiday break. All communication and emails received during this time will be responded to on our return in January.

**Don't miss out! 15% off from 31/12/24 to 05/01/25.**  
Simply use the promocode: NY15 at checkout.

**Wishing you a Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**



**Total collected for Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children was £62.30. Thank you**

**Dates for your diary**

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

20<sup>th</sup> June- Sports' Day

Summer Fayre and Car Show - TBC

3<sup>rd</sup> July – Performance at the Haymarket Theatre (year 2-6)

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