



# Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter



January 17th 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy week and it kicked off with Bikeability for our year 6 children. They worked for two days on their road safety and biking skills with the Hampshire Outdoor Education Team. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were praised for their great learning behaviors. Congratulations to all of our children who participated and gained themselves a certificate and badge.

Our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Champions have been working on their first assembly this week. On Monday Austin and Olivia will be delivering an assembly regarding equality and the LGBTQ+ community. We are so very proud of their maturity and confidence in planning this assembly. We are looking forward to this on Monday.

We had much excitement yesterday as the conservatories had new flooring put in place to make them a little warmer and to give them dual purpose as a working area throughout the spring and summer months. Our school environment is beautiful inside and out and we have enjoyed creating such a calm learning environment for our children. We believe that this along with our consistency and high expectations have had a great impact on learning behaviors and the overall 'feel' of the school. Visitors are constantly commenting on what a wonderful warm feel that our school has.

Today, Hornbeam class have been on a great science trip to Winchester Science Museum, they enjoyed their learning and were a real credit to the school as usual. I hope that you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you all at 8.45 on Monday morning.

Kirsty Kingham

Principal

## Attendance

When children are reported as ill, please remember to communicate the exact symptoms of your child. If we are unsure of the exact symptoms a member of the admin team will contact you. Feeling unwell is not a reason we can authorise. This is because we are only able to authorise certain illnesses. We will not authorise any illness where the child is considered, by the school, well enough to attend.

We will authorise the following illnesses as your child will need to stay off school:

High temperature  
Flu

Diarrhoea and vomiting

Scabies

Impetigo

Measles, Chicken Pox and German Measles

Scarlet fever or strep throat

Mumps

Whooping cough

We will not authorise the following illnesses as your child can go to school:

Anxiety and Worry

Conjunctivitis

Headache, earache and stomach ache

Head lice

Hand, foot and mouth, warts and verrucae, athlete's

foot and molluscum contagiosum

Threadworm

For more information and advice please see

<https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/parentscarers/worried-your-child-unwell/child-unwell-ok-go-nurseryschool>

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
95.2	91.4	100	100	93.1	98.8	89.4	90.7
Well done, Y1 and Y2 – 100% attendance.							

## Learning Support Assistant Vacancy at Ashford Hill Primary

Due to Mrs Cole leaving, we now have a vacancy for a full time Learning Support Assistant – Term time 8.30am to 3.30pm each day. If you or anyone that you know has an interest in education and working to inspire the minds of children, please do share this application with them. This is a fantastic opportunity to work with a great team in an ever-improving school within an extremely supportive and forward-thinking Trust. Details will be available via the Greensheets website early next week. Please also feel free to contact the school office or further information on how to apply.

<https://www.schoolvacancies.co.uk/>

## Fundraising Updates – Miss Hudson Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended the book fair and bought books. Through your generosity we earned £250.09 in commission to spend on new books for the library and classrooms. The school librarians will be a part of deciding which books to buy.

## Christmas Project

Thank you to everyone who bought Christmas cards, wrapping paper, mugs and everything else

that was on offer. As a result of your generosity, we earned £196.40 in commission. We will discuss what to spend the money on with school council.

**Parent Gate Afternoon Opening Time**

The parent gate will now open in the afternoon at 3.20pm, this is to ensure that learning outside can continue until as late as possible.

**Learning – Knowledge Organisers**

Today, the children will bring home the knowledge organisers from some of the subjects that they will be learning this term. Please use these with them at home to ask them about what they know and what they can remember. This can also form a basis of further research if your child wishes to do so. Some classes would have had these already.

**Be Bright Be Seen Day – 24th Jan**

Our Junior Road Safety Officers have been working hard at Ashford Hill during their training. They would like to raise awareness of road safety by running a 'Be Bright, Be Seen Day' at school on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January. All children are invited to come in dressed as brightly as possible.

**Shrek Jr - Y2 – 6 End of Year Show**



Due to the success of our previous productions of Matilda and Frozen, we are excited to announce that we will be producing Shrek Jr. at the Haymarket Theatre, Basingstoke on 3<sup>th</sup> July 2025 (tickets will cost £15 per seat and be on sale nearer the time). Later this term, we will be holding auditions for the roles.

This is a hugely ambitious show and we are going to need all the help that we can get!

Last year we had an amazing team of parent/grandparent volunteers who pulled the show together behind the scenes. If you would like to be part of the show team for this year, please register your interest via email to [admin@ashfordhill.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashfordhill.hants.sch.uk). The more the merrier and it really is a fantastic experience for both adults and our brilliant children.

**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**

24<sup>th</sup> January – Junior Road Safety – Be Bright Be Seen Day -Dress Brightly

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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