



# Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter



January 24th 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

The weeks are just flying by and I can not believe that it is nearly February. We have had a fantastic week at Ashford Hill; it kicked off with the LGBTQ+ assembly delivered by our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Student Leaders. They delivered this assembly with great skill and confidence and our children learned about different families and Alan Turing and his part of the war effort.

Our year 6s thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Winchester Science Museum last Friday. They came back full of ideas and learned about how to design a rocket well and knew even more facts about the solar system. Thank you to those parents who volunteered their help on the day.

This week we had our termly strategy meeting with trustees. The strategy meeting is an update on how we are progressing as a school. We are so proud to share all of the developments that we have put in place and the trustees were very impressed with the amount of work and quality of the improvement that has taken place. We will continue to work on our school priorities throughout the year.

Applications are now in for Year R next year and I am so pleased to say that we have received over 30 applications. We are unsure of how many of these are first, second or third place currently but this is so pleasing to see and shows that we are moving in the right direction with a great reputation. Next week alone we have four new starters who are looking forward to welcoming to our community.

Next week we have our PE School Improvement Lead training coming in to join the team to work on our delivery of PE lessons. We have been working with him for the last two terms to develop the teaching of PE and are looking forward to this. He will also work with our Student Young Leaders to further improve breaktimes and purposeful play activities at lunch time.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.

Kirsty Kingham  
Principal

## Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
97	100	98.9	94.7	99.4	100	93.8	93.3
Well done, YR and Y4 – 100% attendance.							

## Learning Support Assistant Vacancy at Ashford Hill Primary

The job description and application forms for this role can be found on our school website. Please share far and wide.

<https://www.ashfordhillprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=44>

## Film Club – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan

The wonderful PTA have planned a film night for 31<sup>st</sup> January. Please ensure that you pre-book tickets on their page.

## Be Bright Be Seen Day – 31<sup>st</sup> Jan

This was postponed from last week due to the year 6 trip to the science museum. Road Safety Officers will be sharing the special event with children on Monday ready for us all to dress up on Friday.

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 31<sup>st</sup> January. All children are invited to come in dressed as brightly as possible.

## Year 4 MTC Meeting for Parents – 29<sup>th</sup> Jan at 7pm

This year Year 4 will sit a national statutory times table test. Schools have to partake in this and children are expected to gain 25/25 marks in the assessment in order to be age related expectations in year 4. There is a meeting on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for parents to tell you all about the statutory testing and ideas on how to support your children at home. A zoom code will be sent out on the day.

## 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	Vice Principal and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Class Teacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
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## **Dates for your diary**

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

29<sup>th</sup> January – Times Table Parent Meeting on Zoom

3<sup>rd</sup> February – Young Voices Concert

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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