



Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter

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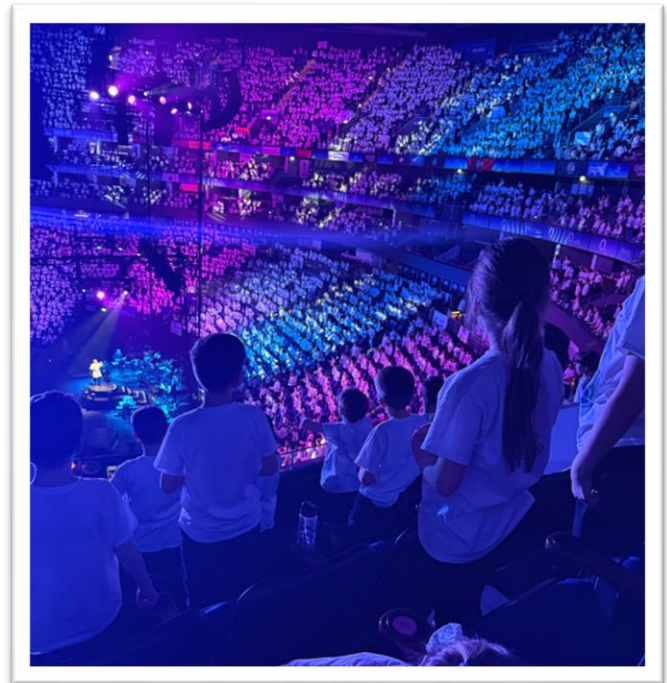
'Be the Best We Can Be'

February 7th 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are nearly half way through the term and we are approaching our first half term break of the year. It is well deserved by our very hard working children!

Monday saw our Young Voices choir join 8000 other children to become a mega choir after a few mini bus troubles. Some of our children were excited that the minibus fault led to a train ride and tube ride through London!



The excitement was a little too much for a few of our year 2 children but a mid-afternoon nap helped them prepare for the full concert in the evening!

A full day of rehearsals went by and then our parents joined us at the O2 arena for an amazing concert. The children shone as they sung their hearts out and bopped the night away.



Thank you to Mr Ralph, Miss Smith and Mrs Hall for being our parent volunteers for the day. And a big thank you to Mr Walker for driving most of the children to the O2 on the mini bus and dropping them back to school at midnight!! A fantastic event that will bring so many memories for years to come!

Well done to our Girls's football team who won their match against Burghclere on Tuesday 7-0. Our Boys' football team also won their match against St Martin's 5-1 on Thursday this week. WOW! Well done Ashford Hill. Congratulations to those who took part and thank you to Mr Walker who arranged all of these matches. We will find out in the next couple of weeks where we are placed in the league.

Congratulations to Mrs Lang, who has been teaching for over 25 years, has completed her UK Teaching Qualification which registers her as a qualified teacher in the UK. Mrs Lang has worked tirelessly to achieve the UK qualified teacher status over the past two years. She had to sit a science GCSE, and complete many tasks to achieve this whilst settling into a new school and relocating her whole family from South Africa. Mrs lang demonstrates our value of determination every single day and we are very proud of her. We are all so proud of her and I must share with you the words that I received from her University Assessor...

*I absolutely adored your school and look forward to visiting again one day in the future!
Second, Tamaryn, you have been recommended for QTS today, something that you have been qualified for for 20 years already. Thank you for going through this process, I hope it means you can now relax and enjoy being a fully fledged member of our teaching council! I know you won't relax when it comes to working, reading and researching- you have to be the most diligent and committed teacher I've ever met when it comes to self-reflection and improvement!*

Mrs Lang! You are AMAZING!!!

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
97.4	97.5	98.5	96.7	100	97.5	100	90.7
Well, done Y3 and Y5							

As part of our attendance support process and keeping parents/carers informed, all parents/carers will start to receive termly attendance reports for their child. Please look out for the first one next Friday 14 February.

Request for Jogging Bottoms (spare uniform)

If you have any spare navy jogging bottoms that could be donated to our spare uniform pile it would be greatly appreciated- all ages.

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March

March brings us the famous World Book Day. This is always a great event in school where we celebrate authors and the characters they create. To mark the day, we ask that children and the team come dressed as one of their favourite book characters. If you would like some inspiration, please follow this link [Dressing up - World Book Day](#).

Nut Free Policy

We are a Nut-Free school ; the school aims to protect children and staff who have allergies to nuts yet also help them, as they grow up, to take responsibility as to what foods they can eat and to be aware of where they may be put at risk. We do not allow nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes.

Our "Nut-Free Policy" means that the following items should not be brought into school:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts
- Any home cooked meals for packed lunches that are made from nuts

Moment to Share and Egg Hunt Event – 4th April from 2.45pm

There will be the termly curriculum showcase/moment to share at 2.45pm on the last day of term. This will be followed by the famous PTA Egg Hunt. There will be more information on how to buy tickets nearer the time.

Parents' Evenings - Virtual

There will be a virtual Parents' Evenings for the spring term. This will be held on the 18th and 20th March- details of bookable slots will be sent the week after half term. This will be followed by the curriculum showcase to view your children's work on 4th April at 2.45pm.

PTA Dates

It was lovely to have so many parents in the school this afternoon at the PTA meeting. I am excited about all of the events that they have got planned for the coming year. I am sure the children will have a fantastic time at all of these occasions. Please add them to your diary.

March Film Club – 28th March

Egg Hunt – 4th April 3.25pm

Summer Fayre – 6th July

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.

Pick-up and drop-off times are busy outside schools. This can cause an increased safety risk to both children and parents.

Parking restrictions outside schools are there to keep you and your children safe. Parking inconsiderately can put people in danger and you also risk being fined. It's important that motorists follow the [Highway Code](#).

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

6th March – World Book Day

28th March – PTA Film Night

4th April – Moment to Share and PTA Egg Hunt

20th June- Sports' Day

Summer Fayre and Car Show - TBC

3rd July – Performance at the Haymarket Theatre (year 2-6)
