



Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter



February 14th 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a very eventful end to our half term. The day began with a very poorly deer in the playground this morning. Well done to our fabulous team who contacted the RSPCA and Kingsclere Vets. The vet and nurse were quick to arrive and help the deer. They took him with them back to the surgery to look after him further. Your children may like to talk to you about this this-evening. This afternoon has been filled with love as the PTA have been arranging the cake sale. Thank you to all of those of you who have contributed some lovely cakes.

Our children are currently in the final stages of their current learning journeys, consolidating their newly acquired knowledge and skills. It is gratifying to observe their intellectual growth and the enthusiasm with which they approach their studies. Our team are working hard on the new learning for next term and I know that the classes are looking forward to exploring their new topics.

As the SATs draw nearer, I am impressed by the unwavering commitment and hard work demonstrated by our children. The recent parents' evening provided an excellent opportunity to inform parents of their children's successes and the substantial progress they have made thus far. We are confident that this positive trajectory will continue as we approach these important assessments.

I am pleased to report that our Digital Leaders, under the guidance of Mr Dixon, recently conducted an informative assembly on online safety. This student-led initiative underscores our commitment to fostering digital literacy and responsible online behaviour among our children.

As we look ahead to the next term, I am excited to announce that we will be holding auditions for our school show, "Shrek Jr." This production promises to be an excellent platform for our children to showcase their talents and creativity, and we eagerly anticipate the energy and enthusiasm this will bring to our school community.

I would like to extend my warmest wishes to all for a safe and enjoyable half-term break. This pause in our academic calendar provides an excellent opportunity for rest, reflection, and family time. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for the challenges and opportunities that the next term will bring.

See you on the 24th February at 8.45am – hopefully all a little rested!

Kirsty Kingham
Principal

Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
95.9	95	98	94.7	91.8	93.8	98.8	98.7

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](#).

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.

Local Performance of Shrek the Musical during Half Term



Dropping off children in the morning

We've had another call from our neighbours regarding parents dropping their children out of their cars in front of their houses- please respect our neighbours and their properties and use the large car park opposite to drop off your children. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

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)