



Primary School Newsletter



June 13th 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Another week has flown by and we are extra busy in school. This week the whole school have been sitting their end of year assessment and we are already seeing so much progress in their results. Our year 4s had a fantastic attitude for their Multiplication check as did our Year 1s who have performed extremely well in their phonics screening tests. The hard work that children have put in at home and school has been really clear so thank you for your continued support.

There is lot of important information in this week's newsletter – please read through and let us know if you have any questions. Please also see the dates section as some new dates have been added.

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

Kirsty Kingham
Principal

Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
97.8	93.3	97.9	98.2	100	96.3	100	96.0
Well done to Y3 and Y5 on 100% attendance this week							

PE kit for September

Staying active and being part of a team is of huge importance to us at Ashford Hill. This year we were making the transition to PE kit on PE days and school uniform on non-PE days. This will continue next year however, as the year has progressed, we have noticed many branded items being worn. It is important to us as a school and community that school uniform is worn. Please ensure that these are purchased and worn from September. If you have any concerns with regards to affordability, please do contact the admin team and we can offer you further support with this.

The summer ordering deadline for uniform from Brigade is Friday 18th July.

<https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/school/AS2060PD/>

Zip-up Hoodies are £16.95

No-Zip Hoodies are £15.95

Sky Blue Polo T-Shirts are £8.95

Please donate your old hoodies/PE T-Shirts for our second hand stock.

Mrs Yeo Retirement

At the end of the summer term Mrs Yeo will be retiring. Mrs Yeo has been part of the heart of the school for many years and is held so fondly in thoughts of all of our children, parents and team. She is already looking forward to booking a holiday in term time after nearly 40 years in teaching. We wish her well in her retirement and she has promised to come back and see us a lot! Over the coming weeks we will be updating you with staffing for next year.

Non-School Uniform Day – 27th June – For Donations to the Fayre

We are holding a non-school uniform day on Friday 27th June on behalf of the PTA, asking for donations towards the School Fayre on Saturday 6th July! Please help donate a bottle for the bottle tombola. Whether it be shampoo or champagne, all donations will be gratefully received!

Sports Day

We are excitedly preparing for another Sports Day next Friday! The children have been getting themselves ready for the races and the teams will be preparing for their morning of activities. The format will be very similar to last year, with team games in the morning and races in the afternoon. As usual we would love you to join us to support your children in the afternoon as they race for their team and get involved in obstacle races, hopefully it will be another fun-filled day. If there's time for another adrenaline fuelled parent/teacher relay race then we will endeavour to entertain the children again and to share our friendly competitive natures.

There will be a sign in station at the gate and signs up for how to get to the toilets, as well as directions on where to position yourselves for the afternoon along one side of the track. We look forward to seeing you next week from 12pm for the picnic if you can make it and 1pm for the start of the afternoon. Please send your child to school in their PE kits with a t-shirt in the colour of their teams, we have a limited number of bibs for anybody who struggles to find something in the colour!

If you are able to bring in a gazebo so that we have enough shade for the children, please let me know ASAP by emailing myself or the school office that you can bring them in for the end of the school day on Thursday 19th, any help putting them up on that day would be greatly appreciated!

Alex Walker

Parking On Sports Day

There will be limited parking available on Sports Day, we suggest you use the park across the road from school or the church car park, please do not park on the road or outside properties. The staff car park will be unavailable for parking on this day.

Shrek – Props and Set

Last Friday I had a meeting with Mrs Quant about props and set and we discussed an extremely long list of requirements.

Unbelievably after a mere seven days she has pulled together a team of eleven of our parents and they have produced the most wonderful and creative items for us to use. This is a real team effort; thank you to all of those parents involved in props and set! This show is going to be amazing.

Shrek Information – Tickets, Costumes and Learning

Costume letters were sent home this week and if you have any questions, please let the admin team know.

Shrek tickets are now on sale. Tickets will be first come first served. We have already sold more than half of the tickets available. Please follow the link for access to them.

<https://www.anvilarts.org.uk/book/instance/669001>

It is important that children are learning their songs and lines prior to the performance in order to get the very best out of it for their own experience. Please follow this link for the tracks:

<https://www.ashfordhillprimary.co.uk/page/?title=School+Performances&pid=57>

Costumes need to be in School in a named plastic bag by **Monday 23rd June**.

Jamie Oliver – Dyslexia Documentary

Jamie Oliver has released a documentary regarding dyslexia that is a great watch. It is really interesting to see how he can impact a national initiative and there are some quite interesting facts shared throughout the programme. Well worth the watch!

Kids Week Tickets - Westend

Every year, August brings a great deal for kids and parents. Many Westend shows offer a free ticket for children when accompanied by a paying adult. Please follow [this link](#) to find out more. A great day out!

Water Bottles, Hats and Sun cream

The weather has been great again this week! Please can you ensure that children are bringing full water bottles to school. A hat is also helpful for breaktimes. Please apply sun cream before the children come to school if it is a particularly sunny day. Let's hope that the sun stays shining.

Labelling Children's Clothing

On a daily basis we have items of clothing (mainly jumpers/coats) which have no name in and children missing them.

Please find below a link for stick on labels, they are simple to use as they just stick in rather than needing to be ironed on, so less time consuming.




These can also be used on water bottles and lunchboxes and are reasonably priced.

[Stick On Clothes Name Labels For School | Stikins®](#)

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)

Jeffy

What is Jeffy?

- Jeffy is a puppet character featured in series of YouTube videos. The channel behind Jeffy has over five million subscribers and each video posted gains millions of views.
- The character of Jeffy has been criticised for portraying an offensive stereotype of someone with unspecified learning difficulties or disability. The creator has argued against this characterisation, saying Jeffy is meant to be funny and does not represent someone with a disability.
- Despite the video's child-friendly animation style, our online safety experts found videos portraying sexual content, nudity, violence, gore, profanity and more inappropriate themes.



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<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2023/11/09/safeguarding-update-youtube-cartoon-jeffy/>

Parenting in a Digital Age:

Dear parents and carers,

Did you know:

- 51% of UK 11-13 year olds have seen pornography, mostly unintentionally ([evidence](#))
- 73% of parents say excessive smartphone-use is a source of family conflict ([evidence](#))
- Among children aged 8-17 who are bullied, eight in ten experience it through a device ([evidence](#))

As primary school headteachers in Basingstoke, we're concerned about these statistics, and want to support parents in these challenges.

We would therefore encourage **every parent in Basingstoke** to attend the webinar below, **irrespective of your child's age**.

What's it all about?

- We know that **parenting in the digital age** has never been more complex, with issues surrounding screen time, social media use and gaming.
- Many parents are concerned about the **harmful content that can be accessed** and their **children's mental health and wellbeing**.
- A lot more is known now about the **impact of smartphones**, but sometimes parents are just not aware.

So, if you....

- have children who haven't yet hit the smartphone age yet, but want to learn about the impact of them and also learn how to avoid future issues, or,
- have children who have a smartphone but you are concerned about the impact it has on their development and wellbeing, or
- feel alone in wanting to place restrictions on technology of delay giving them a smartphone, but feel unable to because giving your child a phone or playing online games is "*what everybody does*"...

...then please attend our free, online webinar where we will:

- Share statistics and research around technology and the impact on children's childhoods and mental health, and also what they can access.
- Empower you to be able to make choices and set boundaries both now and in the future.
- Talk through exactly what the Parent Pact is from "Smartphone Free Childhood"

Please note that the webinars have been organised by the headteachers of Basingstoke Primary Schools, and will be run by the charity [Papaya](#) - the real experts in this area. This is a fantastic opportunity not to be missed.

When is it, and how do I sign-up?

- Wednesday June 25th at 7:30 pm - [book here](#)
- Tuesday July 8th at 6:00 pm - [book here](#)
- Wednesday July 16th at 7:30 pm - [book here](#)
- Maximum of 1 hour.
- Each session is the same!

Dates for your diary

20th June- Sports' Day

23rd June - Shrek Costumes to be in school

Summer Fayre and Car Show – 6th July 2025

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

16th July - Curriculum Showcase – 2.45pm for parents

17th July PTA disco

18th July – 1pm – Volunteer Tea

2.15pm – Year 6 Leavers Assembly for y6 parents

3.15pm – Water Fight (KS2)

Summer Fayre:

The PTA are arranging an Ashford Hill Summer Fayre and Car Show event on 6th July. Please keep the date in your diary and get ready for a fabulous afternoon!



Ice Cream Fridays are back!



ICE CREAM FRIDAY

Ice Cream Fridays are back!

We will be selling a selection of ice creams and lollies for £1 or £1.50 each week, at the front of school at the end of the day.

Dates included:

- 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd MAY
- 6th, 13th, 27th JUNE
- 4th, 11th, 18th JULY
