



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all enjoyed a busy and full half term with wonderful trips including visits to Bignor Roman Villa, Cissbury Ring, Sponsored Walks and specialists such as Mr Evans, Mrs Ixer and members of Brighton and Hove Football Club came to visit us to enhance our learning. Ashurst CE Aided Primary School was pleased to take up an invitation to attend a thanksgiving service for HRH Queen Elizabeth II at Chichester Cathedral, where some of our Worship Warriors met and talked with Bishop Martin and Bishop Ruth. Following Harvest Festival, four children accompanied Mrs Smith to The Wholesome Warehouse where they delivered our harvest produce and packed boxes of food for local families in need. Whilst we were there, we learned more about the different companies and individuals that support this local charity.

Looking ahead to next half term, Squirrel class will be having an exciting Stone Age Day on Monday 31st October. Children will have a letter with information outlining the day.

Staffing Update

Tomorrow we will be saying goodbye to Teaching Assistant, Mrs Chowdury as she moves on to pursue Qualified Teacher Status. We are certain that you will join us in expressing our thanks for all that she has contributed this last half term.

Following interviews in September, we are pleased to inform you that our new Teaching Assistant, Mrs N Cunningham, will be joining us on Monday 31st October. Like Mrs Chowdhury and Miss Kelsey before her, Mrs Cunningham will support learning across the school but predominantly in Mouse Class.

New Outdoor Learning Environment

We are delighted to be able to share with you that we are now in receipt of the lease for the 10m² piece of land adjacent to the east boundary of Ashurst CE Aided Primary School. It is our intention to use this as an outdoor learning environment to benefit all children in the school. It was recognised by every group involved in the Curriculum Working Party last year, how beneficial time outside is for our mental health and wellbeing. We are in the process of commissioning a tree survey of the lovely cedar tree and getting quotes for fencing materials. We have had some very generous

offers of practical support for some of these tasks and we are very grateful for your support. This will be the main fundraising project for FAPS this year and they would value any ideas and contributions. Please do note that monetary donations may be Gift Aided at no extra cost to yourselves.

Annual Sponsored Walks

We thank you for your contributions and ask that if there are any outstanding monies, that they be brought to school as soon as possible. The recently elected Young Ashurst Governors have now asked their peers for suggestions and chosen the charities who will benefit from our fund raising this term these are The Wholesome Warehouse, Chestnut Tree House and TeamSeas.

After School Clubs

This half term, thanks to the generosity of staff and friends in the local community, we are delighted to be able to offer four After School Clubs. These will commence the week after half term (w/b 7.11.22) will include Chess for Y3-Y6 on Tuesdays, Dance/Drama for Y3-Y6 on Wednesdays, Sports for Y1-Y6 on Thursdays and a change for this half term; Book Making Club Y1-Y6 on Fridays. Further information is to be found at the end of the newsletter.

Swimming Sessions

We are pleased to continue our partnership with Steyning Grammar School and 'MXT Swimming' to offer swimming sessions in the second half of the Autumn term for Y5. Sessions for Y4 and Y3 will be in the Spring term. Please remember your child will need a verruca sock if they have a verruca and a swimming hat (they will not be permitted to swim without a hat). Transport will be provided by minibus and a packed lunch will be required on these days.

FAPS (Friends of Ashurst Primary School)

FAPS held their AGM in September and welcomed some new members. FAPS are currently planning many exciting events for this year. Today your children will have received a 'Smartie' fundraising pack for half term, which we would love you to take part in if you are able.

FAPS have also been able to link their fundraising charitable status to Amazon Smile. This means that Amazon Smile will make a small donation to FAPS each time someone nominates them as their charity on Amazon Smile Website and buys a linked product. If you would like more information on this please see a member of FAPS for more details.

Concert News- FAPS Fundraising

We are delighted to announce that 'The South Downs Concert Band' will once again be performing for us, this time it will have a Christmas theme and take place on Saturday 10th December in St Andrew's Church in Steyning. Please put this date in your diary,

our children will be singing a Christmas version of our school hymn at this event, so we are keen for everyone to attend. Ticket prices will be available shortly so please spread the word. We all enjoyed a wonderful evening last year and are hoping for a similarly good turn out!

School Website

<http://www.ashurstcofe-pri.w-sussex.sch.uk>

The school website is updated regularly and is where the most up to date information can be found including: Newsletters, OFSTED and SIAMS reports, PE/ Sports Funding statements, Pupil Premium and Local Offer statements, School Policies (e.g. Admissions, Attendance and Absences, Child Protection and Safeguarding, Complaints, DfE information, Health and Safety and Risk Assessments). You can also find our Twitter feed there too!

Safeguarding

As always, should you have any concerns regarding your child/children, please contact the school as soon as possible, in order that matters may be quickly and effectively resolved. Should you have any safeguarding concerns please contact the DSL team, Mrs Smith, Mrs Hedley and Mrs Sansbury direct or via DSL@ashurstcofe-pri.w-sussex.sch.uk.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and comments following our Open Afternoon and hope that you have a restful half term break.

Kindest regards,

Mrs S Smith
Headteacher

Uniform requirements for Autumn 2022

We ask that all children wear the Ashurst school uniform every day. The requirements have remained the same and have not changed for over 3 years. We are very proud of our school and ask for your support in maintaining the correct uniform. Please ensure all items are named. We now have a 'Lost Property' box situated just inside the library where all unnamed items can be found.

Grey skirt, culottes or pinafore dress

Grey tailored trousers (long or short)

Green sweatshirt with school badge or green sweater/ cardigan (not their PE hoody).

White shirt/ blouse/polo shirt

White, black or grey socks

White, grey or green tights

Sensible shoes or sandals (not boots)

Green and white checked dress/checked 'playsuit'

PE Kit:

Green or white shorts/skorts, white T-shirt with a round neck, white socks, trainers, green hoody and green joggers.

Trainers are preferred footwear as they are more substantial than black plimsoles. Leggings are not permitted, nor are joggers and shorts/skorts in other colours. We continue to ask that PE kits be worn to school on days that your child has PE, or is attending the after-school sports club.

PE: Mouse Class- Thursday & Friday, Squirrel Class -Thursday & Friday, Owl Class - Wednesday

After-school Dance Club is on Wednesday, Sports Club is on Thursday.

Please note that our school uniform requests that children wear sensible school shoes or sandals. It does not include boots for any children, or trainers except for PE.

Please could you ensure that children have footwear that they can do up themselves.

Jewellery/ hair wear

Jewellery should not be worn by children with the exception of stud earrings which should be removed or covered with tape for PE.

Hairbands/scrunchies are to be green, white, grey, black, navy or brown. All children's hair should be completely tied up once it is long enough to do so; this applies to both boys and girls.

May we also ask that children have a coat, a water bottle and school book bag (available on the school website) in school every day. These fit in the children's drawers and help letters, homework and reading books make the journey home safely!

Ashurst CE Aided Primary School Dates for your Diary 2022-2023

Second half Autumn Term	Monday 31 st October- Friday 16 th December
First Half Spring Term	Tuesday 3 rd January -Friday 10 th February
Second Half Spring Term	Tuesday 21 st February-Friday 31 st March
First Half Summer Term	Monday 17 th April -Friday 26 th May
Second Half Summer Term	Monday 5 th June-Friday 21 st July
INSET DAYS	Monday 17 th October 2022, Monday 5 th December 2022, Monday 20 th February 2023, Monday 3 rd July 2023 & Tuesday 4 th July 2023.

SECOND HALF TERM AUTUMN 2022	
Squirrel Class Stone Age Day!	Monday 31 st October
Mouse Class (KS1) Parents meetings 4pm-6pm	Tuesday 1 st November
Mouse Class (KS1) Parents meetings 4pm-6pm	Thursday 3 rd November
Owl (KS2) Parents' evening 4pm - 6pm	Tuesday 1 st November
Squirrel and Owl (KS2) Parents' evening 4pm - 6pm	Thursday 3 rd November
Y5 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 4 th November
Y5 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 11 th November
Family Service St James' 10.30 All welcome	Sunday 13 th November
Full Governing Body Meeting 5.30	Wednesday 16 th November
Y5 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 18 th November
Children In Need day	Friday 18 th November
Y5 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 25 th November
2.45-3.30 Advent service in St James' All welcome	Wednesday 30 th November
INSET DAY	Monday 5 th December
KS2 Christmas productions- more information and tickets will be available shortly	Wednesday 7 th December - afternoon performance
	Thursday 8 th December - evening performance
SOUTH DOWNS CONCERT BAND CONCERT	Saturday 10 th December
Family Service St James' 10.30 All welcome	Sunday 11 th December
Christmas Bazaar (run by Owl Class) 2.30-4.00	Monday 12 th December
Children's Christmas party 1.00	Tuesday 13 th December
Mouse Class (EYFS/KS1) Nativity 9.15 All welcome	Thursday 15 th December
Last day of term	Friday 16 th December

Extra-Curricular Activities

Chess Club Y3-Y6 Tuesday 3.30-4.15pm	
8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th	November

Dance Club Y3-Y6 Wednesday 3.30-4.15pm	
9 th , 16 th , 23 rd	November

Sports Club Y1-Y2 Thursday 3.15-4.00pm	
10 th , 17 th , 24 th	November
1 st	December

Sports Club Y3-Y6 Thursday 3.15-4.15pm	
10 th , 17 th , 24 th	November
1 st	December

Book Making Club Y1-Y6 Friday 3.30-4.15pm	
11 th , 18 th , 25 th	November
2 nd ,	December