



Ashurst CE Aided Primary School  
Home-School Partnership  
**SUMMER TERM Newsletter**  
**24TH APRIL 2017**



**HALF TERM: MON. 29<sup>th</sup> MAY - FRI. 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2017**  
**INSET DAYS: 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017**

**Dear Parents, Carers & Pupils**

Everyone loves the Summer term: play, packed lunches and picnics on the field, after-school Clubs, Sports Day, 'Leavers' Tea Party & Rounders', Bumbles' Garden, Rogation Family Service and, this year, the return of the **SUMMER BARN DANCE** at Priors Byne Farm!

**REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS:**

Please can you make sure 'sun tan cream' is applied to your child/children before school each day and that an individual sun hat/cap is supplied, as appropriate. Thank you.

**TO CATCH-UP ON SPRING 2017...**

**COUNTY CHESS COMPETITION 2016 - 2017**

The school's **CHESS TEAM 'A'** of: Billy Bray, Ned Connolly, Alexie Coleman, Benjamin Cochran and Oliver van Loock have a 'by' through to the next Round of the County Chess Competition and **CHESS TEAM 'B'** of: Finlay Goring, Noah Brown, Willem van der Werff and Richard Verrall who played so magnificently against very strong opposition in St Lawrence and Copthorne schools before half term, await news of their respective position in the next - and final - round of this annual competition.

The school organised a VERY special '**EASTER EGG CHESS COMPETITION**' before closing for Easter, with EVERY member of the school Chess Club happily receiving an individual 'prize' in recognition of the success and popularity of this long-established Club.

**HORSHAM TAG RUGBY TOURNAMENT**

A team of pupils from **Y5 & Y6** represented the school in the **Annual Schools' Tag Rugby Tournament** in Horsham on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The weather, which promised to be warm at the outset, was cold, but it did

not prevent the team achieving many school - and personal - 'bests'. **WELL DONE!**

### **COUNTY CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMME/COMPETITION 2017**

**Y5 pupils** took part in the annual **County Citizenship Programme** at The Drill Hall, Horsham on **April 6th** and enjoyed taking part in many interesting activities, events and experiences.

The **CHANCTONBURY SCHOOLS' MUSIC FESTIVAL**, which involves all of the five Chanctonbury Schools singing together, was another enjoyable and memorable evening on **21st March**. Well done to all of our **Y5&6** pupils!

The **ASHURST SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL**, held on **Thursday 23rd March**, was another truly **AMAZING** afternoon, much loved and enjoyed by all concerned once again!

Thank you **Music teacher, Mrs Harwell**, for your inspirational role in the success of both Festivals.

The **WHOLE SCHOOL GYMNASTICS COACHING lessons** (funded by your kind donations from the September 2016 'Whole School Sponsored Walks') have been thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils from **YR -Y6**. Special thanks have been sent to the trainer **Mrs Wadman** and her daughter, **Jade**.

The whole school's **'EASTER WALK TO CHURCH'** with the Service organised, led and directed by **Y6 pupils** on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April** - in bright, warm sunshine and with hymns and prayers sung and read on the journey to and from **St JAMES** - was **VERY special** and will be remembered by **ALL** who were there, staff and pupils alike. **A big THANK YOU** to our **WONDERFUL Y6 pupils** this year for their inspiration.

### **AND NOW FOR SUMMER 2017!**

#### **TOPICS**

This term, **Y1 & Y2** are studying **'Kings, Queens and Castles'** and **'Growing a Garden'**, with **Foundation Stage** work also based around the **same themes**. Pupils in **Y3 & Y4** are studying **'Ancient Egypt'** and pupils in **Y5 & Y6** are undertaking **'Building Bridges'**.

As part of respective studies, Y1 & Y2 pupils are to visit **Arundel Castle** and Y3 & Y4 pupils **The Brighton Museum**.

For more details, please see the 'Dates for the Term' and the school website.

### **HOMEWORK IN THE SUMMER TERM**

For more details, including amendments **PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL'S HOMEWORK POLICY ON THE WEBSITE**.

### **SUMMER TERM PE/GAMES LESSONS**

Together with the school's PE Coordinator, Mrs Sansbury we are always reviewing the provision of PE/Games throughout the school - building on information/guidance received and funding from the government. A statement on the use made by the school of its 'Sports Premium' is available on the school's website.

**KS1 MULTI SKILLS, with HORSHAM LEISURELINK, is on Thursday from 3.15pm - 4.00 pm, starting on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May.**

**KS2 CRICKET, ROUNDERS & ATHLETICS** with Mrs Sansbury, is on **Thursdays from 3:15pm - 4:15pm, starting on 4<sup>th</sup> May**. For other dates for Summer, please see 'Dates for the Term'.

### **SENIOR PUPILS' CRICKET DAY - tbc**

The school is awaiting news of this popular day and looks forward to entering a team of senior pupils once again, when dates and details are known. More information to respective parents soon.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: FOOTBALL MATCH ASHURST SENIORS v ST JAMES' SCHOOL, COLDWALTHAM 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017.**

### **SPORTS DAY**

Sports Day - for **ALL** Ashurst pupils - is on **TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY**. We thank FAPs members, *in advance*, for their delicious strawberry teas!

### **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER**

The photographer is due on **23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE**, to take the **WHOLE SCHOOL** picture for this academic year.

## **BUMBLES' GARDEN**

The school is looking forward to meeting with Mr and Mrs Garnett to discuss plans and details for BUMBLES GARDEN 2017. We hope all pupils will shortly be planting out a variety of seeds to 'harvest' later in the summer, ready for the Ashurst Flower Show in July.

**Y5 & Y6 RESIDENTIAL SWANAGE FIELD STUDY VISIT is from Monday 26th June - Friday 30th June 2017.**

There will be a letter home to parents very shortly regarding payment/s and a letter nearer departure with details of clothing/journey/itinerary etc.

## **ASSESSMENT and REPORTING ON PUPIL PROGRESS TO PARENTS:**

- **Y6 pupils will be undertaking their respective SAT assessments from 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May.**
- **Y2 pupils will be undertaking their respective SAT assessments throughout the term, as appropriate.**
- **Pupils in Y1, Y3, Y4 & Y5 will be undertaking their *in-school* assessments in mid-May too.** Thereafter, parents of these pupils will be invited to consultation afternoons/evenings to learn of pupils' individual results in these assessments and of their progress *over* the academic year.
- **The parents of Reception/Foundation Stage pupils will be invited to individual consultations with Mrs Pockett, later this term, to discuss respective pupil progress.**
- **Pupils' Annual Reports to Parents will be sent home at the beginning of July, together with the school's annual questionnaire on 'Parents' Evaluations of the Academic Year' plus a copy of the 'Y6 Pupils' Annual Report to Parents & Governors'.**

## **Y6 PUPILS**

Y6 pupils, in particular, have much to look forward to this term, including:

- **Preparing their Y6 ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS & GOVERNORS** on their primary years at Ashurst; and presenting the same to the **Governors at their full meeting later this term (4<sup>th</sup> JULY at 6pm).**
- **Taking part in the Y6 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY at LANCING COLLEGE on TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY followed by lunch at DENMAN'S GARDENS,** accompanied by their parents and teachers. Please would respective

parents let the school know if they will be joining the group to travel on the minibus.

- Producing and presenting their own **LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY** for all to enjoy on **WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JULY** - plus serving coffee and biscuits to teachers, governors and their parents afterwards.
  - Planning their **LEAVERS' TEA PARTY AND ROUNDERS MATCH** for everyone on **THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> July**.
  - Producing the school's **Summer term contribution to the Ashurst Parish Magazine**.
- PLUS CRICKET DAY AND SWANAGE**, of course!

### **INDUCTION MORNING WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017**

When respective Y6 pupils undertake their **Induction to Steyning Grammar School**, the school will welcome its **new Foundation Stage pupils 2017-2018**, and all pupils within the school will '**advance a year group**' for the morning.

### **INSET DAY 6<sup>th</sup> AND 7<sup>th</sup> JULY**

A reminder to parents, school will be closed on the above days.

### **OPEN AFTERNOON**

We invite all parents and friends to join us for the final 'Open Afternoon' of this academic year on **17<sup>th</sup> July, from 2.30pm - 4.00pm**.

### **FAPS**

We really do appreciate the wonderful support we receive. For **ALL** newsletters, dates of events and meetings, please see the school's website.

Details of this year's annual '**ASHURST MASTERCHEF COMPETITION 2017**' will be out **VERY** shortly.

**FOR ALL CHURCH SERVICES at ST JAMES' CHURCH** this term - please see the school's website and/or St James' own website.

**It is another EXCITING, HAPPY and WONDERFUL term in prospect!**

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns or questions.

**Kindest regards**

**Mrs J. A Williams, Headteacher**

**ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL  
DATES FOR SUMMER TERM 2017**

**SUMMER TERM Monday 24th April - Tuesday 25th July 2017**

**HALF TERM Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2nd June 2017**

**INSET DAYS: 6<sup>th</sup> & 7th July 2017**

**Bank Holiday - 1st May 2017**

**Family Church Service 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 10:30 am**  
*Please see St. James' Church, or Ashurst Primary School websites for further information on service dates.*

Y4/5/6 Team - Football Match, St. James' CE School, Coldwaltham	26 <sup>th</sup> April
Key Stage 2 Y6 SAT Assessments In-School Assessments Y3, Y4 & Y5	8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> May
Y1/Y2 Visit to Arundel Castle	17 <sup>th</sup> May
Full Governing Body Meeting 6:30-8:00pm	23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Y2 Singing Upper Beeding CE Primary	25 <sup>th</sup> May
FAPS Summer Barn Dance, Priors Byne Farm	26 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>HALF TERM</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> May - 2nd June
Y3/4 Visit to Brighton Museum	20 <sup>th</sup> June
School Photographer 1:30pm	23 <sup>rd</sup> June
Y5 & Y6 Residential Swanage Field Study Visit	26th-30 <sup>th</sup> June
Pupils Reports Home	Week beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Lancing College Y6 Leavers Assembly & Lunch	4 <sup>th</sup> July
Full Governing Body Meeting (+ Y6 Pupils) 6pm	4 <sup>th</sup> July

Induction Morning Reception pupils 2016 & Induction Day Y6 pupils transferring to SGS	5 <sup>th</sup> July
INSET DAYS	6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> July
Sports Day	11 <sup>th</sup> July
Y2, Y6, Y3 & Y4 Parents Consultation Evening 4-6pm	12 <sup>th</sup> July
Y1, Y3, Y4 & Y5 Parents Consultation Evening 4-6pm	13 <sup>th</sup> July
Early Years/Foundation Stage Parents Consultations am	14 <sup>th</sup> July
Open Afternoon 2:30-4pm	17 <sup>th</sup> July
Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9:15am in school	19 <sup>th</sup> July
Y6 Leavers' Afternoon Rounders Match & Tea Party 2:15 - 4:00pm	20 <sup>th</sup> July
Senior Pupils' Cricket Day, Henfield	tba
Ashurst Primary 'Summer Bake Off', Y5/Y6 pupils	tba
Finals Chess Tournament (venue & date to be advised)	tba
End of Summer Term	25 <sup>th</sup> July