



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL  
**ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a very busy first half of the summer term in which we worked and tried our very best during KS1 and KS2 SATs, and NFER in-school assessments. We were very well supported throughout these by Governors and former staff, and extend our heartfelt thanks to them.

Squirrel Class had a very interesting day out at Wakehurst Place and further developed their understanding of plants, seeds and dispersal techniques. Mouse Class had a wonderful trip to Arundel Castle and came back to school fully informed about Kings, Queens, archers and dungeons! The Chanctonbury Music Festival was a wonderful evening showcasing our locality schools' musical talents. Many of the audience reported that it was the best one yet, and it was lovely to see so many of our children joining with their friends and peers to sing a wide range of songs, some of which were very complicated.

The Y5 Taster day at The Towers site of SGS was great fun, we were involved in science workshops and making cheesecake! It has to be said that lunch in the canteen was a real highlight too.

#### Rogation in Bumbles Garden

We are delighted that so many of you could join us in Bumble's Garden for our Rogation Service this year. It was the first time we have celebrated Rogation during the school day and feedback from families has been so very positive that we would like to make it an annual event.

#### FAPS and the Amazing Ashurst Marathon 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

What a fantastic achievement! A sunny, dry, Sunday with fabulous fancy-dress costumes and many personal bests. Thank you so much to all those who took part in running, providing refreshments and of course the very generous sponsors who have enabled FAPS to raise an incredible £2,030!

This amount is going to make a really big impact on how we can develop our playground space.

In case you were not aware, as a Church Aided School, 10% of the Devolved Formula Capital Grant allocation is not provided by state funds; FAPS therefore raise and provide this amount to the school's Governing Body. We are very fortunate to have such an enthusiastic and committed FAPS team who fundraise to support our school in this way. If any of you missed the announcement regarding 'Easyfundraising', please support us if you can by registering today at <http://efraising.org/WtYquPNypZ>

### Y6 Residential to Swanage 10<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024

This year's residential trip for Y6 takes place next week. While Mrs Smith is away, any queries should be addressed to Mrs Clarke or Mrs Sansbury in the first instance.

Y6 parents have already been informed of contact details and arrangements in case of emergencies.

### 150 Celebrations

As part of our Sesquicentennial celebrations we asked you to support us in collecting '150 Jars and Jams' to support The Wholesome Warehouse, one of our chosen charities. I am delighted to report that when Mrs Croft, who began The Wholesome Warehouse, visited Squirrel class at the end of last half term, she was able to take 182 items that you had donated. Thank you once again for your kindness and generosity, Mrs Croft was quite overcome by the amount and knows how much of a difference it will make to those people in our locality who have less than we do.

### 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 and Health and Safety). You can also find our Twitter feed there too!

### Requests for Absence from School

Thank you for ensuring that your requests for absence from school, including late arrivals and early departures due to medical/ dental appointments have been accompanied by an absence request form - these are available to download from our website or paper copies are available from the school office.

### SIAMS and Spirituality Working Party

As a Church of England Aided Primary School, we are inspected by both OFSTED and SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools).

We are in the process of reviewing our Self Evaluation under the new SIAMS framework (Statutory from September 2023) and would very much like to set up a SIAMS Working Party with representatives from Governors, staff, parents/carers and our children. This group would meet as a school community to discuss our school vision, its theology and how we live and learn together. We have had a number of people who are interested in joining the group and have planned our first meeting for 4<sup>th</sup> July at 11.30. If you didn't get around to adding your name to the list, and would like to, please let the office know by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

### Y6 Leaver's Service at Christ's Hospital

This year our Y6's Diocesan Leaver's Service will be at Christ's Hospital on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 10.45. Parents are warmly invited to attend and to join us for lunch afterwards at 'Stooks Restaurant', Newbridge Garden Centre, Billingshurst Rd, Broadbridge Heath, Horsham RH12 3LN.

If you are unable to attend the service, please bring your child into school as normal and we will arrange transport to the service and lunch in staff cars. Similarly, if you are only able to attend the service, we will arrange to transport them to their lunch. Menus and more information will be available shortly.

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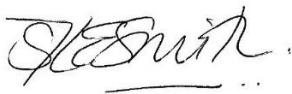
This is where you need to log in to book Parents' Consultations, and access ePay for school visits. The school website is updated regularly and is where the most up to date information can be found including: Newsletters, OFSTED and SIAMS reports, PE/ Sports Funding statements, Pupil Premium and Local Offer statements, School Policies. You can also find our Twitter/ 'X' feed and our school film is 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 Clarke, Mrs Hedley & Mrs Sansbury direct or via [DSL@ashurstcofe-pri.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:DSL@ashurstcofe-pri.w-sussex.sch.uk).

We would like to thank you for your continued support and hope that this information proves helpful.

Kindest regards,



Mrs S Smith  
Headteacher

## Uniform requirements for Academic Year 2023-2024 and 2024-2025

We ask that all children wear the Ashurst school uniform every day. We are very proud of our school and ask for your support in maintaining the correct uniform. Please ensure that all items are named.

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.

Sports Club is on Thursday.

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. Children's hair should be completely tied up once it is long enough to do so and this applies to both boys and girls.

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

## Ashurst CE Aided Primary School Dates for your Diary 2024

Second Half Summer Term	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
INSET DAYS	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024 & Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024.

Whole School Photograph	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Family Eucharist Service St James' 10.30am	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> June
Y6 Swanage Residential	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June
Celebration Assembly - all welcome 3pm	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June
Y6 Leaver's Service at Christs' Hospital 10.45 am	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July
Transition Day (new YR )	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July
Transition Day (Y6)	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Sports Day	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
YR-Y5 Parents' consultations 4-6pm	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July
YR-4 Parents' consultations 4-6pm	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July
Full Governing Body meeting with Y6 and YAGs 5.00pm	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July
Open Afternoon 3.00-4.00pm	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July
Family Eucharist Service St James' 10.30am	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July
Y6 SATs Parents' consultation 4-6pm	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July
Ashurst Leaver's Service St James' Church 2.45pm	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July
Y6 Leavers' Assembly in school 9.15am	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July
Rounders Tea Party 1.30pm	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July
Last day of term	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July

### Extra-Curricular Activities

Gardening Club Y1-Y6 Tuesday 3.30-4.15pm	
4 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>	June
2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup>	July

Sports Club YR-Y6 Thursday 3.30-4.15pm	
6 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>	June
4 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup>	July

## Ashurst CE Aided Primary School Dates for your Diary 2024-2025

INSET	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
First Day of Autumn Term for all children	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September