



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a very happy new year to you all, we hope you enjoyed a restful and enjoyable Christmas holiday- despite the weather!

This term in Mouse Class (EYFS/ KS1) children will be answering the questions 'What lives at the bottom of the sea?', and 'Does chocolate really grow on trees?'. Squirrel Class (Y3&Y4) are questioning 'What is the Point of Pyramids?' and focusing on the Egyptians and the Mayans. The wise Owl Class (Y5&Y6), will be finding out 'How have the lifestyle and achievements of the Ancient Greeks influenced our lives today?' and 'How do our bodies work?'.
We have managed to confirm bookings for several off-site learning experiences, and will update you as soon as others are confirmed.

Paperless Communication

As previously explained, we aim to be paperless in communications. All correspondence will be via email. We will continue to use the [eSchools Lite App](#) (available on the App stores, use 'eschoolslite', download and type in 'Ashurst Primary School' and then click on us!) which has links to the school calendar, latest news and school contact details. We will continue to post two of the 'Ashurst Weekly's' on the noticeboard outside.

Any urgent information such as early closing will be communicated by text and personal communications will continue to be by telephone.

If you would like a paper copy of any correspondence, please come to school office and the relevant document will be printed for you.

PE and wet feet!

Whilst the weather is inclement, we recommend that on days when your child/ren is/are doing PE, they arrive in their school shoes and bring their PE trainers and a pair of spare socks with them so that they can change into dry footwear following the session.

Swimming Sessions

We are pleased to continue our partnership with Steyning Grammar School and 'MXT Swimming' to offer swimming sessions. There will be additional sessions for Y6 as well as those for Y4 and Y3 this 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.

After-School Clubs

This term, our after-school clubs include Top Trumps or Spanish for Y1-Y6 on Tuesdays, Dance/Drama for Y3-Y6 on Wednesdays, Sports for Y1-Y6 on Thursdays & Construction for Y1-Y6 on Fridays. Further information regarding the dates of these is to be found at the end of the newsletter.

Requests for Absence from School

Thank you for ensuring that your recent 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.)

School Website

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

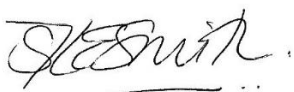
This is where you need to log in to book Parent's Consultations, performance tickets and access ePay for school visits. The school website is updated regularly and is where the most up to date information can be found including: Newsletters, OFSTED and SIAMS reports, PE/ Sports Funding statements, Pupil Premium and Local Offer statements, School Policies (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 and school film 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.

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

We ask that all children wear the Ashurst school uniform every day. The requirements have remained the same and have not changed for over 4 years. 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.

After-school Dance & Drama 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. 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

First Half Spring Term	Tuesday 2nd January - Friday 9 th February
Second Half Spring Term	Tuesday 20 th February - Thursday 28 th March
First Half Summer Term	Monday 15 th April - Friday 24 th May
Second Half Summer Term	Monday 3 rd June - Friday 19 th July
INSET DAYS	Monday 19 th February 2024, Monday 22 nd July 2024 & Tuesday 23 rd July 2024.

Y6 Life Saving Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 12 th January
Y3/Y4/Y5 PE 2-3pm	Friday 12 th January
Celebration Assembly - all welcome 3pm	Friday 12 th January
Family Service St James' Church 10.30 am	Sunday 14 th January
Y6 Life Saving Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 19 th January
Y3/Y4/Y5 PE 2-3pm	Friday 19 th January
Y5 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 26 th January
Y3/Y4/Y6 PE 2-3pm	Friday 26 th January
Squirrel Class Y3&Y4 Visit to Haslemere Museum	Monday 29 th January
Mouse Class YR Y1Y2 visit to Sealife Centre	Wednesday 31 st January
Y5 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 2 nd February
Y3/Y4/Y6 PE 2-3pm	Friday 2 nd February
Celebration Assembly - all welcome 3pm	Friday 2 nd February
Co-production meetings	w/b Monday 5 th February
Y5 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 9 th February
Y3/Y4/Y6 PE 2-3pm	Friday 9 th February
Family Eucharist Service St James' 10.30	Sunday 11 th February
HALF TERM	
INSET DAY	Monday 20 th February
Y3&Y4 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 1 st March
Y5Y6 PE 2-3pm	Friday 1 st March
Y3&Y4 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 8 th March
Y5Y6 PE 2-3pm	Friday 8 th March
Celebration Assembly - all welcome 3pm	Friday 8 th March
Family Service St James' 10.30	Sunday 10 th March
Red Nose Day	Friday 15 th March
Y3&Y4 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 15 th March
Y5Y6 PE 2-3pm	Friday 15 th March
Full Governing Body Meeting 5.30	Wednesday 20 th March
Y3&Y4 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 22 nd March
Y5Y6 PE 2-3pm	Friday 22 nd March
Celebration Assembly - all welcome 3pm	Friday 22 nd March
Open afternoon 2.30-4.00	Monday 25 th March
Easter Service at St James TBC	Wednesday 27 th March
Last day of term	Thursday 28 th March

Other PE Sessions as normal - check the weekly outside board

Extra-Curricular Activities

Top Trumps and Spanish Club Y1-Y6 Tuesday 3.30-4.15pm	
9 th 16 th 23 rd 30 th	January
6 th 20 th 27 th	February
5 th 12 th 19 th 26 th	March

Dance & Drama Club Y2-Y6 Wednesday 3.30-4.15pm	
10 th 17 th 24 th 31 st	January
7 th 21 st 28 th	February
6 th 13 th 20 th 27 th	March

Sports Club Y1-Y6 Thursday 3.30-4.15pm	
11 th 25 th	January
1 st 8 th 22 nd 29 th	February
7 th 14 th 21 st	March

Construction Club Y1-Y6 Friday 3.30-4.15pm	
12 th 19 th 26 th	January
2 nd 9 th 23 rd	February
1 st 8 th 15 th 22 nd	March