

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

Welcome to 2025!

Staffing News

We are pleased to inform you that Mrs McLarin has taken up the position created by Mrs Uff's secondment and is now teaching Owl class all day Thursday and Friday mornings. We are also delighted to announce that Mrs King has now joined Mouse class in the role of part time teaching assistant.

Governors News

Ms Gobat Krish (parent of Xavier in Y2), was recently elected as parent Governor and Ms Burfoot (parent of Teddy in Y2), is in the process of being confirmed as one of our diocesan foundation Governors. We thank them both for their interest and their commitment to supporting our school.

Music Tuition

Mr Smith continues to give private flute and saxophone lessons in school on Monday afternoons, and has spaces available. If you would like more information please contact the school office. Ms Oberman continues to give guitar and ukulele lessons in school on Wednesday mornings, if you would like more information please contact West Sussex Music or the office.

Sports and Swimming News

This term we are continuing with our swimming sessions; the Y5 and Y6 children will have two life saving sessions and then, after half term, squirrel class will have their swimming sessions. Owl class will then have the PE time that Squirrel class normally have on Fridays between 2-3pm so please ensure your children wear their PE kits on Fridays after half term.

After the success of the morning drop off of KS2 children for the Christmas production rehearsals at the village hall, we are discussing with the booking team the possibility of using the hall for a weekly KS2 dance and gymnastics session this term. We will update you with any developments.

eSchools Lite App

Did you know that a very quick and easy way to access school dates and information is by downloading the eSchools Lite App? It has links to the school calendar, latest newsletters, online safety information and school contact details.

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.)

After school Clubs

Once again, I would like to thank you for signing up to, and supporting your children to attend our afterschool clubs. We are able to offer a wide range of activities and this is down to the commitment, goodwill and generosity of the parents and staff who support us. We do not charge for afterschool clubs and to ensure the smooth running of these activities we do appreciate it if, once signed up, your child/ren do continue to attend. In recent discussions we have agreed that although after school clubs do not run in the first or last week of each full term, they will continue to run to the end of each half term and the start of each half term (see dates below).

Parents' Consultations

This term these will take place on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th March for Mouse and Owl class and on Tuesday 25th March for Squirrel class. There will be no after school clubs on these days.

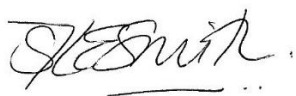
Safeguarding

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 and 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 2024-2025

We ask that all children wear the Ashurst school uniform every day. The requirements have remained the same and have not changed for over 7 years. We are very proud of our school and ask for your support in maintaining the correct uniform.

If your child has a particular need which necessitates an adaptation or change to the school uniform listed below, please make an appointment to discuss this with Mrs Smith.

Please ensure that all items are named we spend a lot of time trying to identify the owners of sweatshirts and hoodies, particularly those that have been acquired through our pre-loved school uniform stockist, Mrs Green.

Whilst the children can sometimes identify their items by smelling them, staff do not share this skill! Lost property items are kept in a box in the library.

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
Green and white checked dress/checked 'playsuit'
Wellies for the field when it is muddy. These, like all other uniform, should be named.

PE Kit:

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

Trainers are the preferred footwear as they are more substantial than black plimsoles. Leggings, joggers and shorts/skorts in other colours are not permitted unless this has been previously discussed and agreed with Mrs Smith. 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.

Our school uniform requests that children wear sensible school shoes or sandals. It does not include trainers except for PE.

PE: Mouse Class - Thursday & Friday, Squirrel Class - Thursday & Friday, Owl Class - Tuesday and in the second half of the spring term on Fridays.

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 letters, homework and reading books make the journey home safely!

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

First Half Spring Term	Monday 6 th January - Friday 14 th February
Half term	Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February
Second Half Spring Term	Tuesday 25 th February - Friday 4 th April
First Half Summer Term	Tuesday 22 nd April - Friday 23 rd May
Half term	Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May
Second Half Summer Term	Monday 2 nd June - Friday 18 th July
INSET DAYS	Monday 24 th February 2025, Monday 21 st July 2025 and Tuesday 22 nd July 2025.

Y6 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 24 th January
Celebration Assembly 3.00pm - all welcome	Friday 24 th January
Parents information meeting re: Y6 residential 6pm	Wednesday 29 th January
Y5 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 31 st January
Y5Y6 Visit to Planetarium	Wednesday 5 th February
Y5 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 7 th February
Family Service St James' Church Ashurst 10.30am	Sunday 9 th February
Celebration Assembly 3.00pm - all welcome	Friday 14 th February
Half term Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February	
INSET DAY	Monday 24 th February
Y5Y6 trip to Glyndebourne	Wednesday 26 th February
Y3Y4 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 28 th February
'Belonging' Play and workshop for Y5Y6	Friday 28 th February
SATS Meeting for Y6 Parents 3:00pm	Monday 3 rd March
Y3Y4 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 7 th March
Family Service St James' Church Ashurst 10.30am	Sunday 9 th March
Y3Y4 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 14 th March
Full Governing Body Meeting 5:30pm	Thursday 20 th March
Y3Y4 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 21 st March
Parents consultations Mouse, Squirrel and Owl classes	Tuesday 25 th March
Parents consultations Mouse and Owl classes	Wednesday 26 th March
Y3Y4 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 28 th March
Celebration Assembly 3.00pm - all welcome	Friday 28 th March
Easter service in St James' Church Ashurst 2.45pm TBC	Wednesday 2 nd April
First day of the Summer term	Tuesday 22 nd April

Extra-Curricular Activities

Spanish Club Y1-Y6 Tuesday 3.30-4.15pm

14 th 28 th	January
4 th 11 th 25 th	February
4 th 11 th 18 th	March

Gardening Y1-Y6 Tuesday 3.30-4.15pm

25 th	February
4 th 11 th 18 th	March

Textile Club for Y2-Y6 3.30-4.15pm

14 th 28 th	January
4 th 11 th	February

Dance/Drama Club Y3-Y6 Wednesday 3.30-4.15pm

15 th 22 nd 29 th	January
5 th 12 th 26 th	February
5 th 12 th 19 th	March

Puzzle Club Y3-Y6 Wednesday 3.30-4.15pm

15 th 22 nd 29 th	January
5 th 12 th 26 th	February
5 th 12 th 19 th	March

Sports Club Y1-Y6 Thursday 3.30-4.15pm

16 th 23 rd 30 th	January
6 th 13 th 27 th	February
6 th 13 th 20 th 27 th	March

Construction Club Y1-Y6 Friday 3.30-4.15pm

17 th 24 th 31 st	January
7 th 14 th 28 th	February
7 th 14 th 21 st 28 th	March