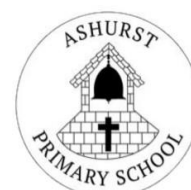




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**ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
SCHOOL LANE, ASHURST, WEST SUSSEX, BN44 3AY



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14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

As the first half of spring term 2025 draws to a close, the morning and evenings are lighter and we are seeing signs of spring in the crocuses in School House wall and daffodils on the field. We would like to thank all those involved for your support in taking children to the Village Hall for dance and PE sessions this term; we know how much the children and staff have valued these sessions and it has been good to further develop our relationships within the community and with the Village Hall.

#### 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.

#### Community Involvement

It was a real pleasure to take four members of Squirrel class to The Wholesome Warehouse this week and to help with the packing of the food boxes. We took items which you had kindly donated before Christmas and the children are very keen to strengthen this link and to ensure other children have the opportunity to visit.

To this end we would like to ask, whilst we will forward information and a donation link for Red Nose Day (21<sup>st</sup> March 2025) in due course, if you were able to bring in an item that we could donate at a later date to the Wholesome Warehouse they would be very grateful. They currently have many tins and packets of pasta and would really appreciate any of the following items: tomato ketchup, jars of pasta sauce, microwaveable pouches of rice, sugar, washing powder and jars of jam/ peanut butter/honey or condiments, or a special treat.

#### Sports and Swimming News

This term we are continuing with our swimming sessions; the Y3 and Y4 children will have will have their swimming sessions after the half term break. 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 (as well as Tuesdays as usual).

### Governor News

Mr Julian was recently elected as staff Governor, and we thank him for his interest and his commitment to further supporting our school.

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March for Mouse and Owl class and on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March for Squirrel class. There will be no after school clubs on these days.

### SEND coordinator

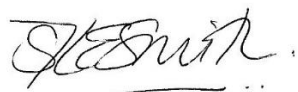
From next half term Mrs Smith will be the school's SEND coordinator; we extend our heartfelt thanks for all that Mrs Clarke has established, for all her support and for her commitment to the education and wellbeing of all pupils whilst in this role.

### 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 and 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 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.

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

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

Celebration Assembly 3.00pm - all welcome	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
Half term Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	
INSET DAY	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
Y5Y6 trip to Glyndebourne	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February
Y3Y4 Swimming packed lunch required Y5Y6 PE	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
Y5Y6 Football Tournament by invitation	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
'Belonging' Play and workshop for Y5Y6	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
SATS Meeting for Y6 Parents 3:00pm	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
World Book Day - please dress as a favourite character	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Y3Y4 Swimming packed lunch required Y5Y6 PE	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March
Family Service St James' Church Ashurst 10.30am	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
Y5Y6 Swimming Gala by invitation	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March
Y3Y4 Swimming packed lunch required Y5Y6 PE	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
Y5 Maths Challenge @ Christs Hospital by invitation	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Full Governing Body Meeting 5:30pm	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Red Nose Day - please wear uniform plus one red item	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Y3Y4 Swimming packed lunch required Y5Y6 PE	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Parents consultations Mouse, Squirrel and Owl classes	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Parents consultations Mouse and Owl classes	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Y3Y4 Swimming packed lunch required Y5Y6 PE	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
Celebration Assembly 3.00pm - all welcome	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter service in St James' Church Ashurst 2.45pm TBC	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April
First day of the Summer term	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April

## Extra-Curricular Activities

### Spanish Club Y1-Y6 Tuesday 3.30-4.15pm

25 <sup>th</sup>	February
4 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup>	March

### Gardening Y1-Y6 Tuesday 3.30-4.15pm

25 <sup>th</sup>	February
4 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup>	March

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

26 <sup>th</sup>	February
5 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>	March

### Puzzle Club Y3-Y6 Wednesday 3.30-4.15pm

26 <sup>th</sup>	February
5 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>	March

### Sports Club Y1-Y6 Thursday 3.30-4.15pm

27 <sup>th</sup>	February
6 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>	March

### Construction Club Y1-Y6 Friday 3.30-4.15pm

28 <sup>th</sup>	February
7 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>	March