



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

## ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a very warm welcome back to the new academic year to all families, especially those new to the school including those of our EYFS children Bella, Bertie, Edome, Jeffrey and Zoe, and new Juniors Ellis and Lara. We also extend a very warm welcome back to Mrs Sansbury who returns from maternity leave next week.

We also thank staff, Governors and all those who have continued to work so hard preparing our school for the new academic year, including Maria, our cleaner, from Enviro.

We hope that all families and children are safe and well and are looking forward to all that is planned for 2021-2022. You may have heard that our Young Ashurst Governors proposed a change for our classes-instead of being known by year groups they now have names- chosen by the children. So, this term in Mouse Class (EYFS/ KS1), children will be answering the questions 'Why do pirates wear eyepatches?' and 'Why do we celebrate with fireworks?' Squirrel Class (Y3&Y4), are wondering 'What is the point of pyramids?' and the wise Owl Class (Y5&Y6), will be exploring 'How did the Ancient Greeks influence our world today?' and 'How do our bodies work?'

### Starters' Service

We would like to invite you to join us at our brand new 'Starters' Service' this year. School will attend a church service at St. James' on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. The service will be from 2.45-3.15pm. If you are able to attend, you may take your children with you at the end of the service, if you are unable to attend, we will walk back up to school in time for 3.30 collection as usual. If the weather is unkind the service will take place in school at the same time and you will be very welcome to join us.

### Squirrel Class (Y3&Y4) trip

To get their learning off to a flying start, Y3&Y4 will be visiting Haselmere Educational Museum on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Transport will be by minibus and a packed lunch will be required. School uniform will be required.

### Annual Sponsored Walks

We will once again be asking the children to suggest the charities who will benefit from our annual sponsored walks. This year Mouse class's (EYFS/KS1) walk will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September and Squirrel and Owl classes' (Y3Y4Y5&Y6) walk will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Children should wear suitable footwear and may wear home clothes. We recommend long trousers, a couple of layers in case the weather changes and certainly a raincoat. All Juniors will require a packed lunch (which they will carry) on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>. Sponsor forms are to follow, and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

### After School Clubs

This term, thanks to the generosity of staff and friends in the local community, we are delighted to be able to offer four afterschool clubs. These will commence the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> September and will include Chess for Y3-Y6 on Tuesdays, Dance for Y3-Y6 on Wednesdays, Sports for Y1-Y6 on Thursdays and Craft for Y1-Y6 on Fridays. Further information is to be found at the end of the newsletter.

### Y6 Residential

The residential trip for Y6 in Chichester is planned for the beginning of October and we will update you with more information shortly.

### Swimming Sessions

We are pleased to continue our partnership with Steyning Grammar School and 'MXT Swimming' to offer swimming sessions in the Autumn term for Y5 and Y6. Sessions for Y4 and Y3 will be in the Spring 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. Further information is to be found at the end of the newsletter.

### FAPS (Friends of Ashurst Primary School)

We hope that new families will join us for the first full FAPS meeting of 2021-2022 the provisional date for this is 2pm on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

### Concert News- Fundraising

We are delighted to announce that 'The South Downs Concert Band' will be performing for us on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Please put this date in your diary, we are planning that our children sing our school hymn at this event so we are keen for everyone to attend, ticket prices will be available shortly and please spread the word. We would like a jolly good turn out!

### 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, COVID 19 guidance, DfE information, Health and Safety and Risk Assessments). You can also find our Twitter feed 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 Clarke, Mrs Hedley and Mrs Smith direct or via [DSL@ashurstcofe-pri.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:DSL@ashurstcofe-pri.w-sussex.sch.uk).

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Kindest regards,

Mrs S Smith  
Headteacher



## Ashurst CE Aided Primary School Dates for your Diary 2021-2022

First Half Autumn Term	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September-Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October
Second half Autumn Term	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November- Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
First Half Spring Term	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January -Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February
Second Half Spring Term	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February-Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April
First Half Summer Term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April -Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May
Second Half Summer Term	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June-Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July
INSET DAYS	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October, Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December, Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February, Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June and Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July

2.45-3.30 Term Blessing Service in St James'	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Mouse Class (EYFS/KS1) sponsored walk	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September
Squirrel Class (Y3&Y4) trip to Haslemere Museum	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September
Squirrel and Owl (Y3Y4Y5&Y6) sponsored walk	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September
Family Service St James' Education Sunday 10.30	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> September
Y6 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September
EY's Open morning 9am - 10.30	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September
Y6 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September
Y6 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October
Family Service St James' Harvest Sunday 10.30	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> October
Open Afternoon 2.30-4.00	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October
Mouse Class (EYFS KS1) Parents' evening 4pm - 6pm	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October
Full Governing Body Meeting 5.30	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October
INSET DAY	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October
HALF TERM	
Squirrel and Owl (KS2) Parents' evening 4pm - 6pm	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November
Squirrel and Owl (KS2) Parents' evening 4pm - 6pm	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
Y5 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November
Children in Need Fundraising Day	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November
Y5 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November
SOUTH DOWNS CONCERT BAND CONCERT	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> November
Family Service St James' 10.30	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> November
Y5 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November
Y5 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November
2.45-3.30 Advent service in St James'	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December
Christmas productions	w/b 6 <sup>th</sup> December
Family Service St James' 10.30	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Open Afternoon/ Christmas Bazaar 2.30-4.00	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Children's Christmas party 1.00	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
Mouse Class Nativity 9.15	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
INSET DAY	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December

### Extra-Curricular Activities

Chess Club Y3-Y6 Tuesday 3.30-4.15pm	
7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>	September
5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup>	October
3 <sup>rd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup>	November
	December

Dance Club Y3-Y6 Wednesday 3.30-4.15pm	
8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>	September
6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup>	October
10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup>	November
1 <sup>st</sup>	December

Sports Club Y1-Y2 Thursday 3.15-4.00pm	
9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup>	September
7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>	October
5 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup>	November
2 <sup>nd</sup>	December

Sports Club Y3-Y6 Thursday 3.15-4.15pm	
9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup>	September
7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>	October
5 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup>	November
2 <sup>nd</sup>	December

Craft Club Y1-Y6 Friday 3.30-4.15pm	
10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup>	September
1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup>	October
12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>	November
3 <sup>rd</sup>	December

## Uniform requirements for Autumn 2021

Please can we ask that all children wear the Ashurst school uniform every day. With the exception of the first Covid-19 lockdown, the requirements remain the same and have not changed for over 2 years. We are very proud of our school and ask for your support in maintaining the correct uniform. Please ensure all items are named.

Girls	Boys
Grey skirt, culottes or pinafore dress Grey tailored trousers Green sweatshirt with school badge or green sweater (not their PE hoody). White blouse/polo shirt White or grey socks White or grey or green tights Sensible shoes or sandals Green and white checked dress/checked 'playsuit' and green cardigan	Grey trousers (long or short) Green sweatshirt with school badge or green sweater (not their PE hoody). White Shirt/polo shirt White or grey socks Sensible shoes or sandals

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.

### PE Kit:

Green or white shorts/skorts, white T-shirt with a round neck, white socks, trainers, green hoody and green joggers. Green hoodies should not be worn during the rest of the week. 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.

PE: Mouse Class- Thursday, Squirrel Class - Friday, Owl Class -Wednesday

After-school Dance Club is on Wednesday, Sports Club is on Thursday.

### 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, grey, black, navy or brown. Children's hair should be 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 water bottle and school book bag (available on the school website) in school every day. These fit in the children's drawers and help letters, homework and reading books make the journey home safely!