



**Ashurst CE Aided Primary School
Home-School Partnership
SUMMER TERM Newsletter
16TH APRIL 2018**



**HALF TERM: MON. 28th MAY - FRI. 1st JUNE 2018
INSET DAYS: 5th and 6th JULY 2018
MAY DAY SCHOOL CLOSURE = 7th MAY**

Dear Parents, Carers & Pupils

We hope families enjoyed their Easter holiday, which was tinged with some sadness for all associated with the school with the demise of Mrs Harwell's mother on Good Friday. The condolences of everyone have been sent to the Harwell family.

In spite of it being one of the shortest and coldest of Spring terms on record, it was also one of the most exciting professionally with teachers teaching in different year groups, attending a variety of courses in preparation for future testing and assessing arrangements **and** the formal monitoring and reporting of the school's practices in 'Teaching & Learning' (and 'Inclusion') by the local Education Authority, together with their respective in-depth analysis and evaluation of 'Pupil Performance & Progress', leading happily to the affirmation of the school's 'outstanding' judgement.

The cold weather conditions presented many logistical challenges for the leadership and management of the school too, with closure on Friday 2nd March and events like the Chess Tournament against Lancing Prep. School, Hove **and** the Y5 'Choral Day' at Christs Hospital being cancelled because no possible alternative date/s could be found and some events, like the Y6 'Bikeability Assessment Week' being rescheduled to another week **AND** another venue!

The school's termly 'Y5&6 Cookery Day' at Shoreham College had to be postponed - not as a result of weather conditions this time but due to teacher, Mrs Young, sustaining an injury to her shoulder! It is now due to take place this term.

Even with such ups and downs, the Spring term turned out to be an enjoyable one with lunchtime football on the field, almost daily, and wins in Chess against Windlesham School, in Football against Coldwaltham and Amberley Schools and in Netball against other competitors in The

Towers' Netball Tournament for Y4-6 Girls. It even ended on the last day of term with an Ashurst 'first', a 'GRAND WHOLE SCHOOL INDOOR SKIP' for 'SPORTS RELIEF'!

To further **CATCH-UP ON SPRING 2018...**

Pupils in **Y3&4** reported enjoying their weekly **SWIMMING LESSONS** at **THE TOWERS** and **PE/GAMES** sessions with **MISS MILES** at **DALESDOWN** throughout the Spring term.

HORSHAM TAG RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Pupils from **Y5&Y6**, who represented the school in the **Annual Schools' Tag Rugby Tournament** in Horsham on **March 13th**, achieved many school - and personal - 'bests'. **WELL DONE** to all concerned!

COUNTY CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMME/COMPETITION 2018

Y5 pupils took part in the annual **County Citizenship Programme** at The Drill Hall, Horsham on **March 28th** and alongside enjoying many different and interesting activities, events and experiences, enhanced the skills needed for ensuring a happy, safe, secure and caring life.

The **ASHURST SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL** on **Friday 23rd March** was another truly **AMAZING** afternoon, much-loved and enjoyed, and we thank **Music teacher, Mrs Harwell**, once again for her inspirational role in the success of the Festival.

Y4 pupils are also to be thanked for helping to raise funds for our Indian guest of the Autumn term, Shilpar, introduced to us by parent Mrs Britton. **SHILPAR works for a CHARITY in INDIA**, helping sustain the lives of those Indians with seemingly little or nothing.

According to the **DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER, THIS YEAR, 2018**, is the '**YEAR OF PRAYER**' and **SHILPAR** is always recognised in our school prayers.

The last two weeks of term enabled pupils to gain a better understanding of '**THE EASTER STORY**', the '**PASSION**'.

Pupils in **Y6** organised and led the whole school '**EASTER WALK TO ST JAMES' CHURCH**' on **Wednesday 21ST March** - with hymns, prayers and an enactment. Father Mark and Foundation Governor, Mrs Timms joined

the journey to and from **St JAMES' CHURCH** and commented upon the special nature of the occasion - for which a big **THANK YOU** to **Y6 pupils for their inspiration**.

Pupils in Y5 undertook a visit to **ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL** on **20th March**, to study **'THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS'** and presented a special display of their artwork for the school's **Spring 'Open Afternoon'** on **26th March**.

New Foundation Governor, **Mrs Garnett** and Lay Preacher (and former parent of Ashurst pupils) **Mrs Croft** helped enact **THE EASTER STORY** with all pupils from **YR - Y4** on **Wednesday 28th March**.

Lastly, as mentioned before, this is the **'YEAR OF PRAYER'** and, after much discussion, the school is making preparations for a small **'PRAYER GARDEN'** at the end of school playground, behind the coloured pencils. It will include: the **'REFLECTION ROCKING CHAIR'** presented to the school by Y6 pupils at the end of Y6, 2017, and the **SCHOOL MOSAIC** created by all pupils and Mrs Smith recently, plus pots of flowers/shrubs planted by pupils throughout the school. It is intended for pupils and staff during the school day and members of the local community outside school hours.

AND NOW FOR SUMMER 2018!

Everyone loves the Summer term: play, packed lunches and picnics on the field, after-school Clubs, Sports Day, 'Leavers' Tea Party & Rounders', Bumbles' Garden (for which thank you to parent **Mr Marshall** and special friends and neighbours **Mr & Mrs Garnett**), Sunday Family Services at St James' church and lots more!

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS:

Please can you make sure **'sun tan cream'** is applied to your child/children before school each day and that an individual sun hat/cap is supplied, as appropriate. Thank you.

TOPICS

This term **Y1 & Y2** are studying **'Food Glorious Food'** and **'Under and Over the Ocean'**, with **Foundation Stage** work also based around the same themes. Pupils in **Y3 & Y4** are studying **'The Wild Wilderness'** and pupils in **Y5 & Y6** are undertaking **'The Local Environment'**.

As part of respective studies, Y1 & Y2 pupils are to visit The Artisan Bakehouse.

For more details, please see the 'Dates for the Term' and the school website.

LITERACY & NUMERACY, MORNING LESSONS: TUESDAY-THURSDAY for the first half of Summer term:

YR&Y1: MRS POCKETT and TA Miss Kelsey, Y2&Y3: MRS SMITH, Y4&Y5: MISS SIMPSON and Y6: MRS WILLIAMS.

Following in-house training and DBS checks, we are delighted to report of additional regular 'Reader Helpers' in school: Mrs Fry and Mr Burgess.

HOMEWORK IN THE SUMMER TERM

For more details, including amendments PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL'S HOMEWORK POLICY ON THE WEBSITE.

SHARING ASSEMBLIES FOR ALL PARENTS & CARERS

FS/KS1: FRIDAY 4TH MAY @ 9.15 am

Y3-Y5: FRIDAY 15TH JUNE @ 9.15am

The **CHANCTONBURY SCHOOLS' MUSIC FESTIVAL**, which involves all of the Y5&6 pupils from the five Chanctonbury Schools singing together, is on **TUESDAY 24TH APRIL 2018**. ALL PARENTS HAVE BEEN INFORMED.

THE Y1/2 MUSIC FESTIVAL is at **UPPER BEEDING SCHOOL** on **19TH JUNE 2018**

'JUDAISM' LEARNING EXPERIENCE MORNING IN SCHOOL is on **12TH JUNE 2018**.

COUNTY CHESS COMPETITION 2017 - 2018

The school's **CHESS TEAM** is due to play against **Copthorne Prep School, All Saints School and Cottesmore Prep. School at Copthorne School on Thursday 26th April**. Final matches are currently being played to decide the Ashurst team with respective parents being informed by Friday of this week, at the latest.

SUMMER TERM PE/GAMES/ SPORT

KS1 SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS: Respective parents/carers of Y1 pupils and Y2 pupils have already been informed of their children's swimming dates with Miss Miles at The Towers.

KS1 MULTI SKILLS, with HORSHAM LEISURELINK, is on Thursdays from 3.15pm - 4.00 pm, starting on **THURSDAY 26TH APRIL.**

KS2 CRICKET, ROUNDERS & ATHLETICS with HORSHAM LEISURELINK is on Thursdays from 3:15pm - 4:15pm, starting on **THURSDAY 26TH APRIL.** For other dates for Summer, please see 'Dates for the Term'.

SENIOR PUPILS' CRICKET DAY - tbc

The school is awaiting news of this popular day and looks forward to entering a team of senior pupils once again, when dates and details are known. More information to respective parents soon.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: FOOTBALL MATCH ASHURST v ST JAMES' SCHOOL, COLDWALTHAM COMING SHORTLY.

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day - for **ALL** Ashurst pupils - is on **THURSDAY 12th JULY.** We thank FAPs members, *in advance,* for their delicious strawberry teas!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The photographer is due **on 10th MAY,** to take the **WHOLE SCHOOL** picture for this academic year.

BUMBLES' GARDEN

The school is looking forward to meeting with Mr and Mrs Garnett to discuss plans and details for **BUMBLES GARDEN 2018.** We hope pupils will shortly be planting out a variety of seeds to 'harvest' later in the summer, ready for the Ashurst Flower Show in July.

Y6 RESIDENTIAL SWANAGE FIELD STUDY VISIT is from **Monday 25th June - Friday 29th June 2018.**

There will be a letter home to parents towards half term regarding payment/s **and** a letter nearer departure with details of clothing/journey/itinerary etc.

ASSESSMENT and REPORTING ON PUPIL PROGRESS TO PARENTS:

- **Y6 pupils will be undertaking their respective SAT assessments from 14th-18th May.**
- **Y2 pupils will be undertaking their respective SAT assessments throughout the term, as appropriate.**
- **Pupils in Y1, Y3, Y4 & Y5 will be undertaking their *in-school* assessments in mid-May too.** Thereafter, parents of these pupils will be invited to consultation afternoons/evenings to learn of pupils' individual results in these assessments and of their progress *over* the academic year.
- **The parents of Reception/Foundation Stage pupils will be invited to individual consultations with Mrs Pockett, later this term, to discuss respective pupil progress.**
- **Pupils' Annual Reports to Parents** will be sent home at the beginning of July, together with the school's annual questionnaire on 'Parents' Evaluations of the Academic Year' plus a copy of the 'Y6 Pupils' Annual Report to Parents & Governors'.

Y6 PUPILS

Y6 pupils, in particular, have much to look forward to this term, including:

- **Preparing their Y6 ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS & GOVERNORS** on their primary years at Ashurst; and presenting the same to the **Governors at their full meeting later this term (10th JULY at 6pm).**
- **Taking part in the Y6 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY at LANCING COLLEGE on TUESDAY 3rd JULY followed by lunch at ARTISAN BAKERY,** accompanied by their parents and teachers. Please would respective parents let the school know if they will be joining the group to travel on the minibus.
- **Producing and presenting their own LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY** for all to enjoy on **WEDNESDAY 18th JULY** - plus serving coffee and biscuits to teachers, governors and their parents afterwards.
- **Planning their LEAVERS' TEA PARTY AND ROUNDERS MATCH** for everyone on **THURSDAY 19th July.**
- **Producing the school's Summer term contribution to the Ashurst Parish Magazine.**
PLUS CRICKET DAY AND SWANAGE, of course!

INDUCTION MORNING WEDNESDAY 4^h JULY 2018

When respective Y6 pupils undertake their **Induction to Steyning Grammar School**, the school will welcome its **new Foundation Stage pupils 2018-2019**, and all pupils within the school will **'advance a year group'** for the morning.

INSET DAY 5th AND 6th JULY

A reminder to parents, school will be closed on the above days.

OPEN AFTERNOON

We invite all parents and friends to join us for the final 'Open Afternoon' of this academic year on **16th July, from 2.30pm - 4.00pm.**

FAPS

We really do appreciate the wonderful support we receive. For **ALL** newsletters, dates of events and meetings, please see the school's website.

FOR ALL CHURCH SERVICES at ST JAMES' CHURCH this term - please see the school's website and/or St James' own website.

It looks like another **EXCITING, HAPPY** and **WONDERFUL** term in prospect!

As always, please contact the school if you have any concerns or questions.

Kindest regards

Mrs J. A Williams, Headteacher

**ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL
DATES FOR SUMMER TERM 2018**

**SUMMER TERM Monday 16th April - 24th July 2018
HALF TERM Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June 2018
INSET DAYS: 5th & 6th July 2018
Bank Holiday 7th May 2018**

Family Church Service 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30 am
Please see St. James' Church, or Ashurst Primary School websites for further information on service dates.

Y5/Y6 Chanctonbury Music Festival SGS 6pm	24 th April
Chess Team, Tournament Copthorne School	26 th April
FS/KS1 Sharing Assembly 9:15am Parents welcome	4 th May
School Photograph 1:30pm	10 th May
Y5 Cricket Afternoon, Christ's Hospital School	11 th May
Key Stage 2 Y6 SAT Assessments In-School Assessments Y3, Y4 & Y5	14 th - 18 th May
Open Afternoon 2:30-4pm	21 st May
Full Governing Body Meeting 6:30-8:00pm	22 nd May
HALF TERM	28 th May - 1 st June
Judaism Learning Experience morning, in school	12 th June
Y3-Y5 Sharing Assembly 9:15am Parents welcome	15 th June
Y1/2 Music Festival Upper Beeding CE Primary	19 th June
YR, Y1, Y3, Y4 & Y5 Parents Consultation Evenings	19 th & 21 st June
Y6 Residential Swanage Field Study Visit	25 th -29 th June

Lancing College Y6 Leavers Assembly & Lunch	3 rd July
Y2 & Y6 Parents Consultation Evening	3 rd July
Induction Morning Reception pupils 2018/19 & Induction Day Y6 pupils transferring to SGS	4 th July
INSET DAYS	5 th & 6 th July
Pupils Reports Home	Week beginning 9 th July
Full Governing Body Meeting (+ Y6 Pupils) 6pm	10 th July
Sports Day	12 th July
Open Afternoon 2:30-4pm	16 th July
Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9:15am in school	18 th July
Y6 Leavers' Afternoon Rounders Match & Tea Party 2:30 - 5:00pm	19 th July
Senior Pupils' Cricket Day, Henfield	tba
Ashurst Primary 'Summer Bake Off', Y5/Y6 pupils	tba
Finals Chess Tournament (venue & date to be advised)	tba
End of Summer Term	24 th July

Extra-Curricular Activities:

KS1 'MULTISKILLS' (Y1 & Y2)

THURSDAYS UNTIL 4pm

26th April

3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th May

7th, 14th & 28th June

KS2 CRICKET, ROUNDERS & ATHLETICS CLUB (Y3-Y6)

THURSDAYS UNTIL 4.15pm

26th April

3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th May

7th, 14th & 28th June

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