



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

Firstly, a very warm welcome back to the new academic year to all families, especially those new to the school. We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Wunsdorf as our second teaching assistant, and Mr Julian as our new office administrator.

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

We hope that all families and children are safe and well and are looking forward to all that is planned for 2024-2025. This term in Mouse Class (EYFS/ KS1) children will be answering the questions 'What happens in the Enchanted Wood?' and 'Why did London burn?', Squirrel Class (Y3&Y4) are wondering 'Did the Stone Age end because they ran out of stones?', and the wise Owl Class (Y5&Y6) will be exploring 'What did the Romans do for us?' and 'Reaching the Peak'.

'New Beginnings' Service

We would like to invite you to join us at our 'New Beginnings' Service this year. School will attend a church service at St. James', Ashurst on Wednesday 11th September. The service will be from 2.45-3.30pm. If you are able to attend you may take your children home 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. During the service, children will be invited to come and collect a piece of a jigsaw. These are to be coloured/ painted at home (on the side without a number on it) and returned to school by Monday 16th September to be included in a whole school display.

Annual Sponsored Walks

At the end of last term, the YAGs unanimously agreed to keep the charities from last year for this year's Sponsored Walks. These are 'Team Seas', 'Chestnut Tree House' and 'The Wholesome Warehouse'. This year Mouse class (EYFS/KS1) walk will be on Tuesday 17th September with Squirrel & Owl classes' (Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6) walk on Tuesday 24th September. Transport to and from the start and finish of the KS2 sponsored walk will be by minibus and private car. Children should wear suitable footwear and may wear home clothes. We

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recommend long trousers, a couple of layers in case the weather changes, a plastic bag to sit on and certainly a raincoat. All Juniors will require a packed lunch (which they will carry, so we recommend a small rucksack) for Tuesday 24th. Sponsor forms and details of how to support our chosen beneficiaries have already been emailed to you.

After School Clubs

This term, thanks to the generosity of staff, parents and friends in the local community, we are delighted to be able to offer a range of afterschool clubs from 3.30-4.15.

We have had an enquiry as to whether it would be possible to include YR in Sports Club this term. We have discussed this with the manager of Horsham Sports Services who manage and run this club, and at this time in the school year, it is not feasible. We will review this in the Spring term and look to include those YR who want to attend from the start of the summer term.

Tuesday	Gardening Club	Y1-Y6
	Spanish	Y1-Y6
Wednesday	Dance and Drama	Y3-Y6
Thursday	Sports Club	Y1-Y6
Friday	Construction	Y1-Y6

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). Those children swimming in shorts should not wear loose fitting 'beach shorts', and those children wearing an all in one costume, should ensure that they can put them on themselves. Transport will be by minibus and a packed lunch will be required on these days.

FAPS (Friends of Ashurst Primary School)

We hope that new families will join us for the FAPS AGM. The date for this is Monday 30th September 2024 at 2pm in school.

As a Church of England Aided school, Ashurst is required to provide a contribution of 10% of the school's annual building work and maintenance costs. The Friends of Ashurst Primary School (FAPS) was set up to help provide this funding and also support the school with any additional needs. Over the past couple of years FAPS were able to buy 14 new Chrome books and also provided funds for the proposed refurbishment of the playground as well as for the less glamorous, but vital, toilet refurbishment, sewage systems and windows!

Throughout the year they organise and run both small and large events, and are able to not only provide the school with the extra funding it needs, but to go over and above their fundraising target whilst creating exciting events we can all enjoy.

Accelerated Reader

This term we will be beginning to use Accelerated Reader to support our children's reading. Staff have worked very hard engaging in training as well as categorising, printing and

labelling a large number of the books in school, both in the classrooms and in the library. We will be holding an information evening on Thursday 17th October at 6pm to share with parents and families how the system works and how we will be assessing and monitoring reading.

Music Tuition

Mr Smith continues to give private flute lessons in school on Monday afternoons, and has spaces available. If you would like more information please contact the school office. A number of families have expressed an interest in guitar lessons and we have been in discussion with West Sussex Music to see if they can support us in providing a guitar tutor during the school day. There will be a special assembly on 18th September to demonstrate the guitar and what is on offer. Further information will be made available in due course.

School Website

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

The school website is updated regularly (at this time of year, some areas are under review) and is where the most up-to-date information can be found including: Newsletters, OFSTED and SIAMS reports, PE/Sports Funding statements, Statutory School Policies and Pupil Premium and Local Offer statements.

Celebration Assemblies

This term we would like to invite parents and carers to our Celebration Assemblies. These are an opportunity to recognise our children's achievements both in and out of school. It is the forum for awards, certificates and birthdays and you are all very welcome to attend!

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.

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 or Mrs Sansbury direct or via DSL@ashurstcofe-pri.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

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 as already this term we are trying to identify the owners of several sweatshirts and hoodies. Whilst the children can sometimes identify their items by smelling them, staff do not share this skill!

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.

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.

PE Kit:

Green, grey 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 or dance club.

PE: Mouse Class - Thursday & Friday, Squirrel Class - Thursday & Friday, Owl Class - Tuesday.

After-school Dance and drama 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, 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 Autumn Term	Tuesday 3 rd September - Friday 25 th October
Half term	Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November
Second half Autumn Term	Tuesday 5 th November - Friday 20 th December
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 3 rd September and Monday 4 th November 2024 Monday 24 th February 2025, Monday 21 st July 2025 and Tuesday 22 nd July 2025.

Family Service St James' Church Ashurst, 10.30	Sunday 8 th September
New Beginnings Service in St James', Ashurst 2.45-3.30	Wednesday 11 th September
Y6 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 13 th September
Mouse Class (EYFS Y1/Y2) Sponsored Walk	Tuesday 17 th September
Squirrel class trip to Novium Museum	Thursday 19 th September
Y6 SGS Taster Morning	Thursday 19 th September
Y6 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 20 th September
Squirrel and Owl (Y3/Y4/Y5&Y6) Sponsored Walk	Tuesday 24 th September
Full Governing Body Business Meeting 6.15	Tuesday 24 th September
Y6 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 27 th September
Celebration Assembly 3.00pm	Friday 27 th September
FAPS AGM in school 2pm	Monday 30 th September
Geologist, Mr Evans, visits Squirrel Class	Monday 30 th September- Tuesday 1 st October
Squirrel class trip to Cissbury Ring	Friday 4 th October
Y6 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 4 th October
Owl Class trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace	Tuesday 8 th October
Y6 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 11 th October

Family Service St James' 10.30	Sunday 13 th October
Bikeability Sessions for Y6	W/B Monday 14 th October
Open Afternoon 3.00-4.00	Monday 14 th October
Parents meeting re: Accelerated Reader 6pm	Thursday 17 th October
Y6 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 18 th October
Celebration Assembly 3.00pm	Friday 18 th October
HALF TERM	
INSET DAY	Monday 4 th November
Parents Evening - all year groups - 4.00pm to 6.00pm	Tuesday 5 th November
Parents Evening Year R/1/2/5/6	Wednesday 6 th November
Y5 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 8 th November
Family Service St James' 10.30	Sunday 10 th November
Remembrance Day Service in school	Monday 11 th November
Individual and in school sibling photographs	Wednesday 13 th November
Children in Need Day- please bring in a jar or a tin of food for The Wholesome Warehouse as your donation	Friday 15 th November
Y5 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 15 th November
Full Governing Body Meeting	Thursday 21 st November
Y5 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 22 nd November
Celebration Assembly 3.00pm	Friday 22 nd November
Y5 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 29 th November
Advent Service @ St James' Church 2.45	Wednesday 4 th December
Y5 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 6 th December
Nasal Flu Vaccinations in school - more details to follow	Friday 6 th December
KS2 Christmas production	w/b 9 th December
Celebration Assembly 3.00pm	Friday 13 th December
Family Service St James' 10.30	Sunday 15 th December
Open afternoon and Christmas Bazaar 2.30-4.00	Monday 16 th December
Children's Christmas party 1.00	Tuesday 17 th December
Mouse Class Nativity 9.15	Thursday 19 th December
Talent Show	Thursday 19 th December
Last day of term	Friday 20 th December

Extra-Curricular Activities

Spanish Club Y1-Y6 Tuesday 3.30-4.15pm	
10 th , 17 th , 24 th	September
1 st 8 th 15 th 22 nd	October
5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th	November
3 rd	December

Gardening Y1-Y6 Tuesday 3.30-4.15pm	
10 th , 17 th , 24 th	September
1 st 8 th 15 th 22 nd	October

After half term there will be a Tuesday Textile Club for Y2-Y6 3.30-4.15pm	
12 th , 19 th , 26 th	November
3 rd	December

Dance/Drama Club Y3-Y6 Wednesday 3.30-4.15pm	
18 th 25 th	September
2 nd 9 th 16 th 23 rd	October
13 th 20 th 27 th	November
4 th December	

Sports Club Y1-Y6 Thursday 3.30-4.15pm	
12 th 19 th 26 th	September
3 rd 10 th 17 th 24 th	October
7 th 14 th 21 st 28 th	November
5 th	December

Construction Club Y1-Y6 Friday 3.30-4.15pm	
13 th 20 th 27 th	September
4 th 11 th 18 th 25 th	October
Construction Club becomes Christmas Craft after half term 3.30-4.15pm	
8 th 15 th 22 nd 29 th	November
6 th	December