



**ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL
HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP
NEWSLETTER
SPRING TERM 2017**



4th January

WSCC Headteachers' Annual Conference: Thurs. 26th & Fri. 27 Jan. 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

We are delighted to welcome everyone back to school in 2017 and hope you have all had a joyous Christmas and a very happy New Year! We thank you most kindly for your greeting cards and the lovely Christmas gifts we all received.

END OF AUTUMN TERM 2016

Everyone thought the school's Christmas Production of '**RED RIDING HOOD**' the **best ever** with more than **two hundred and fifty** attending and almost **£500.00** being raised overall by pupils for their chosen charity '**CHESTNUT TREE HOUSE**'.

We thank all who completed and returned their '**TERMLY EVALUATION FORMS**' available on '**OPEN AFTERNOON**'. **Comments** have already been shared with staff in school; and governors will have the opportunity of doing the same at their full meeting later this term.

We thank **FAPs** members for their tremendous support once again: for meeting all expenses in producing '**RED RIDING HOOD**', for organising the children's '**Lucky Dip**' after each matinee, the wonderful **presents from Father Christmas** to the children at their Christmas Party and for organising another **AMAZING 'Christmas Hamper Raffle'**.

We thank pupils in **Y5&6** for once again organising a very successful **Christmas Charity Bazaar** which helped to raise another **£162.56** for '**CHESTNUT TREE HOUSE**' and for helping to raising **£50.00** for the **MARGARET GREEN ANIMAL SANCTUARY**, not far from Swanage in Dorset and home to the school's adopted Portuguese Pot Belly Pig **NEVILLE**, by selling raffle tickets for a **draw** to be made this **Saturday, 7th January!**

The school enjoys incredible support from all families throughout the academic year - and even more so at Christmas time with such as the wonderful Christmas Concert at St Andrew's Church in Steyning on 22nd December - a huge 'thank you' to all concerned!

SPRING TERM 2017

- **TOPICS**

This term, pupils in **Y5 & Y6** are studying '**A Giant Leap for Mankind**', pupils in **Y3 & Y4** are studying '**World Changers**' and infant pupils are learning all about '**Rolling Along**' and '**Amazing Animals**'.

School is delighted to report that **Mrs Scadding-Hunt** will be joining **FS/KS1** for a six-week Teaching Practice Placement from **30th January** until **20th March 2017**.

- **'GOVERNORS IN SCHOOL' FOCUS:**

Governors will be in school again throughout the Spring term this time formally observing and monitoring the school's Collective Worship, Assemblies and RE lessons to evaluate and report on the Christian character of the school and the impact on the moral and spiritual development and progress of pupils. Governors will be attending Collective Worship and Assemblies as they normally do and **studying books, looking at work, meeting with pupils and having conversations with them about what values and beliefs they believe underpin their learning and growth as caring, compassionate individuals**. The findings from the planned governor visits will be shared with all governors at respective FGB meetings to **help provide an informed insight into what difference the school makes to pupils' development and education**.

- **'SHARING ASSEMBLIES'**

All parents and friends are welcome to attend the 'Class Assemblies' this term - each starting at 9.15am:

FS/KS1 on FRIDAY 20th JANUARY

Y3&Y4 on FRIDAY 10th FEBRUARY

Y5&Y6 on TUESDAY 14th FEBRUARY

- **END OF TERM 'OPEN AFTERNOONS'** for **ALL PARENTS** are on **MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY** and **MONDAY 3rd APRIL** both from **2.30pm - 4.00pm**
- **Y6 PARENTS 'END OF KS2 2017 TESTING' PRESENTATION EVENING** .

The parents of Y6 pupils are shortly to be invited to an evening in school this term to learn more of the TESTING arrangements for Y6, being undertaken in May 2017.

- **HOMEWORK**

Y3-Y5 pupils undertake an *extended PROJECT* as homework this term. Respective teachers will be writing to you shortly with details and guidance. The **weekly KS2 'Homework Surgeries'**, offering on-going and individual support, are Ms Simpson or Mrs Robins on **TUESDAY** afternoons from 3.40- 4.00 pm and Mrs Sansbury on **WEDNESDAY** afternoons, at the same times. Pupils in Y2 continue to have set *homework* this term.

- **PUPILS' 'ANNUAL REVIEW'**

The **'Pupils' Voice'** assemblies this term will feature, once again, an *Annual Review* of **'School Rules on Acceptable/Non-Acceptable Behaviour'** and upper juniors **reporting back** to everyone on **'Pupils' Evaluations of Ashurst Primary in 2015-2016'**.

- Another **Y5&Y6 COOKERY DAY** at **Shoreham College** with **Mrs Young** is planned for later this term. More details home nearer the time.

- **RE & CHRISTIANITY WITH MRS CROFT**

We look forward to parent, Mrs Croft, joining us in school for **'THE EASTER STORY'** later this term.

- The **ASHURST MUSIC FESTIVAL** is on 23rd **MARCH 2017** at 2.00pm, the date of the **'CHANCTONBURY MUSIC FESTIVAL'** for **Y5&Y6 pupils**, to be held at Steyning Grammar School, is on **TUESDAY 21st MARCH** at 6.30pm.

- **BUMBLES' GARDEN PROJECT DAYS**

The school is looking forward to discussing ideas for the design and preparation of Bumbles' Garden for a rich and colourful Summer 2017.

- **SPORT & PE:**

PE & GAMES lessons at Dalesdown on Wednesdays resume on **JANUARY 4th**.

IN-SCHOOL TIME 'BIKEABILITY PROGRAMME' AT THE TOWERS FOR Y6 PUPILS WEEK BEGINNING March 6th 2017.. MORE DETAILS LATER.

- **SWIMMING LESSONS Y1-Y6**

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEETS FOR DATES, CLASSES AND TIMES for this term.

JUST A REMINDER: Learning to SWIM is a statutory requirement of the National Curriculum and, in keeping with other schools within the Chanctonbury Group of Schools, those pupils not able to participate in swimming lessons will need a medical note.

- **TAG RUGBY:** the school will be entering a team of pupils from Y5&Y6 for this year's Annual **RUGBY TOURNAMENT** in Horsham, when the date is known.

- To come later this term, **specialist GYMNASTICS SESSIONS AT HENFIELD LEISURE CENTRE FS - Y6** in school time and provided by your generous donations following the school's **SPONSORED WALKS** in **SEPTEMBER 2016**.

- **CHESS & FOOTBALL CLUBS** - Chess Club resumes on **Tuesday 17th JANUARY** and Football Clubs on **Thursday 19th JANUARY**. For the other Spring term dates, please see the attached sheet.

After the successes in **Round One of the County Competition** in the Autumn term, **ASHURST CHESS TEAMS A and B** await news of **ROUND TWO of the County Chess Competition 2016-2017**.

- **ASHURST PARISH MAGAZINE SPRING 2017**

The school's contribution to the Spring edition of the Parish magazine will be produced by **pupils in Y6** again this term.

- For dates of **FAMILY SERVICES** at **St JAMES' CHURCH** this term, including **Mothering Sunday**, please see the attached sheet.

- According to the Diocese 2017 calendar, this is **'THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE'** and the school has entered the County **'DIOCESAN ART COMPETITION'** on this theme, which will be judged at the end of **MARCH 2017**

EXCITING NEWS FOR SPRING 2017 - we understand the Diocese has appointed a new Rector for St James' Church. Needless to say, we very much look forward to welcoming the new Rector to school.

We look forward to a busy and enjoyable Spring term and, as always, to hearing from you should you have any concerns/queries regarding your child's education and well-being in school.

Meanwhile, kind regards,

Mrs J. A Williams, Headteacher.

ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS & CONTACT ARRANGEMENTS/SCHOOL CLOSURES

In the event of 'school closure' at the start of the day, members of the school staff will endeavour to contact all parents personally at home to inform them.

In the event of 'school closure', when children have already registered, members of the school staff will endeavour to contact all parents personally, to collect their children.

Children will not be allowed home with other parents/adults, unless the school has received personal notification/confirmation of this by the parent of the children concerned.

Please ensure that all details of your phone/contact numbers, held by the school, are up-to date. THANK YOU.

Broadcasts of school closures in our area can be heard on

BBC SUSSEX (based in Brighton)

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DATES FOR SPRING TERM 2017

3rd January - 7th April 2017
 Half Term: 20th - 24th February (inclusive)

Y3-Y5 Homework Project	w/b 16 th January
Home Junior Football Match APS v Amberley	19 th January
FS/KS1 Sharing Assembly for All Parents (9.15am)	20 th January
Full Governors Meeting 6:30 - 8pm	24 th January
Headteachers' Residential Conference January	26 th & 27 th
Y3/Y4 Sharing Assembly for All Parents (9.15am)	10 th February
OPEN AFTERNOON 2:30 - 4:00pm	13 th February
Y5/Y6 Sharing Assembly for All Parents (9.15am)	14 th February

HALF TERM

'HART' /First Aid evening for parents. 7:30pm. More details to follow.	1 st March
'Bikeability', The Towers Convent School Y6 Pupils	6 th March - 9 th March
School's Mothering Sunday Church Service, St. James' Church 10:30am	12 th March
INSET DAY	13 th March
Full Governors Meeting 6:30 - 8pm	14 th March
Y4 Music Workshop - Christ's Hospital. More details to follow.	17 th March
Chanctonbury Schools' Music Festival (6.30pm) SGS	21 st March
Ashurst Music Festival (2pm)	23 rd March
Parents evenings 4-6pm	28 th & 30 th March
Open Afternoon 2:30 - 4:00pm	3 rd April
The Easter Story with Mrs Croft	5 th April
Y5 Wednesday Masterclass Groups SGS 4-5pm	tba

Y5/6 Visit to the Southdowns Planetarium, Chichester	tba
Y5/6 Cookery, Shoreham College	tba
Horsham Tag Rugby Tournament Team of Y5/Y6 (pm)	tba

ST.JAMES' CHURCH, ASHURST

Family Service - fourth Sunday of each month.
Family Eucharist Service - second Sunday of each month.
Both at 10:30am

**For more details of all local Services including those
at St. James' Church, Ashurst, please see the following website:**

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/ashurst-st-james/>

SWIMMING SPRING TERM 2017

Reminder from Autumn Term parent letter

Y1 pupils:

LUNCH AS NORMAL

THURSDAY 9th February 9:30 -10:30

Y2 pupils:

LUNCH AS NORMAL

THURSDAY 26th January 9:30 -10:30

THURSDAY 2nd February 9:30 -10:30

Y3 pupils:

PACKED LUNCH & MID MORNING SNACK REQUIRED

TUESDAY 10th January

THURSDAY 12th January

THURSDAY 19th January 9:30 -10:30 **LUNCH AS NORMAL ON THIS OCCASION**

Y4 pupils:

PACKED LUNCH & MID MORNING SNACK REQUIRED

TUESDAY 24th January

TUESDAY 7th February

TUESDAY 28th February

Y5 & Y6 pupils: **PACKED LUNCH & MID MORNING SNACK REQUIRED**

THURSDAY 16th February 9:30 -10:30 **LUNCH AS NORMAL ON THIS OCCASION**

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Football Club (Y1 - Y2)

3:15 - 4:00pm

19th & 26th January,
2nd, 9th & 16th February
2nd, 9th & 16th March
6th April

Football Club (Y3 - Y6)

3:15 - 4:15pm

19th & 26th January,
2nd, 9th & 16th February
2nd, 9th & 16th March
6th April

Chess Club (Y3 - Y6)

3:30 - 4:15pm

17th & 31st January,
7th, 14th & 28th February
14th March
4th April

ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2016 - 2017

Spring Term 2017

3rd January - 7th April 2017

Half Term: 20th February - 24th February 2017

Summer Term 2017

24th April - 25th July 2017

Half Term: 29th May - 2nd June 2017

INSET DAYS

Spring Term 2017

Monday 13th March

Summer Term 2017

Thursday 6th & Friday 7th July