



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 year to all families, we hope that you enjoyed a good break over the Christmas holidays and that you are looking forward to all that is planned for 2022. Secondly, we must thank you for your very generous gifts, we are blessed to be a school with such considerate families.

Covid/Omicron

We are mindful of the current Covid/Omicron situation and are following all of the current recommendations and guidelines from the DfE and WSCC and continuing with our enhanced cleaning and additional ventilation throughout the day

Following the latest advice from DfE on 2.1.22, it remains a legal requirement for children to be in school. Please see the document on the school website for further information.

If your children are required to be at home due to Covid infection but well enough to learn, their learning can be accessed via Google classroom, which continues to have the links and lessons for that day for each class. This will include a daily live stream starter session and ask that your children click the appropriate link that day. More information available on Google classrooms.

Curriculum

Thank you for your interest in joining our curriculum working party, we will be in contact over the next couple of weeks to arrange our first meeting with Governors and children.

This term in Mouse Class, children will be answering the questions 'What lives at the bottom of the sea?' and 'Does chocolate really grow on trees?' Squirrel Class are learning about 'Mighty Metals' and discovering if they could live without electricity for a day. The wise Owl Class will be exploring 'How has conflict impacted our lives?'

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 10th January and will include Chess for Y3-Y6 on Tuesdays,

Dance/Drama for Y3-Y6 on Wednesdays, Sports for Y1-Y6 on Thursdays and Craft for Y1-Y6 on Fridays.

We would ask that when a child has signed up for a club they attend weekly, unless there is a good reason e.g. illness or a medical appointment.

Y6 Residential

The residential trip for Y6 in Chichester is planned for 23-26 May 2022 (after KS2 SATs and before half term) to include 3 nights away. 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 Spring term for Y3 and Y4. 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 children are asked to wear a mask on the minibus. If your child does not have a mask, we have a supply of disposable ones in school. A packed lunch will be required on these days. Further information is to be found at the end of the newsletter.

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 Smith or Mrs Hedley direct, or via 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 Spring Term	Tuesday 4 th January -Thursday 17 th February
Second Half Spring Term	Monday 28 th February-Friday 8 th April
First Half Summer Term	Monday 25 th April -Friday 27 th May
Second Half Summer Term	Monday 6 th June-Thursday 21 st July
INSET DAYS	Friday 18 th February, Thursday 30 th June and Friday 1 st July

Family Service in St James' Church 10.30	Sunday 9 th January
Y4 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 14 th January
Y4 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 21 st January
Y4 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 28 th January
National Story Telling week	31 st January- 4 th February
Y4 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 4 th February
Family Service St James' Church 10.30	Sunday 13 th February
Open Afternoon 2.30-4.00	Monday 14 th February
INSET DAY	Friday 18 th February
HALF TERM	
First week back- No after school clubs - parent's consultations	
Mouse Class Parent's evening 4pm-6pm	Tuesday 1 st March
Squirrel and Owl Parents' evening 4pm - 6pm	Tuesday 1 st March
Squirrel and Owl Parents' evening 4pm - 6pm	Thursday 3 rd March
World Book Day	Thursday 3 rd March
Y3 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 4 th March
Family Service St James' Church 10.30	Sunday 6 th March
Y3 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 11 th March
World Science week	14 th - 18 th March
Red Nose Day	Friday 18 th March
Y3 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 18 th March
Y3 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 25 th March
Open Afternoon 2.30-4.00	Monday 4 th April
2.45-3.30 Easter service in St James' Church	Wednesday 6 th April
Family Service St James' Church 10.30	Sunday 10 th April

Extra-Curricular Activities

Chess Club Y3-Y6 Tuesday 3.30-4.15pm	
11 th , 18 th , 25 th	January
1 st , 8 th ,	February
8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th	March

Dance/ Drama Club Y3-Y6 Wednesday 3.30-4.15pm	
12 th , 19 th , 26 th	January
2 nd , 9 th	February
9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th	March

Sports Club Y1-Y6 Thursday 3.15-4.15pm	
13 th , 20 th , 27 th	January
3 rd 10 th	February
10 th , 17 th , 24 th , 31 st	March

Craft Club Y1-Y6 Friday 3.30-4.15pm	
14 th , 21 st , 28 th	January
4 th , 11 th	February
11 th , 18 th , 25 th , 1 st	March