



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

## ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Families,

As we come to the end of a very busy term, we would like to thank you for all your support. We hope you enjoyed the performances as much as the children and we did, we hope to have the 'rushes' ready to make available to you in the new year.

### Staffing News

We are pleased to inform you that, to cover Mrs Uff's secondment to St Mark's, Mrs McLarin will be joining us in the spring term to work alongside Mrs Sansbury in Owl class. Mrs McLarin is an experienced teacher with a specialism in English. She has already visited Owl class and is looking forward to working at Ashurst in the New Year.

Mrs King will be joining us in January as the teaching assistant in Mouse Class on Thursdays and Fridays.

### FAPS:

You may have noticed in the playground that there are two new storage sheds, one is for children's wellies so that they can play on the field more when it is wet or muddy and the other is for playground equipment. We have been enjoying the play equipment but only have about 9 pairs of wellies, we would ask you to bring in a named pair for your children to use so that we can go onto the field at lunch times, even if it is muddy.

### Music Tuition

Mr Smith continues to give private flute lessons in school on Monday afternoons, and has spaces available. He is also offering saxophone lessons and if you would like more information please contact the school office.

### 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.

### After school clubs

Thank you to those of you who have already signed up, we are now offering Textile club and Spanish club on Tuesdays, Dance & Drama club and Puzzle club on Wednesdays, Sports

' Achieving Together with Love, Hope and Joy '

club on Thursday and Construction club on Friday. All of these run from 3.30-4.15 and we appreciate your prompt collection afterwards. **The after-school clubs do not run the first week of term.**

### Requests for Absence from School

Thank you for ensuring that your recent requests for absence from school, including late arrivals and early departures due to medical/ dental appointments have been accompanied by an absence request form. (These are available to download from our website or paper copies are available from the school office.)

### Emergency Fire Evacuation Procedures

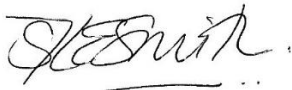
We are delighted to report that our Emergency Fire Evacuation Procedure practices have gone very smoothly and all children responded promptly and calmly.

### Safeguarding

As always, should you have any concerns regarding your child/children, please contact the school as soon as possible, in order for matters to be quickly and effectively resolved. Should you have any safeguarding concerns please contact the DSL team, Mrs Smith, Mrs Clarke and Mrs Sansbury direct or via [DSL@ashurstcofe-pri.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:DSL@ashurstcofe-pri.w-sussex.sch.uk).

We would like to thank you for your continued support and hope that this information proves helpful.

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'  
Wellies, appropriately nametagged and stored on site for inclement weather

### 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.

Ashurst CE Aided Primary School Dates for your Diary 2024-2025

First Half Spring Term	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January - Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
Half term	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
Second Half Spring Term	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
First Half Summer Term	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April - Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Half term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May
Second Half Summer Term	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June - Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July
INSET DAYS	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025, Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025 and Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025.

Additional dates for the term will be available at the start of the Spring Term