



**ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Welcome to the school's Spring term article for the Parish Magazine. We hope you find it interesting and enjoyable.

My name is Alfie, I am a Year 6 pupil at Ashurst CE Aided Primary School and have been here since year Reception. I am very honoured to be asked to write a little bit about what we have been up to so far this term and what we have planned for the rest of it. ALL pupils have been doing lots of activities keeping everyone busy and I hope this gives you some idea of the things we have been getting up to since the school's magazine article of Autumn 2017.

During the Christmas term we performed 'Puss in Boots' to all our families and friends, we raised £590.00 for 'Chestnut Tree House' as well as thoroughly enjoying putting on the show. I played 'Dobbin', the donkey, with other junior school pupils taking the other key parts, it was great fun and we learnt a lot. We also raised £200.00 for school funds by selling DVDs of our performance as well as an amazing £351.55 for Cancer Research from the Christmas Bazaar run by Year 5 and 6 pupils.

At the end of the Christmas term, Mrs Sansbury, the teacher of Y5&6, left to have a baby - which arrived on the same day we returned to school after the Christmas holiday, Thursday 4th January! Mrs Sansbury had a little boy and his name is Jordie. He was born at 6pm and weighed 6lb and we are pleased to welcome him into the family of the school. Mrs Sansbury is now on leave for up to a year.

When we returned to school after Christmas, we continued with our theme of 'ART, RE & BIBLE STORIES', started in Spring 2017 as part of the Diocesan 'Year of the Bible'. We were split into four groups with YR -Y6 in each, and topics included: Noah's Ark, David and Goliath and Moses and The Ten Commandments. It was a very happy return to school with many of us enjoying acting out the stories before drawing them.

The class topics this term are: Y5 & Y6 'Reaching the Peaks', Y3 & Y4 'Magnificent Metals' and YR, Y1&Y2 'Change Detectives' and 'Important People'. KS2 pupils (Y3-Y6) are doing an extended homework of about four to five weeks, on their particular interest and, like other years, we will be eager to see what everyone has produced when the Homework Projects are handed in!

Father Mark is in school on several Mondays this term, leading Worship, telling us about 'Daniel in The Lions' Den' and staying to eat lunch with us. Year 2 pupils have led a school Worship on the story of the 'Three Little Pigs' in which we learnt about looking after each other and this developed into learning about the parable telling the story of the wise and the foolish builders. Here we learnt about building on strong foundations and trusting the word of God. We are looking forward to our special school Mothering Day Service at St James' Church on Sunday 11th March and the Year 6 Enactment of 'The Easter Story' at St James' Church at the end of this term, followed by Mrs Croft coming in to talk to us all about 'The Easter Story' then too.

All year groups love after school football and are looking forward to taking part in matches against other schools shortly. We are also trying weekly lunchtime football sessions on the field with Mrs Williams this term. Each year group has the opportunity to go on the field on different days. We really enjoy them!

Year 4 pupils had swimming lessons at The Towers before Christmas and this term it is the turn of Year 5 and 6 and Year 3 pupils. There are plans for infant pupils to swim at The Towers in the Summer term. And, whilst the weather has not been so good this term, we have had our PE at Dalesdown. We are very lucky and happy to use the facilities there.

Mrs Williams is working with the Year 6 pupils as usual this term and we are also preparing to take part in the annual Bikeability Course at The Towers shortly, followed by a wonderful Cookery Day at Shoreham College with the Year 5's.

Hopefully, the weather is getting better and we can start using 'Bumbles' garden again now. Another sign of Spring is preparing for the 'Ashurst Spring Music Festival' and the 'Chanctonbury Music Festival' which we are doing with Music teacher Mrs Harwell on Tuesdays this term.....and then it won't be long before the Year 6 residential trip to Swanage in June, which we also all love.

Lastly, I want to tell you about the recent Chess Competition in school when Windlesham School came for the afternoon and Ashurst won (thanks to the excellent play of all members of the school's amazing team), the visit of the school library van (which we always look forward to) AND, about the delivery of a wonderful selection of books for all pupils from a very kind 'benefactor'.

We have much to be grateful for!

Indeed we have, Alfie. Thank you. Finally, there is just space for me to thank you too for your continued support and invite you to join us at all school events (found on the school's website) – especially the end of term '**OPEN AFTERNOONS**'.