



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

## ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL LANE, ASHURST, WEST SUSSEX  
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17<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great start to the half term we have had, celebrating Mental Health Awareness Day, our School Remembrance Service, Remembrance Sunday at St James', FAPS fundraising concert on Saturday evening, anti-bullying week and then Children in Need this coming Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

### Staffing Update

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Ixer on 26<sup>th</sup> November. She has a scheduled surgical procedure in the very near future and recovery time is rather long. Mrs Ixer has decided, after much thought, to combine this with her retirement. We are certain that you will join us in expressing our heartfelt thanks for her expertise, commitment and resourcefulness during the past 29 years. We will all miss her not just for her professional excellence but for her first aid capabilities and willingness to support the school at playtimes and after school events.

### Christian Values

This half term we are continuing to focus on the value of 'Reverence and Respect' and are exploring this through our Collective Worship. We are very grateful for the support of local clergy and musicians in these sessions. We enjoyed sharing Squirrel class's Remembrance Service and seeing some of you at our Remembrance Family Service with their work on display.

### FAPS CONCERT 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

WOW! What a wonderful evening we had! Thank you all for supporting the event, the children were marvellous and we are so very proud of them. Thank you to FAPS and all who were involved behind the scenes in preparation and on the day and night itself. There has been a lot of interest in The Southdowns Concert Band from members of the school and wider community, and many have asked if they could be booked again for next year. We will certainly look into this!

### Christmas Production

Christmas is just around the corner and we know that you will want to know the dates of our Christmas production as soon as possible so that you can plan. We will update you as soon as we can confirm these. Please also note that the Nativity performance is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.

### Curriculum Working Party Re-advertisement!

As we review, evaluate and plan for our curriculum over the coming year, we would very much like to set up a Curriculum Working Party with representatives from Governors, staff, Parents/carers and our children. This group would meet to discuss what, as a school community, we think is important for our children and our school context to include in our school curriculum. These ideas would complement and be in addition to the Statutory National Curriculum (2014). We would like to ask for four volunteer parents/carers to join this group. If you are interested in being part of this working party, please indicate this in writing to school office by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

### 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 and Mrs Hedley direct or via [DSL@ashurstcofe-pri.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto: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

Second half Autumn Term	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November- Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
First Half Spring Term	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January -Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February
Second Half Spring Term	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February-Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April
First Half Summer Term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May
Second Half Summer Term	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June-Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July
INSET DAYS	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December, Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February, Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June and Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July

INSET DAY	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October
HALF TERM	
Children in Need Fundraising Day- <b>WEAR YOUR HOME CLOTHES</b> (suggested £1 donation)	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November
Y5 Swimming, packed lunch required	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November
Y5 Swimming, packed lunch required	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Advent Service in St James' all welcome 2.45-3.30pm</b>	<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>
Christmas Productions	w/b 6 <sup>th</sup> December
Family Service St James' Church 10.30am	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Open Afternoon/ Christmas Bazaar 2.30-4.00pm	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Children's Christmas party 1.00pm	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
Mouse Class Nativity 9.15am	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
INSET DAY	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December

### Extra-Curricular Activities

Chess Club Y3-Y6 Tuesday 3.30-4.15pm	
23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup>	November

Dance Club Y3-Y6 Wednesday 3.30-4.15pm	
24 <sup>th</sup>	November
<b>NO DANCE CLUB - SCHOOL ADVENT SERVICE in ST.JAMES' at 2.45pm</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> December</b>

Sports Club Y1-Y2 Thursday 3.15-4.00pm	
18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup>	November
2 <sup>nd</sup>	December

Sports Club Y3-Y6 Thursday 3.15-4.15pm	
18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup>	November
2 <sup>nd</sup>	December

Craft Club Y1-Y6 Friday 3.30-4.15pm	
19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>	November
3 <sup>rd</sup>	December

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, grey, black, navy or brown. Children's hair should be completely tied up once it is long enough to do so and certainly when it reaches their shoulders; this applies to both boys and girls.