



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL  
**ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Paperless Communication

Our newsletters and Mrs Welstead's 'Ashurst Diary' are now sent via email. In addition to this, we use the eSchools Lite App (available on the App stores, use 'eschools lite', download and type in 'Ashurst Primary School' and then click on us!) We also post two of the 'Ashurst Weekly's' on the noticeboard outside.

Any urgent information, such as early closing, will be communicated by text and telephone. Feedback from parents and carers has been very positive over this last half term and we will shortly be sending out a poll to garner your responses.

### PE and wet feet!

Whilst the weather is inclement, we recommend that on days when your child/ren is/are doing PE, they arrive in their school shoes and bring their PE trainers and a pair of spare socks with them so that they can change into dry footwear following the session.

### Swimming Sessions

We are pleased to continue to offer swimming sessions for Y3/Y4 after half term. 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 a packed lunch will be required on these days.

### After-School Clubs

Next half term, our after-school clubs will change.

Top Trumps will continue on a Tuesday until Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup>.

The following two Tuesdays (the 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>) will see the start of our new Gardening Club, kindly run by Mrs Green and Ms Gobat, with Mrs Smith. This club will continue to run in the summer term and, as places are limited to 12, it is strictly on a first come, first served basis. We thank Mrs Green and Ms Gobat for their support and all those who have been involved in preparing Bumbles Garden for this wonderful club.

Spanish Club will continue for Y1-Y6 on Tuesdays, Dance/Drama Club for Y3-Y6 on Wednesdays and Sports Club for Y1-Y6 on Thursdays.

After half term Construction for Y1-Y6 on Fridays will change its focus to Easter Crafts. Please sign up your children for clubs using the google form provided. Further information regarding the dates of these is to be found at the end of the newsletter.

### 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.)

### First Aid

After half term we are going to trial a new system for alerting you if your child has had a head bump during the school day. In addition to providing a head bump letter with the date, time and who administered the first aid, and telephoning you, we will now be attaching a red wrist band with the date and time of the head bump recorded on it. Whilst these are waterproof and tamper proof, they can easily be snipped off with scissors and we ask you to do this before the children return to school.

### School Website

<http://www.ashurstcofe-pri.w-sussex.sch.uk>

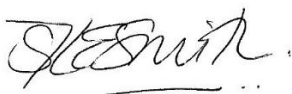
This is where you need to log in to book Parents' Consultations, and access ePay for school visits. The school website is updated regularly and is where the most up to date information can be found including: Newsletters, OFSTED and SIAMS reports, PE/ Sports Funding statements, Pupil Premium and Local Offer statements, School Policies. You can also find our Twitter/ 'X' feed and our school film is 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, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Hedley & 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 2023-2024

We ask that all children wear the Ashurst school uniform every day. We are very proud of our school and ask for your support in maintaining the correct uniform. Please ensure that all items are named.

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'

### 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.

Please note that 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.

Please could you ensure that children have footwear that they can do up themselves.

### 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.

May we also ask that children have a coat, a water bottle and school book bag (order via the school uniform link on the website) in school every day. These fit in the children's drawers and help homework and reading books make the journey home safely!

## Ashurst CE Aided Primary School Dates for your Diary 2024

Second Half Spring Term	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February - Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
First Half Summer Term	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
Second Half Summer Term	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
INSET DAYS	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024, Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024 & Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024.

Family Eucharist Service St James' 10.30	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
HALF TERM	
INSET DAY	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
Pyjama Day to support The Royal British Legion suggested donation of £1.00 (Please bring shoes for playtime!)	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
Y3&Y4 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March
Y5Y6 PE 2-3pm	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March
World Book Day - come dressed as a character from a book!	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Y3&Y4 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Y5Y6 PE 2-3pm	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Celebration Assembly - all welcome 3pm	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Family Service St James' 10.30	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March
Horsham Y5&Y6 Swimming Gala participants TBC	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March
Red Nose Day	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March
Y3&Y4 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March
Y5Y6 PE 2-3pm	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March
Full Governing Body Meeting 5.30	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Y3&Y4 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Y5Y6 PE 2-3pm	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Celebration Assembly - all welcome 3pm	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Open afternoon 2.30-4.00	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Service at St James TBC	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
Last day of term	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March

For other PE Sessions please check the weekly notice board

### Extra-Curricular Activities

Top Trumps Y1-Y6 Tuesday 3.30-4.15pm	
20 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>	February
5 <sup>th</sup>	March

Gardening Club Y1-Y6 Tuesday 3.30-4.15pm	
12 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>	March

Spanish Club Y1-Y6 Tuesday 3.30-4.15pm	
20 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>	February
5 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>	March

Dance & Drama Club Y2-Y6 Wednesday 3.30-4.15pm	
21 <sup>st</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>	February
6 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup>	March

Sports Club Y1-Y6 Thursday 3.30-4.15pm	
1 <sup>st</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup>	February
7 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup>	March

Easter Craft Club Y1-Y6 Friday 3.30-4.15pm	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	February
1 <sup>st</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup>	March