



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid Update

The measures for managing COVID-19 in schools has been updated and as of Friday 1 April the guidance is as follows:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

Oil Leak update.

We thank you for your continued patience while West Sussex County Council teams, the Environment Agency, and specialists continue to address the issues that arose as a result of the leak from Ashurst Primary School.

Request for Absence During Term-time.

Please remember that we have a new form for requesting absence during term time. This is available to download from the school website; paper copies are available on request from the office. May we remind parents and carers that Headteachers have been directed by the Government not to authorise any absence from school unless there is an 'exceptional' circumstance.

Y6 Residential 23rd- 26th May 2022

We look forward to meeting Y6 parents on Thursday 28th April at 3pm, for an 'Any Questions' session about the forthcoming Y6 residential visit to Goodwood.

Curriculum Working Party

Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute to the Curriculum Working Party, it has been very enjoyable to read your comments and to collate the results. An outline of these was shared at the Full Governing Body meeting on 17th March. We look forward to meeting with you in the summer term to report back to you on how we will use your comments and suggestions.

Standard Assessment Tests

The Standard Assessment Tests, or SATs, are the statutory National Curriculum tests undertaken by children at the end of Y2 and the end of Y6. Due to Covid restrictions, this will be the first time since 2019 that children have had the opportunity to undertake these. For our Y2 children, they take place in May and test the children's abilities in maths and reading. The tests are informal and take place in a classroom situation.

For our Y6 children, the tests take place the week beginning Monday 9th May. Mrs Sansbury, Mrs Uff and I look forward to meeting with Y6 parents on Wednesday 27th April at 3.10 pm in school to answer any of your questions and discuss the format of the week.

Phonics and Multiplication Check

This year our Y4 children will take part in the statutory Multiplication Tables Check during the first two weeks after half term. The Y1 Phonics screening will take place in the week beginning 6th June 2022.

Fundraising

We would like to thank you for your whole-hearted support for the wonderful 'Funky Chicken Disco' organised by FAPS on Friday 1st April. Thank you too, for your support for the children's fundraising activities this term. Squirrel class' 'Stewardship' cake sale raised just under £60.00 for Chestnut Tree House, the 'DfE Day for Ukraine', when we wore yellow and blue, raised £66.71, 'Red Nose Day' raised £40.37 and 'Pyjama Day', supporting The Red Cross' relief effort in Ukraine, raised £45.49. Thank you once again.

Important Dates for your Diaries

In the summer term we are looking forward to the welcome return of whole school and family events including:

APS's Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration	Friday 24 th June in the afternoon
Sports Day	Friday 15 th July in the afternoon
Leavers Rounders Tea Party	Tuesday 19 th July in the afternoon

All other dates will be included, as normal, in the first newsletter of the term.

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 and School Policies. You can also find our Twitter feed with lots of photographs 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 Hedley or Mrs Sansbury direct or via DSL@ashurstcofe-pri.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Thank you once again for your continued support and positive comments following our Open Afternoon earlier this week. We hope that you have a restful Easter break.

Kindest regards,

Mrs S Smith
Headteacher