



**ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Welcome to the school's Spring term article for the Parish Magazine, which has once again been produced by pupils in Y6, *for the most part*. We hope you enjoy reading it and look forward to receiving any comments you may have. Thank you.

..... The end of the Autumn term had many exciting events: the Christingle Service at St James' church, the Infant Nativity at the Village Hall, four performances of 'JOSEPH & THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT' - which featured ALL of us and helped to raise over £500.00 for our chosen charities, the Y5&Y6 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR and a wonderful CHRISTMAS PARTY with Father Christmas arriving just in time for tea, with lots of presents for all of us!

The temporary classteacher of Y5&6 left at the end of the Autumn term to take up a post in another school; and our former teacher of Y5&6 Mrs Sansbury, returned at the beginning of this term following her year's maternity leave to have baby, Jordie. We are all delighted to welcome her back to school.

It was the usual busy return to school in January, but even more so this academic year with a visit from a school inspector in the middle of it! However, we were all very pleased to hear what he thought about us, especially how well behaved we are and how proud we are of our school - which we are!

After the wonderfully warm and sunny Spring half term we have just enjoyed, pupils in Y5 & Y6 are continuing to study 'A GIANT LEAP FOR MANKIND', pupils in Y3 & Y4 'THE DAWN OF MAN (STONE AGE TO IRON AGE)' and infant pupils 'KINGS, QUEENS AND CASTLES'. And, as part of the Y5&6 work, we are going on a visit to THE PLANETARIUM in CHICHESTER on THURSDAY 7TH MARCH. Tomorrow!

This second half of term, we are looking forward to more: weekly swimming lessons at The Towers Convent, PE/Games at Dalesdown Gym/ in school, after-school clubs in Football and Chess, gymnastics lessons at Henfield Sports Centre, Y5&6 Tag Rugby Competition in Horsham, Y5 Citizenship Challenge also in Horsham, the Amberley/Coldwaltham Football Match on the school field, Round Two of the County Chess Competition against Cophthorne Prep., Ardingly and London Meed at Burgess Hill, our own Ashurst School Spring Music Festival andto our second SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION this academic year, being held in the VILLAGE HALL on April 1st - on the theme of 'DAFFODILS' and to which everyone is warmly invited!

**'ROUND TWO OF THE COUNTY CHESS COMPETITION'
by Y6 members of the chess team.'**

*T'was on St David's Day,
That Ashurst chess team made it's way.
Directly to a school called 'London Meed'
In the hope the team would succeed!*

*Ashurst had won Round One,
And it had been a lot of fun.
With the highest possible score
No one could have asked for more!*

*Now each player's heart was quickly beating,
For the thought of teams they would be meeting.
They would all have to do their best,
And be firmly put to the test.*

*Against London Meed, players did succeed.
But with Ardingly, the time it did fly.
Except for dear Lola, who really bowled them over!
A win on Board Four, no one could have asked for more.*

*Now the team awaits Round Three
And their fate - whatever that may be!
For Ashurst chess, it's been success all the way.
Right up to today. Three cheers for the team - hip, hip, hurray!*

We really enjoy tournaments and competitions, as you can see - **and** going out of school! This includes Y6 'Bikeability' at Jolesfield School coming shortly with a visit from the Highways Department to talk about safety and the rules of the road beforehand. At the end of the training week in March we will be assessed to see if we are knowledgeable, skilful and safe enough to ride our bikes on the road. It is a big responsibility!

Finally, as we write, we are all making cards for the school's own Mothering Sunday Service at St James' church this Sunday, 10th March. It will be led by Father Mark who was here in school with us on Monday teaching about Palm Sunday. We hope you will join us on Sunday and look forward to enjoying the refreshments together afterwards.

Meanwhile..... Happy Easter!.....

Kindest regards,

Mrs Williams, Headteacher.