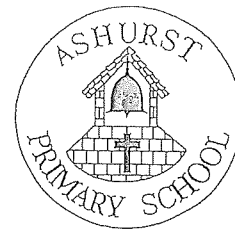




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# ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

21<sup>st</sup> October 2020

## Drop off and collection times

As this first half of the Autumn term draws to a close, we would like to thank all parents and carers for their continuing support for our adaptation of drop off and collection times. We are aware that the staggered timings have had some knock-on impacts particularly for those who have children in both Infants and Juniors.

After consultation with the Governors, we are pleased to announce our intention to return to the previous end of school time of 3.30pm. We will continue to bring the children out of separate entrances to aid social distancing. We would ask you all please to be mindful of the social distancing recommendations among adults when you are dropping off and collecting your children. We will continue to monitor the situation.

## Parents phone consultations

Due to the current circumstances parent consultations will be taking place via the telephone. Appointments with Mrs Clarke are on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Key Stage 2 consultations with Mrs Smith and Mrs Turner are scheduled for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November. We are looking forward to speaking to you albeit on the telephone. If you need to find another time or day please get in touch with the school office.

## Harvest

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the Harvest Festival this year. Your donations filled the back of Mrs Smith and Mrs Clarke's cars and were gratefully received by Father Mark and the Parish team. The local community loved seeing the children's Harvest Sunflower work at the Harvest Festival Service and we have had some wonderful feedback from parents following our impromptu exhibition on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

### Christian Values

This half term we have been reflecting on 'Community' and 'Thankfulness'. In our collective worship we have been exploring and reaffirming our place in school and the wider community. We have refreshed and evaluated the things that are important to us and look forward to sharing more news about this in the second half of term.

### Sponsored Walks

Thank you for your generosity, there are a few monies still outstanding and we would be grateful if these could be returned to school as soon as possible. The children have identified the two charities they would like to support. Last year when Shilpa visited we committed to supporting her work with marginalised communities in India. In addition to this the children voted for 'Mercy Ships UK' charity, and decided that your donations will be split between the two charities.

### Uniform

Please can we ask that all children have a suitable outdoor coat with them in school every day. May we also ask that children have a school book bag (available on the school website). These fit in the children's drawers and help letters, homework and reading books make the journey home safely!

### 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 Clarke, Mrs Hedley and Mrs Smith direct or via [DSL@dashurstcofe-pri.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:DSL@dashurstcofe-pri.w-sussex.sch.uk).

Thank you again for your continued support. We wish you a happy and safe half term and look forward to welcoming you back on the Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Kindest regards,



Mrs T Clarke and Mrs S Smith