



# Ashfield Junior School

*Inspiring our children to dream big, be extraordinary and change the world*

**10th November 2023**

## Headteacher's Message

My assembly on Monday was about teamwork and it is so important to cooperate with one another. It was encouraging to hear children share their thoughts on teamwork and what makes a successful team. To be part of a successful team and meet your goals, children agreed that listening to each other, taking turns and treating everyone with kindness and respect were really important. Children identified a number of ways in which they work as a team in and outside of school including working together as a whole class (for a performance or assembly), group work activities in P.E. or Science investigations and even work in pairs when working in class. This week, I joined a working party which included the headteachers at Merry Hill Infants and St. Margaret's, three local councillors and a local PCSO to discuss road safety and congestion on School Lane. It was a good opportunity to discuss the issues and voice our concerns regarding the morning and afternoon school run. More information regarding our meeting will be sent to the school community next week. Have a nice weekend, Mr Dourado.



A very happy birthday to: Ashley (5A)

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95.6%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **3AC** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **99.1%** Well done!

A big well done to **3L** who are our Punctuality Champions.

Please help us by ensuring your child's arrival is prompt. The school gates open at 8:35am and close at 8:50am. If possible, please schedule doctors or dentists appointments after school.

## House Points

It is always lovely to see so many children be awarded individual house points for excellent work or effort, modelling the school values or going above and beyond in the classroom.

Attenborough - 152  
Blackman - 144  
**Fiennes - 175**  
Storey - 152

Well done to **Fiennes**

## Special Achievements

It is always a pleasure to hear about children's achievements outside of school.

Congratulations to **Lunan (4V)** was player of the match on Sunday with his football team London Colney Youth FC Tigers as he showed fantastic determination, winning challenges, including a couple of great headers and showing the desire to get forward and start attacks. Well done!

## Remembrance Day Assembly

This morning, our Year 6 children led our Remembrance Day Assembly. We were joined by parents from some of our Forces families who talked about the significance of Remembrance Day and why it is important to them. After the assembly and the two-minute silence, Mr Dourado, parents and children from the Forces families walked to the War Memorial at the end of School Lane to lay a poppy wreath. Thank you to Year 6 pupils and staff for leading the assembly and to the families that came to support the school.

### Individual School Photos

Vancols will be coming to Ashfield on **Wednesday 15th November** to take the children's individual school photos, they will also take sibling photos for children attending Ashfield. **If your child has PE on a Wednesday they will need to come to school in their uniform and bring their PE kit with them to change into.**

### Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

On **Thursday 14th December**, we will be offering all children the opportunity to have a school Christmas lunch in the dining hall with their friends and teachers. If you wish your child to have a hot dinner on that day, **even if they normally have a hot school meal**, please let the school office know by **Wednesday 29th November**. Payment of £2.80 will be taken from your child's Caterlink account. If you do not usually order a school meal please contact the school office for your child's log in details. If your child receives a free meal or brings a packed lunch, please still return the slip without making any payment.

### Cater Link Survey

To assist Cater Link with improving their service to their customers they would value the opportunity to survey pupils at Ashfield Junior School. We would appreciate you assisting your child to complete the survey, it should take no longer than 4 minutes

**Closing date Thursday 30th November**

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G9VWNSR>

### Year 3 Visit to Bushey Library

3L and 3AC will be visiting Bushey Public Library on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**. They will walk there and back.

To enable children to get the most out of this visit, they will have the opportunity to look around the children's library and choose a book to borrow and read at home. A membership form will be sent home with the children next week and should be returned to school by **Wednesday 22nd November**. Membership of Hertfordshire Libraries is free.

We require a small number of helpers. If you are available to help on the day please contact the school office by email.

### Non-School Uniform Day

To support the Winter Fair, we will be having a non-school uniform day on **Friday 17th November**. ASHA are asking parents and carers to kindly donate bottles for the bottle tombola stall. Please bring your donations in on the day!

### Odd Socks for Chocs

To support the Winter Fair, we will be having a Odd Sock Day on **Wednesday 22nd November** children can come to school wearing odd socks with their school uniform. ASHA are asking parents and carers to kindly donate boxes of chocolates. Please bring your donations in on the day!

### Year 6 Trip to Whipsnade



Year 6 visited Whipsnade Zoo as part of their Science Topic on Evolution and Inheritance and had a fascinating day. They looked carefully at rhinos, giraffes and flamingos to see how the species have adapted to their environments over time.





## Winter Fair

FOMH and ASHA will jointly be holding their Winter fair from **11am until 2pm** on **Saturday 25th November**. If you are able to spare some time to volunteer and help on one of the stalls or set up please click on the link below to fill out the volunteer sign up sheet. Without your support the fair cannot go ahead. **ASHA also need your support and are looking for prizes that can be donated for the raffle - if you have anything to offer, please inform the school or a member of the ASHA team.**

<https://volunteersignup.org/8KCAW>

## Autumn Term Dates

We would like to share with you all, a few things that are coming up this term.

**Wednesday 15th November** - School photos.

**Friday 17th November** - Non-uniform day. Donations of bottles.

**Friday 17th to Thursday 23rd November** - Selling tokens and raffle tickets at the school gate.

**Wednesday 22nd November** - Odd socks for chocs. Donations of chocolates.

**Saturday 25th November** - ASHA and Friends of Merry Hill (FOMH) have joined together to organise the Winter Fair which will be held at Ashfield Junior School.

**Friday 8th December** - Open classrooms. This will give you an opportunity to come into school and look through your child's books. We will have one session from 9:00am to 9:30am and from 2:30pm to 3:00pm.

**Monday 11th December** - Staff and pupils have been invited to St James' Church to sing a few Christmas carols (no parents).

**Tuesday 12th December** - Year 3 Christmas Production for Parents at 1.45pm

**Wednesday 13th December** - Secret Santa Rooms

**Thursday 14th December** - Children will be invited to wear a festive jumper and enjoy a lovely Christmas lunch

**Tuesday 19th December** - Bring and Buy Sale



## Wednesday 13th December

£3.00 per gift (one per child)

**Please transfer £3 by Friday 8th December so we can make sure there is enough gifts.**

Ashfield School and Home Association

Sort Code: 23 - 05 - 80

Account Number: 48865658

Reference: Child's name and Class

*Unfortunately collecting cash and paying it in is getting harder and more time consuming than receiving online payments.*

*Thank you for your support!*

## Swimming 4V

Unfortunately there will be no swimming on **Monday 13th November** for 4V as The pool will be closed for repairs.

We will add 3 additional sessions in January for those that were missed. These dates are to be confirmed.

## Reminder

With the weather getting colder now, please remind children that they must bring a warm coat to school each day.

### Year 4 Trip to Shri Swaminaryan Mandir

As part of our RE study of Hinduism and Brahman, we have arranged a visit to Shri Swaminaryan Mandir (Neasden Temple) on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023**. This is an opportunity for the children to gain an insight into Hinduism as a living faith.

Please log into the School Gateway to make payment and give consent.

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>

### 3L - Change to PE Day

As of Monday 6th November until the end of term 3L will now have PE on a Monday instead of a Wednesday. Their PE lesson on a Thursday is unaffected and stay the same.

### After School Choir

There will be **NO** after school choir on **Tuesday 21st November**. Therefore, the choir will be extended to Tuesday 12th December to make up for the missed session.

### Year 3 Christmas Performance

Year 3 will be Performing for parents and carers on **Tuesday 12th December at 2:00pm**. The school gates (bottom gate) will be open from 1:45pm for you to take your seats. I am really looking forward to this performance and looking forward to seeing you all there.

### Jewellery

For obvious health and safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn to school. For safety, children who have their ears pierced should only wear plain studs, not sleepers, hoops or dangling earrings. Studs must be removed for P.E. or covered with micropore tape for newly pierced ears. Children are allowed to wear a watch to school but this must be an analogue watch. As part of our Mobile Phone Policy, children are not allowed to wear a 'smart' watch to school. Long hair must be tied up with a small hair clip, hair band or Alice band.

### ASHA - Tiny Toy Amnesty

It's that time of year again!

The FoMH and ASHA are preparing for this year's Winter Fair and need your help. Please can you donate any unwanted 'tiny toys' for the Hoop a Jar stall and leave them in the box in the school office.

There is no need to buy anything new, we simply request that you bring any intact tiny toys that you no longer want or need, such as party bag toys, bubbles, rubbers, bouncy balls, stickers, spinners, etc.

### Diwali Assembly



On Wednesday, Ashfield students learned about the Hindu Festival of Light - Diwali.

The children learned about the various religions that celebrate this bright and colourful festival. Some children dressed up in their traditional attire and talked about how Diwali is celebrated in their homes. We had pleasure of seeing photos of lit divas and iridescent

rangoli designs. A heart-felt thank you to Mrs Mash for joining our Diwali assembly and sharing her family traditions with us. The message of the Diwali story (good triumphs over evil) was a point of reflection. It was a beautiful coming together of our Ashfield community, as we appreciated one of our many cultures within.

## What we will be learning next week

### Year 3

**English:** We will be reading 'The Paperbag Princess' and creating a story.

**Maths:** We will continue our work on subtracting using mental methods.

**History:** We will continue exploring The Stone Age.

### Year 4

**English:** We are going to plan a speech based on 'The King Who Banned the Dark' focusing on subordinating conjunctions.

**Maths:** We are going to explore multiplication and division facts using arrays.

**PD:** We are going to start a new topic, 'Celebrating differences'.

### Year 5

**English:** We will be editing writing based on Monsterology and we will be assessing reading, spelling and punctuation & grammar.

**Maths:** We will be reading scales involving negative numbers and we will be assessing arithmetic and reasoning.

**RE:** we will be learning about the Christmas story.

### Year 6

**English:** We will be sitting practice SATs as part of our assessment week.

**Maths:** We will be sitting practice SATs as part of our assessment week.

**History:** We will be creating timelines of the First World War.

**French:** We will use possessive pronouns mon, ma and mes to talk and write about our family.

**RE:** We will explore incarnation in Christianity.

## School Meals

Please see below the dinner menu for the week ahead. Please ensure that you keep your Caterlink

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>RED</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad	Burger (Beef & Bean or Vegan) with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
<b>GREEN</b>	Vegetable Couscous		Veg Wellington, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Veggie Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Cheesy Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce
<b>BLUE</b>	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
<b>All served with a selection of fresh vegetables, salad selection and desserts available daily.</b>					

account in credit. As a reminder; meals cost £2.80 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

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### Upcoming Events

Tuesday 14th November	Nasal Flu Spray
Wednesday 15th November	Individual School Photos
Friday 17th November	ASHA Non –Uniform day
Wednesday 22nd November	ASHA Odd Sock Day
Friday 24th November	Inset Day
Saturday 25th November	Winter Fair