



Ashfield Junior School

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

12th January 2024

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to Ashfield and the spring term. I hope that all families had a good and restful holiday. It felt like a long holiday and for me, it was nice to spend time with family and meet up with old friends. However, it is nice to get back to my usual routine. It was lovely seeing all the children in school this week and hearing about what they did over the holidays and presents that they received for Christmas. This week, I have spent some time in a few classes to see them at work and start their new topics. This term, my assembly focus will be on our '**Dreams and Goals**'. This links into our school vision to '**dream big, be extraordinary and to change the world**'. A few visitors have been invited to our assemblies to talk about their job so that we can inspire our children. If you would like to be involved or know anyone who can spend 15-20 minutes to talk to our children, please make contact with me via admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk. Have a nice weekend. Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Zaynab (3L)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **97%** which is above the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **6K** who led the way as our attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **100%** Well done!

A big well done to Year **4V** 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.

Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Marcus (6K)** who played piano for the residents in Bushey House Beaumont Care Home in High Street Bushey during one of the residents' Christmas Activity called Arm Chair Travel. He played Christmas Carols while the residents were singing along. Well done!

Congratulations to **Bella (3L)** who has passed her Initial Grade Piano with merit. Well done!

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	-	108
Blackman	-	127
Fiennes	-	143
Storey	-	132

Well done to Fiennes

Achievement Assembly

The following children were given special mention for wonderful work or behaviour by their teachers this week:

Year 3: River (3AC) and Gigi (3L)

Year 4: Maisie (4V) and Ralph (4V)

Year 5: James (5A) and Poppy (5D)

Year 6: Rian (6H) and Isabella (6K)

Writer of the Week!

This week, the following children were awarded a certificate for being the Writer of the Week!

Year 3: Ethan (3AC) and Nandini (3L)

Year 4: Millie (4M) and Matthew (3L)

Year 5: Mia (5A) and Rowan (5D)

Year 6: Khalid (6K) and Charlie (6H)

Manor Adventure 2024

A meeting has been arranged to discuss the forthcoming school journey to Manor Adventure on **Thursday 25th January** at 3.30pm, students are welcome to also attend.

Deadline for the balance to be paid is **Friday 26th January 2024**.

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

The Elms February Half Term Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the February half term at Ashfield Junior School. For more information and to book a place please click on the link below.

Early Bird Deadline

Book and pay by the Early Bird deadline of **Friday 9th February 2024** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price.

Sibling Discount

1st child pays full price, subsequent siblings attending the same day(s), will receive a **20% discount** (telephone bookings only).

NHS Discount

Please call The Elms to make your booking. Proof of your NHS ID will be required, to qualify for this discount.

Booking Hotline: 0208 8954 8787

Book Online: <https://www.theelms.co.uk/>
<https://www.ashfield.herts.sch.uk/extra-curricular-activities/sports-clubs/>

DSPL9 Parent and Carer Newsletter

Welcome to the DSPL9 newsletter. This provides families with all recent and current local SEND information. The newsletter will be published fortnightly. Please click on the link below to be re-directed to the newsletter.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XVqXH4y4z0uiPDGfaMi1qMsG-AUEzZCr/view>

'Smart' Watches and Mobile Phones

A number of children have received '**Smart**' watches. Unfortunately, these are not allowed in school and we advise you to keep them at home. Mobile phones are also not allowed in school unless permission has been granted from the Headteacher. Any phone found without permission will be confiscated and will need to be collected from the School Office from the child's parent.

4V Swimming

Below are the remaining dates for 4V's swimming lessons. Please remember to send your child to school with their swimming kit. Remaining dates: **15/01/24, 22/01/24, 29/01/24, 05/02/24, 12/02/24 and 26/02/24**

School Lane

Hopefully, the road works will be completed soon but in the meantime, please take extra care when walking with your child to school. We also ask that you are considerate to our residents and park safely and not over driveways or dropped kerbs.

Bring and Buy Sale

Thank you all so much for your huge support donating items to the bring and buy sale which raised **£304.90**.

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will continue flying around the world with their non-fiction book, Atlas of Adventures!

Maths: We will continue their work on written subtraction, becoming more confident with regrouping tens and hundreds.

Computing: We are learning about branching databases

Year 4

English: We will write a review for one of the following poems **Overheard on a Saltmarsh** by Harold Monroe and **A small dragon** by Brian Patten and they will explain their choice.

Maths: We will continue multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and we will start looking at measure - conversion of units.

History: We are going to investigate the Roman invasion.

Year 5

English: We will be exploring settings and characterisation in a range of Greek myths.

Maths: We will be reviewing multiples and factors as we learn about formal strategies for multiplying and dividing.

Geography: We will be starting our new unit 'Rivers' and we'll be finding out where the longest rivers in the world are located.

Year 6

English: We will continue to read Kensuke's Kingdom and take inspiration from Michael Morpurgo. We will particularly be working on sentence structure.

Maths: Mr Hardy's group will be learning how to calculate the area and perimeter of triangles and parallelograms.

RE: we will explore the concepts of eternity and unconditional love through Christianity.

Science: We will be exploring the role of a switch in an electrical circuit.

Geography: We will be exploring the climate of South America.

School Meals

Please see below the dinner menu for the week ahead. Please ensure that you keep your Caterlink account in credit. As a reminder; meals cost £2.80 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Tomato Pasta	Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	BBQ or Lemon & Herb Chicken with Seasoned Wedges	Chicken Korma with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Cheesy Swirl with New Potatoes	Loaded Jacket Potatoes		Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Cheese Omelette with Chips & Tomato Sauce
BLUE	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
All served with a selection of fresh vegetables, salad selection and desserts available daily.					

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Upcoming Events

Thursday 25th January	Manor Adventure Meeting
Friday 16th February	End of Term 3.20pm
Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February	Half term
Monday 26th February	Term starts 8.35am
Wednesday 20th March	Year 5 Secondary Transfer