



# Ashfield Junior School

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

15th March 2024

## Headteacher's Message

Over the spring term, our assemblies have focused on inspirational people. Staff have shared assemblies on a range of people including David Attenborough, Malorie Blackman, Ranulph Fiennes, Sarah Storey, Lionel Messi, Marie Curie, Emmeline Pankhurst and Martin Luther King that have captured the children's minds. However, we also invited some 'real life' superheroes to our assemblies to talk to the children about their profession, passion, dreams and goals. The children enjoyed listening to a professional rugby player, a librarian, a physiotherapist, police officer and PCSO. Thank you for taking the time to talk in assembly and share your story.

Mr Dourado



**A very happy birthday to:** Veronika (4M), Jayda (4M), Myla (4V), Penny (3AC) and Khalid (6K)

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **91.9%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **6H** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **98.3%** Well done!

A big well done to **5D** 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 **Caitlin (5A)** took part in the U10's Hertfordshire County Rugby Festival competing for her team Tabard Rugby Club. It was an impressive performance from Caitlin and her team seeing them do very well in their Pool, scoring lots of tries. Well done!

Congratulations to **Rian (6H)** who took part in the Stadium Sleepout at Watford FC and raised an amazing £450.00 for charity. 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.

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|----------------|---|------------|
| Attenborough   | - | 131        |
| Blackman       | - | 116        |
| <b>Fiennes</b> | - | <b>143</b> |
| Storey         | - | 112        |

Well done to **Fiennes**

## Achievement Assembly

The following children were given special mention for wonderful work or behaviour by their teachers this week. Children in Year 6 are split into groups therefore will be given a certificate by either teacher.

**Year 3: William (3L) and Abi (3AC)**

**Year 4: Maisie (4M) Emily and Mia Nevaeh (4V)**

**Year 5: Abishai, Oscar, Yuna, Eva, Seren, Hana, Eli Caitlin, Freya and Antonia (5A) and Phillip (5D)**

**Year 6: Maya (6H) and Niamh (6K)**

## Writer of the Week!

This week, the following children were awarded a certificate for being the Writer of the Week! Children in Year 6 are split into groups therefore will be given a certificate by either teacher.

**Year 3: Zaynab (3L) and Haruto (3AC)**

**Year 4: Bradley (4M) and Maya (4V)**

**Year 5: Layah (5A) and Alina (5D)**

**Year 6: Dexter, Charlie (6H) and Ethan (6K)**

## The Elms Easter Half Term Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the Easter 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 22nd March 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/>

## 4M Swimming

Please note there will be no swimming for 4M on **Monday 25th March**.

## Year 3 Trip to St. James' Church

As part of our RE topic, Year 3 will be visiting St James' Church to learn more about how Easter is celebrated in a Christian Church on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**. The children and staff will walk there and back, so there will be no charge for the visit. They will leave at 1.30pm and return before the end of the school day.

Lunch and after school arrangements will not be affected on this day. Children will wear their school uniform, but may need suitable extra clothes according to the weather on the day.

## Ancient World Lunch

This term Year 4 and 5 have been learning about Ancient Greece and Rome in History.

Embracing the student curriculum, Caterlink will be cooking a themed ancient world lunch on **Tuesday 19th March**. If your child does not usually order a school meal please contact the school office for your child's log in details. Payment of £2.80 will be taken from your child's Caterlink account which must be in credit.

## School Fundraiser

As you will be aware, classes will be taking part in their fundraiser this term. A few parents have asked about making a bank transfer rather than paying cash.

If you prefer to make a bank transfer, please see the letter that has been sent out with the school bank account details and reference on. This will ensure that all donations are collected and put into a separate budget away from the school general account. Furthermore, it will ensure that the donations are ringfenced for the IT projects. The classes have started their fundraising challenges this week. You can send your money raised to school by the end of the Spring Term, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

## Year 5 Trip to The British Museum



Year 5 have been studying Ancient Greece and visited The British Museum on Thursday. At the Museum the children had the opportunity to learn more about Ancient Greece by exploring the Galleries. In the pictures one of the groups is locating the 'two figures folding a robe' in Room 18 Parthenon frieze, Athena's Birthday. We would like to thank all the parent helpers for giving up their time to come along to support.



## DSPL9 Parent and Carer Newsletter **NEW**

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/1uzklJCI1GXBgXy0IlgjEMV85OV\\_A/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uzklJCI1GXBgXy0IlgjEMV85OV_A/view)

This can also be found on our [website](#)

## Year 5 Secondary Transfer

To support with the Secondary Transfer process there be a meeting where Mr Dourado will be sharing information to Year 5 parents and carers on **Wednesday 20th March at 2:40pm** which you are all warmly invited to.

Please enter via the lower gates and via the Year 6 double doors into the hall.

## After School Choir

Herts Music Service (HMS) will continue to run the school choir as an after-school club on a Tuesday afternoon from 3:30pm to 4:15pm. The school choir will restart on **Tuesday 23rd April to Tuesday 9th July 2024. Please note that there will be no choir on Tuesday 21st May.**

There will be a maximum of **25** children allowed to join the choir and it will be a first-come, first served basis. The cost of the school choir for 10 weeks will be **£30.00**.

If your child wants to join the choir, please email the school office on

[admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk)

## Choir catch up sessions

To make up for the 2 missed choir sessions this term we have arranged for them to be held at lunchtime on the following days.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March, 12:30-1pm**

## World Book Day

The school was buzzing with excitement last Thursday as we celebrated World Book Day with our theme 'Don't judge a book by its cover'. The children got creative and had some great ideas for their book covers using school resources and equipment. It was lovely to have a whole school assembly at the end of the day where each class had chance to share their book cover for everyone to guess.

## End of Term

Just a polite reminder that school will finish at **1:30pm on Thursday 28th March** for the Easter break. Children return to school for the Summer term on **Monday 15th April**.

Year 6 children on the school trip to Manor Adventure please find updates on arrival time via the schools X account (formerly known as Twitter) **@Ashfield\_Junior**

<https://ashfield.herts.sch.uk/children/year-6/>

## What we will be learning next week

### Year 3

**English:** We are continuing the story of the Bear and the Piano where we will find out if he stays in the forest or goes on an adventure into the city.

**Maths:** We are starting a long unit on fractions. We will begin with recognising unit and non unit fractions and working out fractions of amounts ( eg a quarter of 32)

**Science:** We will continue our investigation into light and what we need to be able to see.

**RE:** We are visiting St James' Church to learn more about the Easter story.

### Year 4

**English:** We are going to write a summary and a letter based on the Roman myths.

**Maths:** We are finishing our geometry unit on symmetry and we'll start looking at place value with decimal numbers.

**DT:** We are going to bake biscuits.

### Year 5

**English:** We will be planning and carrying out research in preparation for a biography about a chosen person.

**Maths:** We will be continuing formal written methods for multiplication and division.

**Geography:** next week, we will be learning about flood plains and the effect of flooding on communities.

### Year 6

**English:** Mrs Kothary's English group will continue to work on our slow-motion writing piece.

Mr Hardy's group will be writing a setting description to enhance a narrative using paragraphs.

**Maths:** Mrs Kothary's group will be working on multiplying and dividing fractions.

Mr Hardy's group will be working on averages and Venn and Carroll diagrams.

**RE:** We will continue to explore the various symbols in Christianity and what they stand for.

**PE:** We will be continuing our Bhangra dances.

## 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  |
|---|--|--|--|---|---|
| <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> |  |  |  |   |   |

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## Upcoming Events

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| Tuesday 19th March                 | Ancient World Fun Lunch            |
| Tuesday 19th March                 | Year 3 Visit to St. James's Church |
| Wednesday 20th March               | Year 5 Secondary Transfer Meeting  |
| Monday 25th to Thursday 28th March | Year 6 School Journey              |
| Thursday 28th March                | End of Term 1.30pm                 |
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