



# Ashfield Junior School

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

**15th September 2023**

## Headteacher's Message

It has been a good week and seeing children settle into the routines in school and in their classrooms. This week, I met with the school governors to discuss the vision and direction of the school. In the last academic year, we have worked hard on our curriculum and improving our systems for children with SEND. We have made an excellent start on this and we are definitely moving in the right direction. Therefore, this year, the focus will be on embedding our curriculum and making sure that subject leaders are monitoring their subject with more rigour so that we are continually improving the quality of education for our pupils. Our second priority is to embed our systems for SEND and provide further training for staff to support our children with SEND, which together will improve the education provision for our learners. The School Development Plan (available on the school website) will give you a detailed account of our school priorities and actions and I will keep you updated on these, throughout the year. Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado.



A very happy birthday to: Chloe (6K) , Shraeya (6H) and Taiki (6K)

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **96.6%** which is in just above the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **6H** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **99.1%** Well done!

A big well done to **5A** 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 **Freya (5A)** for completing the Ready, Set, Read! reading challenge over the Summer holidays. Well done!

**Please let the office know if your child has an achievement they would like to celebrate in assembly and weekly newsletter by emailing [admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk)**

## 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 - 160**  
**Blackman - 152**  
**Fiennes - 152**  
**Storey - 153**

Well done to **House Attenborough**

## Achievement Assembly

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

**Year 3: River (3AC) and Jessica (3L)**

**Year 4: Swayam (4M) and Joseph (4V)**

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

**Year 6: Zoe , Finley (5D) and Logan (6K)**

### Writer of the Week!

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

**Year 3: Stanley (3AC) and Ava (3L)**

**Year 4: Jayda (4M) and Alex (4V)**

**Year 5: Gigi (5A) and Charlotte (5D)**

**Year 6: Leo (6H) and Ebou (6K)**

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> September to Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**

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 11 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)

### The Elms October Half Term Camps

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

#### Early Bird Deadline

Please note, the Early Bird Deadline for the reduced camp prices are below:

**Deadline:** Friday 29th September

**Booking Hotline:** 0208 8954 8787

Book Online: <https://www.theelms.co.uk/>

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

### Start & Opening Times from September

The school gates will be open from **8:35am**. Children will be able to come in between 8:35am and 8:50am where they can get themselves settled, complete a morning activity and prepare for a day of learning and will leave Ashfield at 3:20pm.

### Class 3AC

As you will be aware, Mrs Chapman is coming to the end of her pregnancy, but she is finding it difficult to commit to teaching in class. Therefore, Miss Helen Flint (Deputy Headteacher) will be taking over this teaching role of Mrs Chapman with immediate effect. The name of the class (3AC) will remain the same. My apologies in advance for the short notice of this information but you are in very capable hands with Miss Flint and Miss Arthur. I am sure you all wish Mrs Chapman the very best with the remainder of her pregnancy and maternity leave, and we look forward to seeing her return later this academic year.

### Art Club (Year 5 and 6)

Does your child like to Art? If yes, or if you are curious about learning new techniques, come and join our Year 5 and 6 after-school Art Club where there are still places available. To book a place please click on the link below to find the contact information for Mrs Howard and booking form.

<https://www.ashfield.herts.sch.uk/art-club/>

### Year 6 Tie Assembly

Save the date! Our traditional Year 6 Tie Assembly will be on **Wednesday 20th September** at **2:40pm**. Year 6 parents are most welcome to the assembly.

## **“Stride Of Serenity”**

Let's take inspiration to walk to school from this lovely poem that has been written by an Ashfield parent.

In morning's gentle light, I paused to see,  
The School Lane beckoned, but I chose to be free.  
No engine's roar, no rush, no haste,  
I left my car behind, a mindful choice embraced.

With every step, the world unveiled anew,  
The sidewalk's rhythm, the sky's vibrant blue.  
Children's laughter filled the air around,  
As I walked this path where joy could be found.

No honking horns, no traffic's ceaseless flow,  
Just a peaceful stroll where my spirits could grow.  
The choice to walk, a simple act of grace,  
Allowed me to embrace life's gentle pace.

So, let us leave our cars, if we are able,  
And walk the School Lane, as if at a fable.  
For in each footfall, a world of wonders unfold,  
When we choose to walk, our hearts are consoled

## **Online Safety**

Last week, we sent parents an online safety newsletter which I hope that you found useful. We also have uploaded the online newsletter onto our school website where you will also find other resources on how to keep your child safe online. I hope that you find this page useful.

<https://www.ashfield.herts.sch.uk/parents-information/esafety/>

## **Parking**

Please help keep our children safe and healthy by keeping School Lane and surrounding roads an idle free zone. Please reduce your emissions and turn off your ignitions! We also ask that you are considerate to our residents and park safely and not over driveways and on the dropped kerbs.

## **Pupil Premium and Free School Meals**

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school. Please click on the link for further information.

<https://www.ashfield.herts.sch.uk/parents-information/esafety/>

## **Caterlink School Meal Accounts**

Accounts should always be kept in credit and payments should be made directly to your child's Caterlink. As a reminder, meals cost £2.80 each day and dinner money is payable in advance. Please contact the school office if you require your login details.

[https://meals.caterlinkltd.co.uk/meals/sign\\_in](https://meals.caterlinkltd.co.uk/meals/sign_in)

## **Festivals**

Shana tova to our school community that will Celebrate Rosh Hashanah this weekend and Yom Kippur the following week. We hope you had a lovely celebration.

## **Safeguarding**

Please speak to your child and let them know that if you are not at the agreed meeting place to collect them after school, then they should return to school where a member of staff can call a parent or carer to come and collect them. This will ensure that your child is safe.

## **Year 6 PE**

Due to the tie assembly on Wednesday 20th September, both 6H and 6K will have their PE lesson on Monday 18th September instead of Wednesday.

## What we will be learning next week

### Year 3

**English:** we will continue to read the story Mini Rabbit Not Lost. We will look at how we can use expanded noun phrases to create interesting sentences.

**Maths:** We will be finding 10 and 100 more/less than any given number.

**RE:** We will be exploring Sikhism .

### Year 4

**English:** We will be writing simple and compound sentences based on the book "Arthur and the Golden Rope"

**Maths:** We will be rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000.

**History:** We will be exploring round houses during the Iron Age.

### Year 5

**English:** We will be learning how to build suspense in story writing.

**Maths:** We will be finding out how to use known facts to help multiply large numbers.

**Art:** We will be learning about Typography and will the children will be creating their own fonts in their sketchbooks.

### Year 6

**English:** We will continue to take inspiration from 'The Boy in the Tower', to edit and publish their setting descriptions.

**Maths:** We will learn to use some Mental Maths strategies.

**Science:** We will continue to work on classification of animals, by their features.

## 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	A choice of Tomato or Carbonara Pasta with toppings	Mexican Beef with Rice	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Pie with Mashed Potato	Salmon Fishcake with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN		Vegetable Fajitas with Rice	Vegan Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Veggie Sausage with Chips and 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	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

20th September	Year 6 Tie Assembly
20th October	End of Term 3.20pm
23rd –27th October	Half Term
15th November	Individual school Photos
24th November	Inset Day