**Ashfield Junior School** 



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

# 17th November 2023

### Headteacher's Message

As you will all appreciate, online safety is extremely important and we want to ensure that we safeguard and educate your child about how to keep safe online. We recently created a new online safety curriculum to teach children how to keep safe in the following ways: cyberbullying, managing online information, privacy and security, healthy wellbeing and lifestyle, copyright and ownership, online relationships, online reputation and self-image and identity. Children will have the opportunity to learn and discuss each theme which will be delivered over the course of a week during snack and chat. Each theme will be delivered using the Project Evolve programme over the course of the academic year. By raising the awareness of online safety, children will have a better understanding on how to keep themselves safe but also be confident to speak to an adult if they are worried or have a concern. Our online safety curriculum overview can be found on the school website (curriculum/ subjects/personal development). Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado

A very happy birthday to: Cian (3L), Antonia (6K) and Samuel (6H)

Attendance Matters!	Achievement Assembly		
Our attendance for this week is <b>94.4%</b> which is below the Government target of <b>96.1%</b> .	The following children were given special mention for wonderful work or behaviour by their teachers this week:		
Congratulations to <b>5D</b> who led the way as our	Year 3: Cian (3L) and Sophia (3AC)		
Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of <b>98.1%</b> Well done!	Year 4: Jack (4M) and Maya (4V)		
	Year 5: Ellis (5A) and Poppy (5D)		
A big well done to <b>4V</b> who are our Punctuality Champions.	Year 6: Ebou (6K) Molly, Kanniha, Jessica and Dana (6H)		
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.	Writer of the Week!		
House Points	This week, the following children were awarded a certificate for being the Writer of the Week!		
It is always lovely to see so many children be	Year 3: Ella (3AC) and Leah (3L)		
awarded individual house points for excellent work or effort, modelling the school values or	Year 4: Douglas (4M) and Zara (4V)		
	Year 5: Mia (5A) and Evelyn (5D)		
going above and beyond in the classroom.	Year 5: Mia (5A) and Evelyn (5D)		
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## **Open Morning and Afternoon**

We will be having an open morning and afternoon on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. This will give you an opportunity to come into your child's class and look thorough your child's books.

The morning session will be from **9:00am to 9:30am** and the afternoon session will be from **2:30pm to 3:00pm**.

As there is limited space in our Year 3 classrooms, parents will need to book a place using the School Cloud system <u>https://ashfield.schoolcloud.co.uk/</u>. Please be advised, that there are only 15 places in each class for both the morning and afternoon session. Booking a time slot will secure you a place and you will be able to attend the whole half-hour session. The booking system will open for Year 3 parents only at **9:00am on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November**.



#### **Tuesday 19th December**

Clean out your toy boxes! **GOOD** condition toys, books, Lego, teddies, craft sets needed for our sale.

Each class will set up their stall in the hall .

£1 per item. Children can bring up to £5 to spend.

Items can be bought into school from Thursday 14th December Please remember to send in an extra bag on this day with your child.

## **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.

#### **Inset Day**

There will be no school for children on **Friday 24th November**.

### 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.

### **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!

#### Manor Adventure 2024

The remaining balance for the School Journey is now available to pay on the School Gateway. You have until the payment deadline of **Friday 26th January 2024** to make this payment. You can make the payment in full or in gradual instalments. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

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

### Winter Fair

Our Winter Fair is on **Saturday 25th November** from 11am to 2pm at Ashfield Junior School. We look forward to working together with the Friends of Merry Hill and to seeing you all there!

## What we will be learning next week

#### Year 3

**English:** We will continue our work using the story of 'The Paperbag Princess.' **Maths**: We will finish their work on mental subtraction and start on symmetry. **RE: We** have a visitor to help with their learning in RE!

#### Year 4

**English:** We are going to finish writing our speeches and we are going to practise delivering a speech in front of an audience.

Maths: We are going to look at different strategies to calculate multiplication sums.

Geography: We are going to explore the geography of the Arctic and Antarctica

#### Year 5

**English:** We will be starting a new writing unit based on the poem 'The Listeners' by Walter de la Mare. **Maths:** We will be learning about scales which include negative numbers and decimals . **History:** We will be exploring Greek society in Ancient Athens.

#### Year 6

**English:** We will start analysing and identifying features of diary entries. We will also explore new descriptive devices such as oxymorons and hyperboles.

Maths: we will explore strategies to solve test base questions.

**RE:** We will compare sources of information to understand the different Nativity stories.

History: We will explore Trench Warfare in WW1 and what life was like for the soldiers.

## **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**

Wednesday 22nd November	Odd Socks for Chocs Day
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Friday 24th November	Inset Day — No School for Children
Friday 8th December	Open Classroom
Tuesday 12th December	Year 3 Christmas Production
Wednesday 13th December	ASHA Secret Santa
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
Wednesday 20th December	End of Term - Finish at 1.30pm