



Ashfield Junior School

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

19th January 2024

Headteacher's Message

It has been a very busy week in school. On Wednesday, PCSO Lovegrove visited the school to speak to the children about road safety and how to keep themselves safe. It was excellent to hear the children speak about the School Travel Plan workshops that they had in the autumn term. I was very impressed! I know that the last couple of weeks have been difficult on School Lane but it is pleasing to see that there has been more Police and PCSO presence since I raised my concerns at the start of the term. My thanks to families who have made changes on how they arrive to school which has eased some congestion on the roads and for contacting Maxie Allen about the issue. Behind the scenes, Maxie has been very active in contacting Cadent (gas works), Herts County Council and the Police to enforce changes and speed up the gas works. Hopefully, we will return to a sense of normality very soon but I am aware that there will still be road safety concerns on School Lane even after the works finish. Mr Douardo



A very happy birthday to: Seren (5A), Freya (5A), Ineya (3AC) and Mason (5D)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is 94.5% which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **4M** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **98%** 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.

Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Jessica (3L)** who on Boxing Day decided to set up a stall to sell cookies and drinks to raise money for Children in Need. She spent the morning baking with her Auntie and cousin and raised over £76.50. Well done!

Congratulations to **Bradley (4M)** and his team at Harrow Rugby Club for winning their match last weekend. Bradley helped them to win by scoring an amazing amount of try's! 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 - 168
Blackman - 181
Fiennes - 152
Storey - 180

Well done to Blackman

Achievement Assembly

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

Year 3: Kushi (3L) and Haruto (3AC)

Year 4: Veronika (4M) and William (4V)

Year 5: Hana, Ellis (5A) and Charlotte (5D)

Year 6: Bertie (6K) and Maya (6H)

Writer of the Week!

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

Year 3: Erik (3L) and Hannah (3AC)

Year 4: Charles (4M) and Amelia (4V)

Year 5: Eva (5A) and Kyle (5D)

Year 6: Antonia (6K) and Kanniha (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/>

Absence Reporting

In order to maintain accurate attendance records please can we remind parents and carers that for Safeguarding reasons, absences from school should be reported **daily** to the school office with a reason for absence, we unable to accept unwell as an acceptable reason.

Absence can be reported by ringing the school number 02089502350, choosing option 2 or alternatively, please send an email to the school office **admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk** by 9.10am **everyday of your child is absent**.

Administering medication in school

Children should not bring any medicines into school. They may not have cough or throat sweets in school. If your child needs to take **prescribed** medicine (e.g. antibiotics), it should usually be administered outside school hours. If this is not possible it should be brought to the school office by a parent or nominated adult where you will need to complete the appropriate form. All medicines must be labelled clearly with your child's name. Only prescribed medicines will be administered. They will be given by the staff in the school office. Parents are requested not to approach another member of staff to administer medicines.

After School Choir

There will be **NO** after school choir on **Tuesday 6th February** due to the Junior Singing Day at Watford School of Music. This was pre-arranged when the choir was advertised so there will be no additional date added.



Parent/Carer Autism Online Workshops

Whether your child is awaiting a diagnosis or has already been diagnosed, these workshops are a great opportunity to learn more about Autism & ask questions within a supportive group of other parents & carers.

- **Monday 5th February - An introduction to Autism**
An opportunity to explore what Autism is, the many strengths and the differences that make each child so wonderfully unique.
- **Monday 12th February - Communication**
Identifying what communication is and the different communication methods that may be helpful for Autistic children.
- **Monday 19th February - Sensory Processing**
Explaining the 8 sensory systems, how the environment can impact on a child with sensory processing differences/challenges and strategies to meet an individual's sensory needs.
- **Monday 26th February - Pathological Demand Avoidance**
A look into the interesting subject of PDA, how this may present and what is the best approach to take to avoid conflict.

Workshops will be held 7:30-8:30pm via Zoom.

£25 per workshop for each family.

To book your place...Email enquiries@theautismtrainingnetwork.com

Or scan the QR code



Opportunity to support SEND provision in Watford, Three Rivers, Bushey and Radlett

DSPL 9 (<http://dsplarea9.org.uk/>) brings together parents/carers, staff from early years settings, schools and colleges, local authority officers, and representatives from other agencies, to make sure that there is a range of services available in their local community that meets the needs of children and young people with SEND, aged 0-25, as close to home as possible.

An opportunity has come up for a new parent or carer to join DSPL9 in order to share the views of families in the area and be part of the decision-making process for the services that are put in place locally. HPCI (Herts Parent Carer Involvement (hertsparentcarers.org.uk)) will provide support through training and regular meetings for parents/carers to share their experiences. If you would be interested in taking up this role, please contact Gemma Hall (DSPL 9 Manager and SEND lead) at gemmahall@dsplarea9.org.uk

As a parent representative of DSPL 9 you would be expected to:

- Attend half termly DSPL 9 meetings (taking place during the school day both virtually and face to face).
- Join HPCI <https://hertsparentcarers.org.uk/> As a member of HPCI and a DSPL rep, you will be reimbursed for your time at meetings and for travel as well as mileage at the standard rate through HPCI.
- Attend New Rep Welcome training session via HPCI.
- Attend termly APRGs (Area Parent Representative Group) via HPCI
- Provide feedback from HPCI to the DSPL 9 group and become the link between the two.
- Provide parental insights and feedback around the support and provision being provided by DSPL 9.

N.B: This is a voluntary role.

Following an initial phone call with Gemma Hall, parents/carers who have expressed an interest will be asked to complete a nomination form; this will aid the DSPL 9 group in identifying the successful candidate.

An interest will need to be registered by Friday 2nd February.

Please share this with any parents who would be interested in becoming a DSPL 9 parent rep.

Year 5 Secondary Transfer

To support with the Secondary Transfer process there will 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.

Year 5 and 6 - Latin & Classics Opportunity

This year we are collaborating with St Margaret's School, who will be visiting Ashfield School on a bi-weekly basis to deliver some sessions to our students on Latin and Classics. These sessions will run after school on a **Monday from 3:30-4:00pm** and will be supervised by Miss Emma Desmond, the Head of Classics at St Margaret's.

This is an opportunity open to students in Year 5-6. There is no need for Ashfield students to have any prior knowledge of the Ancient World, mythology or Latin, but it is an exciting way for them to learn more. There are 20 spaces available for students with the first session starting on **Monday 5th February**. Students will need to be collected promptly at **4:00pm** from the bottom gate in School Lane.

If your child is interested in attending this after-school club and learning about the classics and Latin, please email the school office admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk. Please note, there are only 20 spaces and these will be given on a first-come, first served basis.



St James' Music & Drama Society Presents

Part of the Bushey & Oxhey Community since 1958

Dick Whittington

The pantomime

Friday 26th & Saturday 27th January 2024

7:30pm nightly, with 2:30pm Saturday matinee

Bushey & Oxhey Methodist Church

www.ticketsource.co.uk/stjamesmad | Box Office: 07930 185573



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Looking for a way to cure those winter blues! Come along and see Dick Whittington as he battles to rid London of the pesky King Rat and his minions!

Support the local arts, and former pupils of Ashfield Junior School, for a fantastic evening of laughs and sing-along-songs!

Tickets are selling fast so book fast to avoid disappointment!

www.ticketsource.co.uk/stjamesmad

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We are going to continue reading Atlas of Adventures and we will be writing a diary entry on one of our visits to a new country.

Maths: We will continue problem solving using our addition and subtraction skills.

Art: We will continue to look at the work of textile artists.

Year 4

English: We are going to compose our free form poems based on the poems discussed in the lessons: Overheard on a Saltmarsh by Harold Monroe and A small dragon by Brian Patten.

Maths: We are going to estimate, compare and calculate different measures, including money in pounds and pence

Science: We are going to look at different materials and explain how they change state.

Year 5

English: We will be creating our own villains this week as we continue to use Theseus and the Minotaur as a model for our writing.

Maths: We will continue our work on composite and prime numbers.

Geography: We will be looking at the features of rivers this week in Geography.

Year 6

English: 6K will be working on a diary entry, with a close focus on selecting vocabulary and sentence structures for impact.

Maths: 6K will be working through and practising Testbase questions around Place Value.

RE: We will explore what unconditional love is through the Christian concept of agape.

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

Thursday 25th January	Manor Adventure Meeting
Friday 26th January	Payment Deadline - Year6 Manor
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