



Ashfield Junior School

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

20th October 2023

Headteacher's Message

The Year 5 Harvest Assembly was EXCELLENT and it was nice to see a lot of parents and carers visit the school. It is always nice to celebrate Harvest Festival - it is a time to be thankful for the food that we have. But more importantly for me, it is about giving something back to the community and for those in need. A big thank you to all the families for their kindness and generosity for bringing in food items. The food has been donated to the Red Trust Bushey ([Red Trust Bushey](#)) who have a food bank at St. James' Church (more information in this newsletter).

It has been a very busy half-term and I cannot believe how quick it has gone. Everyone from teachers, support staff and pupils have worked hard. Therefore, I hope that you all have a relaxing break and I look forward to seeing you return to school on the 30th October. Best wishes, Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Sean (4V), Emily (6K), Charlotte (3AC), Hady (3AC), Sonny (3L), Oisin (4V) and Kaelan (4M)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95.6%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **5A** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **99%** Well done!

A big well done to **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 **Rhiannon (3L)** who will be starring in two TV commercials for Bold! Well done!

Congratulations to **Hollie (5D)** who came 2nd, 5th, and 6th place at her gymnastics competition. Well done!

Congratulations to **Cecily (5A)** who after a year of training as a probationer was admitted as a full chorister at St Albans Cathedral at a special service on 30th September. Cecily will now sing regularly for services, concerts and tours for the next five years, including her first tour to Germany in May 2024. Well done!

Congratulations to **Michael (6K)** who won Man of the Match for his football team. 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	-	182
Blackman	-	192
Fiennes	-	177
Storey	-	184

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: Ineya (3AC) and Grace (3L)

Year 4: Lunan (4V) and Grace (4M)

Year 5: Freya (5A) and Leo (5D)

Year 6: James (6K) and Lily (6H)

Writer of the Week!

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

Year 3: Isaac (3AC) and Darien (3L)

Year 4: Alice (4V) and Grace (4M)

Year 5: Antonia (5A) and Phillip (5D)

Year 6: Louis (5K) and Alex (6H)

Secondary Transfer Application 2024

FAO: ALL YEAR 6 PARENTS

Reminder for Parents of children in Year 6 that the deadline for online applications for secondary school is 31st October. You should apply at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Any application received after that date will be treated as late and your child may not be allocated a place in one of your preferred schools.

Halloween and Bonfire Safety

- Never go trick or treating alone and always take an adult with you and do not knock on strangers doors.
- Remember road safety rules, particularly after dark and wear something bright so drivers can see you.
- If you are planning on hosting your own firework party make sure you tell all your neighbours, especially those with pets who may be affected by the noise.
- Light fireworks at arms length, stand well back, follow the instructions, never go back to a lit firework

Baby News!

Congratulations to Mrs Chapman on the safe arrival of her beautiful baby boy.

ASHA Coin Trail

A huge thank you to all the children and families for supporting ASHA with the Coin Trail. We raised an incredible **£469.00**. Well done to **3L** and Miss Lazarus who had the longest trail at 102 metres.

Cost of Living Tips

With the cost of living and expenses increasing, our Family Support Worker (FSW) Team have provided some tips to support families with some tips to save money. We hope that you find the leaflets useful or pass them onto someone that could benefit them.

<https://www.ashfield.herts.sch.uk/family-support-workers/>

Influenza (Nasal Flu Immunisation)

The School Immunisation Team will be coming to Ashfield on Tuesday 14th November. You can now complete consent form for your child online (there are no paper copies). It is important to complete the online form even if you do not want your child to have the vaccine. The electronic link can be found below. The frequently asked questions information sheet has been emailed to you. If you require further information please contact the Hertfordshire Immunisation Team directly, the contact details can be found on the attachment.

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/hertfordshire>

Harvest Assembly

Before half-term, Year 5 treated children and parents to an excellent Harvest Assembly. Thank you to all the families who donated food.



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FOODBANK

Fridays 10am-12noon
St James's Church House,
Rectory Lane, Bushey, WD23 1BD

**NO VOUCHER NEEDED
TO RECEIVE FOOD**

Whatever your circumstances, if you need help with food please visit us to collect food, have a cup of tea/coffee and a friendly chat.

Open to anyone living in Bushey WD23 & WD19

Car parking is available on Kemp Place
(just off High Street)
Buses 142 and 258 stops on the High Street.

For more information, please phone or email us:
07483 260 440 | foodbank@redtrustbushey.org

   **@redtrustbushey**

Red Trust Bushey are a charity supporting people in the Little Reddings area to connect with others, by providing activities to build relationships and support those in need.



Family Foodbank

Supporting the community

**Open every Tuesday 5pm - 7pm
in the Phoenix Centre**

A safe community space where you can come and pick up a family food parcel full of weekly essentials. Enjoy a cuppa, some soup and any home made treats. Why not pop in for a chat or an early dinner. All free for local families and individuals.



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Phoenix Centre,
4 Farrington Avenue,
Bushey



Family Foodbank

Why not pop in? Red Trust's Family Foodbank is open every Tuesday from 5pm - 7pm in The Phoenix Centre, 4 Farrington Avenue (just off Harcourt Road) Bushey

We know times are tough for families, even with parents working, the bills mount up and this winter is proving particularly challenging for people. We are here to help so please pop in and pick up one of our family food parcels. They have essential items for families to use.

We are also here if you need a chat or some support.

***If you want to find out more please contact
info@redtrustbushey.org***

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What we will be learning after half term.

Year 3

English: We will be reading 'The spider and the fly' and focused on descriptive writing.

Maths: We will use our mental addition skills in our next maths unit, where we will look at written addition methods.

Science: We will be starting our new topic rocks.

Year 4

English: We will start looking at the book "The King Who Banned the Dark" and we are going to create desired atmosphere using appropriate adverbs and verbs.

Maths: We are going to practise counting in multiples as repeated addition, focusing on 6 and 7 times table.

Geography: we are going to start exploring maps, learn some new map skills and find some European countries on the world map.

Year 5

English: We will continue to work on a range of sentence structures as we write a variety of short texts based on our reading of Monsterology.

Maths: We will complete our unit on the place value of 7-digit numbers and introduce our new unit about negative numbers.

Science: We will be completing our Life Cycles unit by learning about famous naturalists like Silvia Earl and Rachel Carson.

Year 6

English: We will start looking at the text 'Friend or Foe', This will link with our History topic WW2. We will explore diary writing features.

Maths: We will be exploring the equivalence between fractions, decimals and percentages.

RE: We will start our unit of Christianity. Our focus will be around Christmas celebrations. We will start by exploring the idea of celebrations and different traditions associated with different celebrations.

School Meals

	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

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October	Half Term
Wednesday 1st November	Year 6 Height and Weight
Tuesday 14th November	Nasal Flu Spray
Wednesday 15th November	Individual School Photos
Friday 24th November	Inset Day
Saturday 25th November	Winter Fair