



# Ashfield Junior School

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

**22nd March 2024**

## Headteacher's Message

There has been a big focus on R.E. this week in School. On Monday, Mrs Kothary, Mrs Vincett (R.E. subject leader) and some pupils deliver an assembly on Holi - the Hindu festival of colour, love and spring. It was lovely to see the children involved in the assembly and I'm sure they will enjoy the colourful activity planned next week! On Tuesday, we had an assembly about Eid which gave our pupils a greater understanding of Islamic beliefs and worship. Year 3 went to St. James' Church where Father David helped the children learn more about the story of Easter. Watford Schools Trust also visited the school and delivered lessons to Year 6 focusing on Easter and symbolism. Mrs Vincett has worked hard organising and promoting R.E. events at Ashfield, as well as ensuring that our R.E. curriculum covers the 6 major religions - Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Sikhism, Islam and Buddhism which are taught throughout KS2. Mr Dourado



**A very happy birthday to:** Caitlin (5A), Kanniha (6H), Gigi (5A), Martin (3AC), Emily (6K), Rhiannon (3L) and Abhinav (4V)

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **94.8%** 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 **99.5%** Well done!

A big well done to **6K** 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 **Emily K (6K)** for passing her Grade 2 flute exam. Well done!

Congratulations to **Hollie (5D)** who has achieved gold and silver at her gymnastics club. 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.

<b>Attenborough</b>	-	<b>164</b>
Blackman	-	137
Fiennes	-	160
Storey	-	124

**Well done to Attenborough**

## 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: Rayan (3AC) and Rose (3L)**

**Year 4: Gracie (4M) and Amelia (4V)**

**Year 5: Cecily (5A) and Bella (5D)**

**Year 6: Virina (6H) and Logan (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: Charlotte (3L) and Grace (3AC)**

**Year 4: Emma (4M) and Swayam (4M)**

**Year 5: Hana (5A) and Phillip (5D)**

**Year 6: Daniel (6H) and Rian (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 - Friday 22nd March**

### **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/>

## Chess Club

It was lovely to see the Wednesday Chess Club attend an away match at **St. Hilda's School**. Our children did Ashfield very proud and we won half of the matches played. Well done to all the children involved and thank you to Mr Moruno (Chess Club Leader) and the staff that supported.

## 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)

## Safeguarding - School Lane

As you will be aware, with the support of the local council, police and school community, we have been working hard on road safety to safeguard our children. Unfortunately, there has been another near miss on School Lane this week involving an Ashfield child. This involved the child stepping out from behind a parked car into the road to cross and causing a driver to slam on their brakes. It is important to keep **ALL** our children safe. If you drive to school, please be more careful on School Lane and also when letting children out of the car please help them cross the road safely.

## DSPL9 Parent and Carer Newsletter

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.

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

## ASHA Easter Egg Hunt

£3.00 per child for an Easter hunt activity and special surprise!

Please send payment to:

Ashfield School and Home Association

Sort Code: 23-05-80

Account Number: 48865658

**Please add your child's name and class as a reference.**

## Year 5 Parents

A polite reminder to all Year 5 parents about the South West Herts Transfer Consortium process. The registration opens on **Monday 8th April**. Please refer to the letter previously sent which will give you all the information you need including a timeline of important dates.

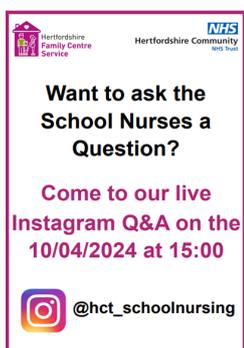
## School Fundraiser

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.**

Thank you to everyone for your support.

## Q & A Session with School Nurse



This will take place during the Easter Holidays, on 10th April. Two school nurses will host the session and will be able to answer questions submitted on the day. The session is aimed at parents, children and young people who have questions about our service or health and wellbeing.

## 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**.

## 4M Swimming

Please note there will be no swimming for 4M on **Monday 25th March** due to the Year 6 School Journey.

## Year 4 DT Lesson



As part of DT this term, Year 4 have been adapting a simple recipe and creating their own cookies. This Tuesday we worked with Chris and Christie, both a part of the Caterlink team, who helped the children bring their recipes to life. The children revelled in the opportunity to be creative, producing lots of different shapes, sizes and tastes! It was a fun filled afternoon with lots of learning; evaluating what went well, and what needs to be better next time. Well done Year 4!



## What we will be learning next week

### Year 3

**English:** We will be looking at instructional texts.

**Maths:** We will continue our work on fractions, looking at fractions of shapes.

**History:** We will be continuing to explore The Bronze Age.

### Year 4

**English:** We are going to write a news report about the death of Rhea Silvia, using a range of sentence types (Roman Myths).

**Maths:** We are going to be rounding decimals to the nearest whole number and find decimal equivalences.

**Geography:** We are going to create a cloud in a jar and speak about flooding.

### Year 5

**English:** We will be writing a final biography about an inspirational person.

**Maths:** We will be revising short division and applying this to worded problems.

**DT:** We will be making a healthy soup.

### Year 6

**PD:** Children going to Manor Adventure and those remaining at Ashfield will be working on their Personal Development

**English:** Children remaining at Ashfield will be completing an information text about Polar Bears.

**Maths:** Children remaining at Ashfield will be revising fractions, decimals and percentages.

**PE:** We will be working on their Personal Development and exploring Outdoor Adventures during the School Journey at Manor Adventure.

**Art:** Those children remaining at Ashfield will be completing an art project based around the four school values for display in the Year 6 cloakroom.

## 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>	Cheesy & Pepper Swirl with New Potatoes	Chicken Curry with Rice	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Choice of Meat or Vegetarian Burger with Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers with Chips
<b>GREEN</b>	Tomato Pasta	Veggie Wrap Stack with Rice	Crunchy Top Vegetable Bake with Roast Potatoes	(as above)	Cheese Frittata with Chips
<b>BLUE</b>	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling
<b>All served with a selection of fresh vegetables, salad selection and desserts available daily.</b>					

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## Upcoming Events

Monday 25th to Thursday 28th March	Year 6 School Journey
Thursday 28th March	End of Term 1.30pm
Monday 15th April	Start of the Summer Term