



# Ashfield Junior School

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

**24th November 2023**

## Headteacher's Message

I will take this opportunity to give you a brief update on our curriculum and school priorities. Friday's INSET day, will give teachers time to review our new curriculum and time to reflect on what is working well and what we can do even better. The work we will cover on Friday, feeds into the school's (and Ofsted's) priorities. It will give teachers the opportunity to monitor the subjects they lead and make any necessary changes. We have a training session that will be delivered by Herts for Learning (HfL) Education covering a range of monitoring and evaluation activities to support teachers to lead their subject more effectively. We have also recently bought into a new Science scheme (Collins Snap Science). A Collins representative will be leading a training session to support staff with our new Science curriculum. It looks very promising and comes with a range of teaching and learning resources - I'm confident that it will be a huge success! On Saturday, we have the Winter Fair. We are looking forward to seeing you all and having a good time! Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Ilinca(3L) and Charlie (6H)

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is 94.6% 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 **99.1%** 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.

## 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>	-	129
<b>Blackman</b>	-	157
<b>Fiennes</b>	-	167
<b>Storey</b>	-	161

**Well done to Fiennes**

## School Photographs

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card.

If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification.

If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

If by chance you have lost your Proof you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711. For individual photographs you will need the pupil's admission number from the school database.

The website for these codes is

[www.getphotos.co.uk](http://www.getphotos.co.uk)

The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is **1st December 2023**.



## Christmas Post Box

From Monday 4th December the Ashfield Post Box will be available for children who wish to send cards to their Ashfield friends. The children can post their cards at break time and lunchtime. Children should remember to put the full name and class of the child to whom they are sending the card. If they just write "Doris" on the card, the Year 6 post children will not know which class to deliver it to. The last day for posting is Monday 18th December.



## 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.**

## 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.

## Open Morning and Afternoon

Parents are warmly invited to come into class on **Friday 8th December** from 9:00 to 9:30am and 2:30 to 3:00pm to view their child's books. **Polite reminder that Year 3 parents will need to pre-book their slot using the School Cloud system.**

<https://ashfield.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

## 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.

For the safety of all children, if you are late to pick up your child from school, please use the pedestrian gate to enter the school and not the carpark.

## 4V Swimming

4V will return to swimming on **Monday 27th November**. The swimming pool has now been fixed and is at the correct temperature. Please see below the remaining dates:

**27/11/23, 04/12/23, 11/12/23, 18/12/23, 08/01/24, 15/01/24, 22/01/24, 29/01/24 & 05/02/24**

## Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Our traditional meal will be on **Thursday 14th December**. There will be music, festive hats, delicious food and laughter as staff get involved in serving the children! Children are welcome to wear their Christmas Jumper on Thursday 14th December over their school uniform or PE kit.

## 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 be writing our own stories based on 'The Paperbag Princess'.

**Maths:** We will be starting our geometry topic, where we will cover symmetry, angles, lines and shape.

**Trip:** We will be visiting Bushey Library on our first Ashfield school trip.

**PE:** We will also be taking part in our first school sports tournament, in Tag Rugby!

### Year 4

**English:** We will give a verbal response to the book 'Leon and the Place Between' and we will write a persuasive paragraph advertising the circus.

**Maths:** We will be revising division facts and we will investigate the rules of divisibility .

**French:** We will continue our series of lessons - I am able (Je peux) .

### Year 5

**English:** We will be writing poems using expanded noun phrases to describe the sounds the Traveller hears in the forest.

**Maths:** We will be learning about the place value of decimals numbers with up to three decimal places.

**Science:** We will be identifying the properties of different materials.

### Year 6

**English:** We will continue to explore a diary entry of a WW1 soldier.

**Maths:** We will continue to explore division and how to record remainders.

**Science:** We will be exploring Charles Darwin and how he discovered the Theory of Evolution.

**History:** We will be discovering the role of women in WW1 and what the Home Front was.

## 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>	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
<b>GREEN</b>		Vegetable Fajitas with Rice	Vegan Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Veggie Sausage with Chips and Tomato Sauce
<b>BLUE</b>	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
<b>All served with a selection of fresh vegetables, salad selection and desserts available daily.</b>					

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## Upcoming Events

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