



# Ashfield Junior School

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

**26th January 2024**

## Headteacher's Message

Our assembly focus this term is about '**Inspirational People**'. Our children were excellent at describing what an inspirational person is and could name many people who inspire them. It was excellent to see so many children recognise so many people including Marcus Rashford, Greta Thunberg, David Attenborough, Sarah Storey, Louis Armstrong, Martin Luther King, Marie Curie and Malala Yousafzai. We also agreed that you do not have to be a famous person to be inspirational and that you can also be inspired by your friends, sports coach, teachers, family or someone in the community. So far this term, we have learnt more about David Attenborough, Marie Curie and Martin Luther King and why they are all inspirational in their own right, and we will continue to look at more people over the next few weeks. Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado



**A very happy birthday to: Hannah (3AC) and Ethan (3AC)**

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **92.6%** 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 **6H** 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.

Attenborough	-	142
Blackman	-	149
Fiennes	-	167
<b>Storey</b>	-	<b>176</b>

**Well done to Storey**

## Special Achievements

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

Please let the office know if your child has an achievement they would like to celebrate in assembly and the weekly newsletter by emailing [admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk).

## Achievement Assembly

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

**Year 3: Freddie (3AC) and Inaya (3L)**

**Year 4: Isla (4M) and Leah (4V)**

**Year 5: Ella H (5D) and Yuna (5A)**

**Year 6: Samuel (6H)**

## Half Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **3:20pm** on Friday 16th February 2024.

## Writer of the Week!

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

**Year 3: Ella (3AC) and Nandini (3L)**

**Year 4: Leo (4M) and Sean (4V)**

**Year 5: Oscar (5A) and Kit (5D)**

**Year 6: Hamza (6H) and Jasper (6K)**

## Year 5 Secondary Transfer

To support with the Secondary Transfer process there 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.

## 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/>

## Caterlink School Meal Accounts

Accounts should always be kept in credit and payments should be made directly to your child's Caterlink. As a reminder, meals cost £2.80 each day and dinner money is payable in advance. Please contact the school office if you require your login details.

[https://meals.caterlinkltd.co.uk/meals/sign\\_in](https://meals.caterlinkltd.co.uk/meals/sign_in)

## 4M Swimming Lessons

On Monday 4th March 4M children will be going swimming and will need to bring their swimming kit including a towel in a waterproof bag to school. Children can still wear their PE Kit on a Monday as this will make changing easier at the swimming pool. They should still wear PE kit on a Friday as usual. No jewellery may be worn in the pool, so children must be able to take out their stud earrings independently.

Please login into The School Gateway to make payment and give consent.

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

## 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.

## Manor Adventure

The Manor Adventure PowerPoint that was shared at the Year 6 meeting on Thursday has been emailed out to parents with all the relevant information you will need regarding the upcoming residential trip.

# TALKING FAMILIES



**Thursdays 9.45-11.15am** Course: ID 622  
**8th, 15th, 29th February & 7th, 14th  
 21st March 2024**

**NOW ONLINE!**

**6, weekly sessions for  
 parents and carers of children  
 aged 0-12 sharing tips on how  
 to:**

- **Manage challenging behaviour  
 with consistency**
- **Encourage positive behaviour**
- **Build your child's self esteem**
- **Set and maintain boundaries**
- **Respond to tantrums and  
 difficult feelings in children**
- **Develop a strong parent/child  
 relationship now and for the  
 future**

**Groups are delivered by Zoom and  
 are open to parents, carers,  
 grandparents and guardians living,  
 or with a child in school, in  
 Hertfordshire.**

**'Every parent should do this course!  
 It has taught me so much about how to  
 deal with family life.'**

## **Booking essential**

**Please quote the course ID  
 To check eligibility and book a place,  
 contact Supporting Links on:**

**07512 709556**

**bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk**

**www.supportinglinks.co.uk**

These courses are provided free to  
 participants by Hertfordshire County  
 Council's Targeted Parenting Fund



Information you share with us is used to process your booking. This will be held securely and only shared in accordance with our GDPR Policy.

## 4M Cornet Performance

This year, Class 4M have been learning the cornet with our fantastic music teacher, Mr Fisher. They would like to show off their skills and hold a performance for parents on **Tuesday 27th February at 9:05am**. The performance will be about 30 minutes long. If you are interested in attending, please enter the school at the lower gate from 9:00am where you will be escorted to the school hall.

## Parking

Please help keep our children safe and healthy by keeping School Lane and surrounding roads an idle free zone. Please reduce your emissions and turn off your ignitions! We also ask that you are considerate to our residents and park safely and **NOT** over driveways and on the dropped kerbs.

## Playtime Trainers

Please make sure that your child comes into school with a pair of trainers that they can get changed into at playtime and lunchtime. If your child does not have a pair of trainers, they will not be allowed to go onto the school field or equipment.

## Music Lessons

If your child would like to learn a musical instrument, you can now book lessons via Herts Music Service (HMS). As well as violins and woodwind lessons, we are also fortunate to have a guitar and cornet teacher. If you are interested and want further information, you can click on the HMS website Music Lessons

<https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/hertfordshire-music-service.aspx>

## 4V Water Survival Activity

Swimming and water safety is a statutory requirement of the National Curriculum at Key Stage 2 and is an important part of the children's Physical Education.

On **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February** the children will be taking part in a water survival activity at swimming. Please send an old pair of pyjamas (long trousers) or track suit bottoms and a T-shirt along with their usual swimming kit.

## 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.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cDmjPz2uye\\_cdfY1O1i87X4-wXVAJPQA/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cDmjPz2uye_cdfY1O1i87X4-wXVAJPQA/view)

## What we will be learning next week

### Year 3

**English:** We will finish reading Atlas of Adventures and we will be exploring diary entries. We will then move on to a new book called Lift.

**Maths:** We will be starting a new unit on multiplication and division. We will have a particular focus on the 3x, 4x and 8x tables

**Art:** we will be looking at landscapes and how both artists Hannah Rae and Alice Kettle have used fabric and paint to create their work.

### Year 4

**English:** We will develop mood and atmosphere in writing by using understanding from reading.

**Maths:** We will convert time between analogue and digital and solve time word problems.

**PD:** We are learning to overcome disappointments and how to create new dreams.

### Year 5

**English:** We will be creating heroes and villains for our own myth writing.

**Maths:** We will be working on strategies using the inverse in calculations.

**Geography:** We will begin to create our models showing the journey and features of a river.

### Year 6

**English:** We will have assessments this week to determine students' understanding of what has been taught so far.

**Maths:** We will have assessments this week to determine students' understanding of what has been taught so far.

**RE:** We will continue to explore the concept of agape in Christianity.

**Geography:** We will be exploring the human geographical features of South America.

**Science:** We will be exploring electrical circuits to determine if they will work or not.

## 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>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad	Burger (Beef & Bean or Vegan) with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise with Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
<b>GREEN</b>	Vegetable Couscous		Veg Wellington, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Veggie Bolognaise with Garlic Bread	Cheesy Bean Pasty 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
All served with a selection of fresh vegetables, salad selection and desserts available daily.					

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## Upcoming Events

Tuesday 6th February	No Choir
Friday 16th February	End of Term 3.20pm
Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February	Half term
Monday 26th February	Term starts 8.35am
Tuesday 27th February	4M Cornet Performance
Wednesday 20th March	Year 5 Secondary Transfer