



# Ashfield Junior School

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

28th March 2024

## Headteacher's Message

It has been a very busy spring term so I want to thank staff for their support, hard work and commitment. Over the last two weeks, Year 4 and Year 5 have been doing some cooking and baking in their Design and Technology lessons. To support us with our food technology lessons, a Master Chef from our food caterers (Caterlink) have been teaching the children with practical activity. Year 4 loved making (and eating) the cookies and Year 5 made a delicious healthy soup. The chefs also taught the children about food safety and hygiene. It has been really nice seeing how engaged the children were with this aspect of D.T. and we hope to follow this up in the summer term when Year 6 will be baking their own bread. I wish all our families a lovely break and see you in a couple of weeks.

Mr Dourado



**A very happy birthday to:** Adam (3L), Isla (4M), Abishai (5A), Zach (6H), Maya (6H), Ella (5D), Arlyn (3L) and Chloe (5A)

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **86%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **3L** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **98.6%** Well done!

A big well done **3L** again 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	-	102
<b>Blackman</b>	-	<b>138</b>
Fiennes	-	115
Storey	-	98

**Well done to Blackman**

## Special Mention

A special mention to our Year 6 children who remained in school this week for demonstrating the Ashfield values of kindness and respect all week. Well done!



## After School Chess Club

Congratulations to the following children for the Spring Term Chess Club.

### Monday Chess Club

<b>Champion</b>	Reyan (4V)
<b>1st Runner up</b>	Sean (4V)
<b>2nd Runner up</b>	Abhinav (4V)
<b>2nd Runner up</b>	Oscar (5A)

### Wednesday Chess Club

<b>Champion</b>	Rowan (5D)
<b>1st Runner up</b>	Marcus (6K)
<b>2nd Runner up</b>	Eli (5A)

## The Elms Whitsun Half Term Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the Whitsun 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 17th May 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/>

## Year 4 Trip to The Verulamium

As part of our History topic relating to the Romans we have planned a visit to the Verulamium Museum in St. Albans on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. The children will have the opportunity to handle genuine Roman artefacts to build a picture of daily life in the town; as well as visit the Hypocaust – an ancient underfloor heating system.

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

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

## School Blog

We have created a School Blog which will help us to share photos and news from the School Journey and going forward, other school events. You can view the blog by visiting the home page on the school website. A link to the blog is on the 'noticeboard'. We hope that you find this useful.

<https://ashfield.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/school-blog/>

## 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)

## 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.

## Summer Uniforms

When we return after Easter as the weather warms up, please feel free to send your children into school wearing the Ashfield Summer Uniform. Full uniform details can be found on our school website. Please remember to apply sunscreen before school and for children to bring sun hats and water bottles into school daily. As noted in our School Uniform Policy, the summer uniform is optional and children can continue to wear their winter uniform.

## Summer Term

Just a polite reminder that children return to school for the Summer Term on **Monday 15th April**.

## Handwriting Pens

A reminder that children can purchase three handwriting pens from the school office for £1.00.

## Year 5 DT Lesson

As part of DT this term, Year 5 have tasted three soups and voted on which one to recreate. The children peeled and sliced vegetables, followed a simple recipe to make Tomato Soup with the help from Lauren who is part of the Caterlink team and were also taught about basic food hygiene.



## DSPL9 Parent and Carer Newsletter

**NEW**

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/102mSBGE2wiyrPRxfd80s18edWnP7OxRU/view>

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

## The Elms After School Clubs

Congratulations to the following children for the Spring Term Sports Clubs.

### Netball Club: Player of the Term

Caitlin (5A)

### Football Club: Player of the Term

Leo (4M)

### Top Goal Scorer:

David (4M)

### Tennis Club: Player of the Term

Tristan (3AC)



## Festival of Colours

Children across all year groups celebrated Holi this week. We used traditional Hindu powder paint to create a kindness sheet that represents the triumph of light over dark. The children enjoyed being part of this activity and they have been reminded to spread kindness throughout school.



## Year 6 School Journey

Our Year 6 children went away to Manor Adventure, Norfolk Lakes in Norwich for their School Journey this week. They all had a super time participating in outdoor and adventurous activities, including high ropes, mini olympics, caving and paddleboarding. The weather was a bit mixed, but the children's spirits were high. The children were very well behaved and great ambassadors for the school. They impressed the Manor instructors with their determination and teamwork. Thank you to Miss Arthur, Mr Hardy, Mrs Kothary, Mrs O'Mahony and Mr Dourado for accompanying the children.



## What we will be learning after Easter

### Year 3

**English:** We will be reading the book 'George speaks' by Dick King-George and looking at direct speech.

**Maths:** We will continue our work on fractions. This week, we will look at adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator.

**RE:** We will be learning about Sikhism and how in this religion one of the values is why it is important to share.

### Year 4

**English:** We are going to look at the story of Romulus and Remus and we will be writing descriptive sentences using expanded noun phrases.

**Maths:** We will continue working with decimals, finding complements to 1 and using formal written addition and subtraction.

**Science:** We start a new topic - Living things and their habitat.

### Year 5

**English:** We will be starting our new class book called 'Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho Yen

**Maths:** We will complete our work on division with decimal remainders and we will begin to look at equivalent fractions.

**Science:** We will be learning about forces.

## 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>	Vegetable Stack with Rice	Penne Bolognaise	Pork Sausages, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta, with Rice, Tzatziki and Salad	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
<b>GREEN</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad	Vegan Penne Bolognaise	Vegan Sausages, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cheese Whirl with Rice, Tzatziki and Salad	BBQ Quorn 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 15th April	Start of Summer Term
Tuesday 7th May	Year 4 Trip to the Verulamium