



Ashfield Junior School

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

2nd February 2024

Headteacher's Message

It was nice to finally get our Year 6 sports leaders up to Merry Hill Infants so they could support and play games with the younger children. The Year 6 sports leaders that went to up to Merry Hill this week were excellent and carried out their role responsibly and maturely. They have definitely been *inspirational* to the younger children and excellent role models. I'm sure that this will continue as we progress through the school year. Also this week, our PCSOs visited Ashfield again but this time for a special 'cyber workshop' for our Year 6 children. It is very positive to see the PCSOs engaging with the children and discussing how to keep safe online. As part of our Personal Development curriculum, the PCSOs will return to Ashfield in the summer term when they deliver the Mini-Police Programme to our Year 5 children. As safeguarding children is a priority for all schools, look out for our new monthly safeguarding newsletter that will keep you updated on current themes, as well as information and advice. Have a lovely weekend, Mr A Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Bohdana (5D), Isaiah (3L), Rhea (4M), Alex (4V), Maisie (4M), Inayah (3L) and Bradley (4M)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **93.2%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **5D** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **100%** 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.

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	-	167
Blackman	-	163
Fiennes	-	134
Storey	-	135

Well done to Attenborough

Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Khushi (3L)** who has passed her Level 2 in gymnastics and moved up a grade. Well done!

Congratulations to **Michael (6K)** who won Players' Player at his recent football match. Well done!

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: Tristan (3AC) and Rose (3L)

Year 4: Jayda (4M) and Zuzanna (4V)

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

Year 6: Chloe (6K), Ryley (6K) and Shraeya (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! Children in Year 6 are split into groups therefore will be given a certificate by either teacher.

Year 3: Penny (3AC) and William (3L)

Year 4: Gracie (4M) and Tyaan (4V)

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

Year 6: Jasmine (6K) and Mr Hardy's Group (6H)

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/>

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.

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.

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>

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.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you all so much for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal again this year and have raised an amazing **£323.57**. Well done!



Autism Empowerment Webinar

This one-hour lunchtime webinar is a brief exploration of how Autism can present, the history of Autism, diagnosis as well as differences in communication and social interaction. We will also be looking at how the environment can impact on someone with sensory processing challenges.

The main aim of this webinar is to focus on the many strengths autistic individuals have and how we can increase understanding and Neuro-inclusivity through education and raising awareness.

Webinars are held on Zoom on the following dates:

Thursday 29th February 12:30 to 13:30

Friday 29th March 12:30 to 13:30

Friday 26th April 12:30 to 13:30

At the end of the webinar, you will receive a certificate of attendance that will be emailed to your given email address.

The cost of this one-hour webinar is only £5.50!

To book your place on the webinar please either scan the QR code below or go to: www.theautismtrainingnetwork.com/training

"For every person who understands Autism better, another Autistic person will be happier."-
Libby Scott, Autistic Author (at age 11)



ASHA Disco and Non-uniform day

Thursday 15th February

Year 3 and 4 - 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Year 5 and 6 - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

£6.00 a ticket including a sweet treat!

Please send payment to the account details below and a screen shot of your payment to **ashacommittee@gmail.com**

Ashfield School and Home Association

Sort Code: 40-15-23

Account Number: 41101765

Also on the same day, children can wear their own clothes. If your child is not attending the disco you can make a voluntary payment of £1 for non-uniform day.

If you require further information please contact ASHA on the above email address.

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

Birthdays

There have been a lot of birthdays recently in some classes and children have kindly been bringing in treats to share with their classmates. We wanted to let you know that we are a healthy eating school and have some parents who do not want their child to receive sweets or may also have allergies. Thank you for your co-operation.

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 12th 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.

Headlice

Please help us by keeping outbreaks of headlice to a minimum and minimise the chances of head lice spreading. Ashfield require all children (both boys and girls) who have shoulder length hair or longer to have their hair tied back close to their head.

Parents' Consultations

For Parents' Consultations this term, we will offer an online meeting or a face to face meeting in school. We will use Teams for the online meeting and these will be held in the week before half term (w/c 12th February). Class teachers will be available on the days listed below (check times below). The face to face consultation will be on **Wednesday 14th February from 3:30pm to 6:00pm**. Please note, you only need to book one appointment with your child's teacher (either face to face or online)

Dates and times for the online meetings

Teacher	Parents 'Online' Meeting Date
Miss Arthur & Miss Flint (3AC)	Monday 12 th February (1:00pm to 3:30pm)
Miss Lazarus (3L)	Tuesday 13 th February (1:00pm to 3:30pm)
Mrs Vincett (4V)	Tuesday 13 th February (9:00am to 11:30am)
Mrs Mocanu (4M)	Wednesday 14 th February (9:00am to 11:30am)
Miss Aigbirio (5A)	Wednesday 14 th February (9:00am to 11:30am)
Miss Davison (5D)	Monday 12 th February (1:00pm to 3:30pm)
Mr Hardy (6H)	Tuesday 13 th February (1:00pm to 3:30pm)
Mrs Kothary (6K)	Thursday 15 th February (1:00pm to 3:30pm)

Date and time for the face to face meetings

Face to face – all teachers in the school hall	Wednesday 14 th February (3:30pm to 6:00pm)
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You will need to book an appointment for the online meeting or face to face meeting. The booking system for Parents' Consultations will open at **9am on Monday 5th February 2024**. In order to book an appointment with your child's teacher please log in to the School Cloud <https://ashfield.schoolcloud.co.uk> and complete the form for your child which will then display appointment availability. Attached is a Parent's Guide for booking appointments. Both online and face to face parent consultations will be for 10 minutes.

Online Meetings

Teachers will send out one Teams link nearer the time. You are asked to join 5 minutes before your allocated time slot and will be kept in the waiting room. This will allow the teacher to see you are waiting and appointments can run smoothly.

Face to Face Meetings

We will be using the school hall for in person parent consultations. Parents should enter the gate via the bottom gate on School Lane. Parents should proceed to the school hall and wait until they are called by their child's class teacher. Please arrive at least 10 minutes before your appointment so that the afternoon can run smoothly.

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: In English we are going to start reading a new book called Lift and looking at speech.

Maths: We will be working on division and understanding how their times tables knowledge helps with division calculations.

Science: We will continue to explore forces and magnets.

Year 4

English: We will be working on understanding the purpose of different parts of a sentence, including coordinating conjunctions and prepositional phrases.

Maths: We will be working on discrete and continuous data using appropriate graphical methods including bar charts and time graphs.

History: We will be learning about life in Roman Britain and compare it to life in Britain today.

Year 5

English: We will be writing our own myths based on our planning from last week.

Maths: We will be rounding for estimation and using place value to add and subtract

Science: We will be learning about reversible and irreversible materials.

Year 6

English: Mrs Kothary's group will start to analyse and build plans and drafts of setting descriptions inspired by Michael Morpurgo's Kensuke's Kingdom.

Mr Hardy's group will be exploring setting descriptions inspired by the book Kensuke's Kingdom

Maths: Mrs Kothary's group will look at metric conversions and their links to our previous learning of Place Value.

Mr Hardy's Group will be exploring reasoning questions covering place value, the 4 operations and measurements.

Art: we will start putting in the finishing touches of our self portraits and begin to build our background using collage.

Science: we will be exploring the generation of electricity and how this is achieved.

Geography: we will be exploring trade in South America and their global exports.

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
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

Tuesday 6th February	No Choir
Wednesday 14th February	Parents' Consultations (Face to
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