



Ashfield Junior School

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

3rd November 2023

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back, I hope that you all had a lovely half-term break. Our new Personal Development (PD) unit this term is about 'Celebrating Differences', In our assemblies this week, we discussed how we are all different, how this made us unique and special. It was positive to see children celebrate themselves - how they look and where they come from. At the same time, we reflected on the importance of being **KIND** and **RESPECTFUL** to everyone regardless of what they look like and where they come from. Throughout the remainder of this half-term, children will continue to learn more about celebrating differences in their PD lessons.

The run up to the festive season is always very busy and we have a lot of events happening this half-term including the Winter Fair! Please get involved and thank you in advance for your support.

Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Scarlet (5A), Kyran (5D), Ethan (6H) and Sophia (3L)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95.1%** 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 **97.1%** 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.

Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Maisie (4M)** for achieving her Level 4 Proficiency award at gymnastics. Well done!

Congratulations to **Bella (3L)** for completing her TT Rock Stars questions in under 5 seconds per question. Well done!

Congratulations to **Alina (5D)** who has been awarded her Sixer badge at Brownies. 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.

Attenborough	-	171
Blackman	-	167
Fiennes	-	133
Storey	-	135

Well done to **Attenborough**

Achievement Assembly

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

Year 3: Emma (3AC) and Anna (3L)

Year 4: Ayla (4M) and Mia-Nevaeh (4V)

Year 5: Seren (5A) and Florence (5D)

Year 6: Zach (6H) and Khalid (6K)

Writer of the Week!

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

Year 3: Tristan (3AC) and Isaiah (3L)

Year 4: Isla (4M) and Emily (4V)

Year 5: Scarlet (5A) and Ella H (5D)

Year 6: Noah (6H) and Colette (6K)

Individual School Photos

Vancols will be coming to Ashfield on **Wednesday 15th November** to take the children's individual school photos, they will also take sibling photos for children attending Ashfield. **If your child has PE on a Wednesday they will need to come to school in their uniform and bring their PE kit with them to change into.**

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

This year we are again supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Children can buy a poppy at school, by bringing their donation to their classroom from **Monday 7th November to Friday 10th November**. Collection tins will be taken around each day by the School Council. We only have limited supplies of poppies and other items, so once they are gone, they are gone!!

School Website

The school website has been given a revamp so that it is more organised and hopefully, it will be easier to find things. We have also added in some new quick links including term dates, upcoming events and the latest newsletter. Please visit our school website <https://ashfield.herts.sch.uk/>. Thank you to the parents that completed the questionnaire - your feedback was useful. We will try and incorporate more of your ideas throughout the term. We hope that you find the new website easier to use and useful. .

Influenza (Nasal Flu Immunisation)

The School Immunisation Team will be coming to Ashfield on **Tuesday 14th November**. You can now complete consent form for your child online (there are no paper copies). It is important to complete the online form even if you do not want your child to have the vaccine. The electronic link can be found below. The frequently asked questions information sheet has been emailed to you. If you require further information please contact the Hertfordshire Immunisation Team directly, the contact details can be found on the attachment.

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/hertfordshire>

Year 6 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo

We will be leaving school promptly on **Monday 6th November at 9.00am**. The children need to wear their outdoor PE kit and footwear suitable for muddy trails (eg wellington boots or old trainers). As we will be outside for most of the day, please make sure children are fully prepared for the weather, including wet or cold conditions. They will also need to bring a packed lunch, including a drink in a disposable bag **within a backpack**. Please make sure they have a snack available for when we arrive.

Depending on traffic conditions we should be back before the end of the school day.

Manor Adventure 2024

The remaining balance for the School Journey is now available to pay on the School Gateway. You have until the payment deadline of **Friday 26th January 2024** to make this payment. You can make the payment in full or in gradual instalments



Winter Fair

FOMH and ASHA will jointly be holding their Winter fair from **11am until 2pm** on **Saturday 25th November**. A Google Form will be sent out shortly for volunteers to sign up to help on a stall. Without your support the fair cannot ahead. **ASHA also need your support and are looking for prizes that can be donated for the raffle - if you have anything to offer, please inform the school or a member of the ASHA team.**

Autumn Term Dates

We would like to share with you all, a few things that are coming up this term.

Wednesday 15th November - individual school photos.

Friday 17th November - Non-uniform day. Donations of bottles.

Friday 17th to Thursday 23rd November - Selling tokens and raffle tickets at the school gate.

Wednesday 22nd November - Odd socks for chocs. Donations of chocolates.

Saturday 25th November - ASHA and Friends of Merry Hill (FOMH) have joined together to organise the Winter Fair which will be held at Ashfield Junior School.

Friday 8th December - Open classrooms. This will give you an opportunity to come into school and look through your child's books. We will have one session from 9:00am to 9:30am and from 2:30pm to 3:00pm.

Monday 11th December - Staff and pupils have been invited to St James' Church to sing a few Christmas carols (no parents).

Wednesday 13th December - Secret Santa Rooms

Thursday 14th December - Children will be invited to wear a festive jumper and enjoy a lovely Christmas lunch

Tuesday 19th December - Bring and Buy Sale



Wednesday 13th December

£3.00 per gift (one per child)

Please transfer £3 by Friday 8th December so we can make sure there is enough gifts.

Ashfield School and Home Association

Sort Code: 23 - 05 - 80

Account Number: 48865658

Non-School Uniform Day

To support the Winter Fair, we will be having a non-school uniform day on **Friday 17th November**. ASHA are asking parents and carers to kindly donate bottles for the bottle tombola stall. Please bring your donations in on the day!

Odd Socks for Chocs

To support the Winter Fair, we will be having a Odd Sock Day on **Wednesday 22nd November** children can come to school wearing odd socks with their school uniform. ASHA are asking parents and carers to kindly donate boxes of chocolates. Please bring your donations in on the day!

Oakmoor Lodge

On Monday, some of our Year 6 children were invited to Oakmoor Lodge Care Home in Bushey. The children took part in the Quantum Care Community Challenge where they visited the residents and helped them with an activity. The children had a lot of fun engaging with the residents and helping them some stained glass windows! It was a really good experience for the children and the residents loved seeing them. The children were praised for their respectful and excellent behaviour - they were a credit to Ashfield Junior School. We are hoping to do some more visits to Oakmoor Lodge in the future.



Year 4 Science Experiment

Year 4 conducted a very messy, but engaging experiment this week to demonstrate the journey our food takes through the digestive system - in one end and ALL the way out the other.



What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be continuing with 'The Spider and the fly' and writing descriptive sentences.

Math: We will be continuing with written addition and moving onto subtraction.

History: we are going to be exploring The Stone Age.

Year 4

English: We will plan and write a persuasive speech based on the book The King Who Banned the Dark.

Maths: We are going to practise multiplication and division facts.

RE: we will start exploring the meaning of Christmas.

Year 5

English: We will be reading linked texts about inspirational women: Lilian Bader, Mae Jemison and Helen Sharman.

Maths: We will be rounding big numbers to 1,000,000.

History: We will be starting our new History topic about the Ancient Greeks.

Year 6

English: We will continue to explore poetry linked to WW1 and write our own examples using ambitious and historically accurate vocabulary.

Maths: We will be exploring formal written methods for short and long division.

Trip: We will be visiting Whispnade Zoo as part of our science topic of evolution and inheritance. In History we will be exploring the causes of the First World War.

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	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
GREEN		Vegetable Fajitas with Rice	Vegan Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Veggie Sausage with Chips and 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	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 14th November	Nasal Flu Spray
Wednesday 15th November	Individual School Photos
Friday 17th November	Non-Uniform Day
Wednesday 22nd November	Odd Socks Day
Friday 24th November	Inset Day (no school for children)
Saturday 25th November	Winter Fair