



Ashfield Junior School

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

8th December 2023

Headteacher's Message

As you will be aware, we have been working hard to improve road safety and congestion on School Lane especially at drop off and collection. Last May, we took part in Walk to School Week which was a good way to encourage more families to reflect and change their habits on how they come to school. Earlier in the week, the School Council met and shared their posters about a new initiative they have introduced to the school: **Walk to School Wednesdays!** The idea is to encourage more children to walk to school every Wednesday. If this is not possible, the School Council encourage families to **park and stride** so that children can still take part. They encourage you to drive part of the way and walk the remainder of the journey. We hope that you can support us with this initiative. It has been nice to see so many parents and carers support their child with the open morning and afternoon. It has been a very long term and the children should be very proud of their achievements. Next week, we have a fun week of festive activities, which the children (and staff) are very excited about! Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Emelie (4M), Tristan (3AC), Aquil (5D), Alice (4V), Charlotte (4M) and Kaiden (5D)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **92.2%** 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 **97%** 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	-	210
Blackman	-	188
Fiennes	-	199
Storey	-	184

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: Zach (3AC) and Crina (3L)**
- Year 4: Bradley (4M) and Myla (4V)**
- Year 5: Scarlet (5A) and Alina (5D)**
- Year 6: Marcus (6K) and Georgie (6H)**

Writer of the Week!

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

Year 3: Abigail (3AC) and Finnley (3L)

Year 4: Maisie (4M) and Nathaniel (4V)

Year 5: Ashley (5A) and Ella K (5D)

Year 6: James (6K) and Leo (6H)

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.

St James Carol Concert

Children and staff will be walking to and from St. James' church on **Monday 11th December** for our Carol Concert (no parents).

Please make sure that your child is wrapped up warm, has a coat and appropriate footwear.

Children who have PE on a Monday should come to school in their school uniform they do not need to bring their PE Kit with them to change into.

End of Autumn Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **1:30pm** on Wednesday 20th December!

After School Clubs

The following clubs will finish for the Autumn Term as blow:-

The Elms - Monday 11th December (Netball), Tuesday 12th December (Football), Wednesday 13th December (Tennis) and Thursday 14th December (Multisports).

Chess Club - Monday 11th December and Wednesday 13th December.

Art Club - Wednesday 13th December (Year 3 & 4) and Thursday 14th December (Year 5 & 6)

Mock Transfer - Thursday 14th December

Dance Club - Friday 15th December

Jam Coding - Friday 15th December

Christmas Jumpers

If you have any freshly washed, good condition Christmas Jumpers that you no longer need or the children have grown out of and are happy to donate please can you bring into the school office by **Wednesday 13th 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 Christmas Performance

Year 3 will be Performing for parents and carers on **Tuesday 12th December at 2:00pm**. The school gates (bottom gate) will be open from 1:45pm for you to take your seats. I am really looking forward to this performance and looking forward to seeing you all there.

Winter Fair

Thank you all so much for your huge support at the fair. Our fair raised **£3335** which will be shared between our two schools.

Tag Rugby Tournament Report

On Thursday and Friday last week, the children braved the cold and wrapped up well in thick coats, scarfs, gloves and hats, took part in our bi-annual Tag Rugby tournament. It was the 5th Tag Rugby tournament we have held since 2015 and this year was the closest contest we have ever held. I was delighted to witness the high standard of rugby being played by each team. In every Year Group, our finalists were decided by the number of tries scored in the group stage – it was that close. In Year 6 it even came down to head to head records as teams had the same number of points and try difference!

In all Year Groups the children demonstrated wonderful sportsmanship and upheld the Ashfield School values of Resilience, Respect, Kindness and Cooperation. Pleasingly, it is getting much harder for teachers and Mr Jones to select the Fair Play Winners and School Value Winners at the end. A list of winners can be found below.

A huge thank you to Mr Jones and the Elms Coaches for running the event and a massive congratulation to all of the children who took part and made the Tag Rugby Tournament so fantastic. I am already looking forward to our Volleyball Tournament in the Spring Term.

Mr Hardy.

Year 3.

Team A6, Team H8.

Winners: Team H – Zach T, Alma, Ilinca, Darien, Ella, Hannah.

Runners Up: Team A – Grace, Stanley, Ineya R, Haruto, Lily, Nandini.

Fair Play Winners: Stanley, Anna, Rayan, Roman, Hady, Abigail, Raoul, Ella, Emma, Jessica.

Cooperation: Gigi, **Resilience:** Erik, **Respect:** Charlotte, **Kindness:** Martin.

Year 4.

Team C3, Team F6.

Winners: Team F – Swayam, Joseph, Charles, Isla, Emelie B.

Runners Up: Team C – Kaelan, Reyan, Rhea, Bella, Blue.

Fair Play Winners: Hariet, Lurian, Rhea, Emily H, Gracie, Isla, Elijah, Myla, Alex, Ralph.

Cooperation: Jack, **Resilience:** Mia-Nevaeh, **Respect:** Maisie, **Kindness:** Muhammad.

Year 5.

Team H4, Team H6.

Winners: Team H – Hana, Theo, Kit, Florence, Chester.

Runners Up: Team A – Freya, Ellis, Seren, Oliver, Kyle.

Fair Play Winners: Kyle, Alina, Caitlin, Ashley, Oscar, Lana, Kyran, Florence, Antonia, Mason.

Cooperation: Shray, **Resilience:** Kit, **Respect:** Cecily, **Kindness:** Yuna.

Year 6.

Team A2, Team H4

Winners: Team H – Noah, Molly, Lily, Jess, Aaron, Hamza.

Runners Up: Team A – Khalid, Shraeya, Emily K, George, Taiki.

Fair Play Winners: Khalid, Matias, Ellie, Chloe, Jasmine, Colette, Samuel, Aaron, Isabella, Marcus.

Cooperation: Dana, **Resilience:** Benji, **Respect:** Emily K, **Kindness:** Bertie.



Neurodiversity Support Hub

For Parents, Carers and Professionals

We can offer support, signposting and guidance about a whole range of things including but not limited to:

- Understanding ADHD/Autism
- Distressed Behaviours
 - Anxiety
 - School

No
Diagnosis
Required

The phones are answered by our team of parents and carers of neurodivergent children and young people

Are you a
Parent, Carer
or
Professional?



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9 AM - 1PM



Here to support, reach out for a listening ear

We Can't:

- Give updates/ fast track places on waiting lists
- Recommend specific private assessors



Year 4 Trip to Shri Swaminarayan Mandir



Year 4 went to visit the Swaminarayan Temple on Thursday in Neasden. We have all been impressed by the spectacular edifice, and

the paintings and traditional craftwork provided a valuable insight into the wisdom and values of the Hindu faith. The children had a lot of interesting questions for our guide and their behaviour has been impeccable. A big thank you to our Year 4 Parents who volunteered to help us on the day, you have been amazing!



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/>

Change to PE Day

This is just for NEXT WEEK only - PE

3L will have PE on **Friday 15th Dec** instead of Thurs 14th Dec

6K will have PE on **Thursday 14th Dec** instead of Friday



Happy Hanukkah

To our families celebrating Hanukkah. May the warmth of the candles fill your home with Joy and laughter .

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will continue to be looking at poetry.

Maths: We will continue our Geometry topic, learning more about 2D shapes.

Science: We will be exploring rocks and identifying their properties.

Year 4

English: We are going to write a persuasive speech using persuasive phrases based on the book 'Leon and the Place Between'

Maths: We are going to create and solve a range of correspondence problems.

Science: We are going to talk about the food chains.

Year 5

English: We will be working on our final descriptive piece for 'The Listeners' poem we have been using as inspiration for writing.

Maths: We will be finishing off our decimal numbers topic and we will be revising converting measures

Science: we will be looking at the properties of solids and liquids.

Year 6

English: We will use picture prompts to write a short story.

Maths: We will continue to explore translations and reflections.

RE: We will reflect on our learning of the Nativity so far, and use our creativity to depict Mary, Joseph and Jesus.

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 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
Thursday 4th January	Occasional Day
Friday 5th January	Inset Day
Monday 8th January	Spring Term Starts