



Ashfield Junior School

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

8th November 2024

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 PD lessons this term, children will celebrate our similarities and differences, as well as discuss how we are all different and this makes us unique and special. It is important to teach children about our **British Values** which include democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. On Wednesday, Mrs Vincett, Mrs Kothary and some children led an assembly to teach children about the Hinduism, Jainism and Sikhism festival of Diwali. It was nice to see the children engaged and learning more about another faith.

Autumn 2 is always a very busy period with lots of events happening in school. Some of the highlights include school trips to Bushey Library, Whipsnade Zoo, local Hindu temple, Year 3 Nativity Play, Remembrance Day assembly, carols at St James' Church and the Winter Fair! Look over the newsletter for further information.

Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Raffie (3AC) and Ashley (6H)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **3AC** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **100%**. 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.

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: Alana D (3L) and Alice (3AC)

Year 4: Kena (4M) and Zach (4V)

Year 5: Bella (5G) and Jayda (5D)

Year 6: Lana (6K) and Ella K (6K)

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	-	109
Blackman	-	130
Fiennes	-	128
Storey	-	131

Well done to Storey

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: Eva (3L) and Maria (3AC)

Year 4: Lily (4M) and Zaynab (4V)

Year 5: Reyhan (5G) and Ayla (5D)

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

Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Maya (5G)** who came joint 2nd place of the Multisports Leaderboard for the Summer Term at The Elms after school club. Well done!

Congratulations to **Ella (3L)** who came 5th place of the Multisports Leaderboard for the Summer Term at The Elms after school club whilst at Merry Hill in Year 2. Well done!

Congratulations to **Cecily (6H)** who auditioned and was accepted to play her bassoon in the National Children's Orchestra. Well done!

Congratulations to **Amelie (3L)** who passed her Level 4 at Gymnastics. Well done!

Congratulations to **Alice (5D)** and **Charlotte (5G)** who have completed Swim Stages 1-7. Well done!

Year 6 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo

Year 6 are studying evolution and inheritance in Science this term and we are also looking at biomes in Geography. We have arranged a visit to Whipsnade Zoo on **Wednesday 13th November** to support our learning in these areas.

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

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

DSPL9 Parent & 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.

[Newsletter](#)

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

Year 3 Visit to Bushey Library

3L and 3AC will be visiting Bushey Public Library on **Tuesday 26th November**. They will walk there and back.

3L will visit from 10.30am - 11.30am (leaving Ashfield at 10.15am)

3AC will visit from 1.30pm - 2.30pm (leaving Ashfield at 1.15pm)

To enable children to get the most out of this visit, they will have the opportunity to look around the children's library and choose a book to borrow and read at home. A membership form will be sent home with the children next week and should be returned to school by **Wednesday 20th November**. Membership of Hertfordshire Libraries is free.

We require a small number of helpers. If you are available to help on the day please contact the school office by email at

admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk

Year 4 Trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor

As part of our RE study of Hinduism, we have arranged a visit to Bhaktivedanta Manor, the Hare Krishna Temple on **Wednesday 20th November**. This is an opportunity for the children to gain an insight into Hinduism as a living faith.

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Open Classroom - Save the date!

Parents will be invited into the classroom to see their child's work on **Friday 13th December**. Our morning invite is open from 9:00am to 9:30am and our afternoon is open from 2:30pm to 3:00pm. Further information will be shared with you after half-term.

Earrings and nail varnish

A polite reminder to parents that children should only wear a **stud earring** (not hoops) to school and that these need to be removed for PE and swimming lessons. Children are not allowed to wear make up including nail varnish in school.

Individual Photographs

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card.

If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification.

If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

If by chance you have lost your Proof you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711. For individual photographs you will need the pupil's admission number from the school database.

The website for these codes is
www.getphotos.co.uk

The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is **12th November 2024**.

Year 6 - 2025 Manor Adventure

The remaining balance is now available to pay on the School Gateway You have until the payment deadline of **31st January 2025** to make this payment. You can make the payment in full or gradual instalments.

Where payment has not been fully made, we will refund any money already paid, minus the non-refundable deposit and cancel the place.

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

Tesco Stronger Start – In-Store Vote

Ashfield Junior School will be taking part in the **Tesco Stronger Start** scheme running across several Tesco stores in the local area. Our project is to enhance our play and lunchtimes by improving the quality of our playtime resources for our children to use outside.

Each time you make a purchase within the store, you will receive one token that you can use to cast your vote and place for Ashfield Junior School. The voting will end mid-January 2025.

Influenza (Nasal Flu Immunisation)

The School Immunisation Team will be coming to Ashfield on **Monday 11th 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 vaccination or if they have received it elsewhere.** 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 below or on the attachment.

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/hertfordshire>

Phone: 01462 427 008

Email: hertfordshire@v-uk.co.uk

End of Autumn Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **1:30pm** on **Friday 20th December** and return to school on **Monday 6th January** for the Spring Term.



Winter Fair

FOMH and ASHA will jointly be holding their Winter fair from **11am until 2pm** on **Saturday 30th November** at Merry Hill. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Christmas Jumper Donation

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 **Friday 13th December**.

Autumn Term Dates

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

Saturday 30th November - ASHA and Friends of Merry Hill (FOMH) have joined together to organise the Winter Fair which will be held at Merry Hill.

Tuesday 10th December - 4V Cornet Performance.

Wednesday 11th December - Year 3 Christmas Production for Parents at 1.45pm

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Friday 13th 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 16th December - Staff and pupils have been invited to St James' Church to sing a few Christmas carols (no parents).

Wednesday 18th December - Children will be invited to wear a festive jumper and enjoy a lovely Christmas lunch

Year 3 Christmas Performance

Year 3 will be Performing for parents and carers on **Wednesday 11th December at 1:45pm**. The school gates (bottom gate) will be open from 1:35pm for you to take your seats. I am really looking forward to this performance and looking forward to seeing you all there.

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Our traditional meal will be on **Wednesday 18th 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 Wednesday 18th December over their school uniform or PE kit.

Please remember to return the reply slip with your child's choice for Christmas Dinner by Monday 18th November.

Cater Link Survey

To assist Cater Link with improving their service to their customers they would value the opportunity to survey pupils at Ashfield Junior School. We would appreciate you assisting your child to complete the survey, it should take no longer than 5 minutes.

Closing date 30th November.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RLKQLHJ>

School Website

The school website was recently 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, the latest newsletter and school blog.

Please visit our school website and we hope that you find it easier to use and useful.

<https://ashfield.herts.sch.uk/>.

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be writing setting descriptions based on one of the fables we have read.

Maths: We will be continuing with mental addition and learning different strategies.

D.T: We are going to be exploring different mechanisms.

Year 4

English: We have started a new unit, and we will be writing an imaginative explanation of how a TV works.

Maths: We will be looking at different laws of divisibility to help us with division facts.

Geography: We will be using maps to locate the two hemispheres and talk about their main features.

Year 5

English: We will be using personification and simile to write a descriptive setting based on our book, Cloud Tea Monkeys.

Maths: We will be learning about prime numbers and prime factors.

History: We will be starting our Ancient Greeks topic. In our first lesson, we will be using timelines to explore when this historical period occurred.

Year 6

English: We will take inspiration from Michael Morpurgo's Kensuke's Kingdom. Mrs. Kothary's group will explore the role that speech plays in writing and will begin to apply this to their own pieces. Mr Hardy's group will begin to explore direct speech and how it is punctuated.

Maths: Mrs. Kothary's group will continue to strengthen their place values knowledge. In particular, the children will compare numbers (including decimal numbers). Mr Hardy's group will begin to explore fractions, decimals and percentages.

French: We will revisit the topic 'Chez Moi' (My home) with a focus on pronouncing key vocabulary correctly.

History: We will be looking at the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and how this led to the outbreak of WW1.

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 £3.00 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Chicken Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread	Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Rainbow Pizza with Potato Wedges	Chinese Vegetable Curry with Rice	Vegan Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Vegetable Curry with Rice	Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips and Tomato Sauce
BLUE	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
All served with a selection of fresh vegetables, salad selection and desserts available daily.					

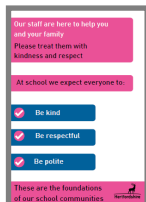
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Upcoming Events

Monday 11th November	Nasal Flu Immunisation
Monday 11th November	Forces Club
Wednesday 13th November	Year 6 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo
Monday 18th November	Latin and Classics (Year 5 & 6)
Wednesday 20th November	Year 4 Trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor
Monday 25th November	Forces Club
Tuesday 26th November	Year 3 trip to Bushey Library
Saturday 30th November	Winter Fair
Friday 13th December	Open Classroom