



Ashfield Junior School

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

8th September 2023

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to Ashfield, it has been a very busy week. It is lovely to see the children settle into their new classrooms. This week, we have focused on getting back into routines. We have revisited the school values (respect, kindness, resilience and cooperation) and our behaviour policy. A copy of our behaviour policy is on the school website. In my assembly on Monday, we also discussed the school vision and the importance of having high aspirations and goals. It is always delightful hearing their aspirations for the future. The children's [Compass For Life](#) will be a focus throughout the school year. It would open up a good discussion with your child about what they would like to be when they are older and reflect on the importance of having a growth mind-set to achieve their goals and dreams. As it is the first week back, there is a lot of information to give you so it is quite a long newsletter. Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Izzy (5D), Benjamin (3AC), Darien (3L) Isabella (3L), Kit (5D), Esmae-Rose (6K), Mia-Nevaeh (4V)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is 97.4% which is above the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **Year 3** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of 100% Well done!

A big well done to **3L** 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	-	78
Blackman	-	80
Fiennes	-	73
Storey	-	89

Well done to **Storey**

Writer of the Week!

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

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

Year 4: Mohammad (4M) and Sean (4V)

Year 5: James (5A) and Isobel (5D)

Year 6: Michael (6K), Benjamin and Lily (6K)

Achievement Assembly

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

Year 3: Adam (3L) and Kyle (3L)

Year 4: Charles (4M) and Blue (4V)

Year 5: Oscar (5A) Oliver and Kit (5D)

Year 6: Benji (6K) and Georgie (6H)

Classes

Please find the names of staff for this year's classes. Please note that some of our HLTAs may be working across different year groups throughout the year.

Class	Teachers	HLTAs and Teaching Assistants
3AC 3L	Miss Arthur and Mrs Chapman Miss Lazarus	Mrs Podro, Mrs McLean and Mrs Kumaresan
4M 4V	Mrs Mocanu Mrs Vincett	Mrs O'Mahony, Mrs Simmonds and Mrs Brown
5A 5D	Miss Aigbirio Miss Davison	Mrs Welch, Mrs Dokelman and Mrs Salih (every Friday)
6H 6K	Mr Hardy Mrs Kothary	Mrs Salih and Mrs Ezekiel

RAAC

I am sure that many of you will have seen the concerning news over the past week about RAAC, a form of concrete found in some school buildings which has led to a number of schools having to put in emergency measures to vacate school buildings just before the start of the new academic year. To date, I have not received any notification from the DfEr Regarding this issue. However, HCC have identified three schools that needed remediation works, and those works were completed in 2022. While there is no reason to believe that any other school buildings contain RAAC, as a precaution HCC will now also be carrying out surveys on a select number of schools which are at lower risk. At this point, I will be liaising with HCC if they make contact with the school and hope that Ashfield will not be affected.

Year 6 Tie Assembly

Save the date! Our traditional Year 6 Tie Assembly will be on **Wednesday 20th September at 2:40pm**. Year 6 parents are most welcome to the assembly.

11+ Assessments & Secondary Transfer

We wish all our Year 6 pupils sitting the 11+ assessments, the very best of luck over the next couple of weeks! By now, you should have received the dates for the open evening at secondary schools. It is a very exciting time and I wish you all the very best with viewing the schools with your child.

PE Timetable

3AC	Monday and Thursday
3L	Wednesday and Thursday
4M	Monday and Friday
4V	Tuesday and Thursday
5A	Tuesday and Friday
5D	Tuesday and Friday
6H	Wednesday and Thursday
6K	Wednesday and Friday

The Elms October Half Term Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the October half term at Ashfield Junior School. For more information and to book a place please click on the link below.

Early Bird Deadline

Please note, the Early Bird Deadline for the reduced camp prices are below:

Deadline: Friday 29th September

Booking Hotline: 0208 8954 8787

Book Online: <https://www.theelms.co.uk/>

<https://www.ashfield.herts.sch.uk/extra-curricular-activities/sports-clubs/>

11+ After School Club - MTT

From September 2023, Year 5 children will be able to attend an after-school club run by MTT which provides tuition for Maths and Verbal Reasoning for the 11+ assessments. Further information and how to join this after school club can be found on our website

<https://www.ashfield.herts.sch.uk/mock-transfer-test-mtt-after-school-club/>

Further information about MTT can be found on their website

<https://www.mocktransfertest.co.uk/>

Year 4 Swimming

We are in the process of arranging Year 4 swimming lessons but this is taking a bit longer to organise. We are still hoping to use the swimming pool at St. Margaret's School. We will be looking for parent volunteers that can support with walking to and from St. Margaret's School on a rota system. As soon as we have further information to hand, we will inform you.

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. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

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

Uniform

Just to confirm that children are allowed to wear their summer uniform up to the October half-term. Please also make sure that your child comes into school wearing their P.E. kit when they are having P.E. Children also need to have outdoor trainers that they can change into for break time and a rain jacket.

Warm Weather

As the warm weather persists and may carry on into next week please make sure that children have sun hats, water bottles and you apply sun screen before coming to school.

Ashfield School Home Association

Would you like to support the school community? ASHA organise a number of events throughout the year including the winter fair, summer fair and secret rooms to name just a few. ASHA are looking for some volunteers to support with these events. If you are interested and would like to be involved or would like further information, please contact the committee via the email below and they will get back to you. Without the support from the school community, ASHA will not be able to put these events on. So, please get in touch!

ashacommittee@gmail.com

Ashfield School Rules

Below our school rules to make them easier to remember and to link them with our school values.

The school rules are:

- Show respect
- Be kind
- Be cooperative
- Be resilient
- Work hard
- Be safe

Our school values are respect, kindness, cooperation and resilience. Please talk to your child about our school rules and values.

Healthy Packed Lunch

As we are on a mission to promote healthy eating, it would be good to see children having a healthy and balanced diet at lunchtimes. A polite reminder not to provide your child with sweets, chocolates and nuts for their packed lunches. **Please note that PRIME drinks are not allowed in school.**

Healthy Snack Time

Children have their 'snack and chat' every morning so they should bring in some fruit and vegetables .

Year 6 Secondary Transfer

Information on how to apply for a Secondary School place for September 2024 has been sent out to parents along with dates the schools will be holding their open evenings.

Closing date for applications is 31st October 2023

Achievements

Please let the office know if your child has an achievement they would like to celebrate in assembly and weekly newsletter.

After School Clubs

Information on after school clubs can be found on the website. Please make sure you are aware of the date the club starts and finishes.

Ashfield Book Bag

We have now got an Ashfield book bag which are very similar to the ones at Merry Hill Infants. They are yellow and have the school name and logo on it. If you would like one, you can buy one from the school office - they cost £4.00.

Communication

If you have changed your contact details of moved house please can you let the school office know so that we can update our system. Furthermore, if you are a parent and you want to be added on our database to receive school notifications, please email the school office. Our current system automatically sends notifications to one parent but we can add a second adult at your request.

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be reading the book 'Rabbit not lost' by John Bonds.

Maths: We will be learning about place value up to 4 digits.

French: We will begin to learn Greetings.

Year 4

English: We will be using compound and complex sentences to write a descriptive setting based on "The Water Horse" book.

Maths: We will be ordering and comparing numbers beyond 1000.

RE: We will start learning about the story of Rama and Sita and the concepts of Good and Bad in Hinduism.

Year 5

English: We are reading 'The Wolves in the Walls' by Neil Gaiman and will be working on writing descriptive compound and complex sentences.

Maths: We will be reviewing short multiplication and division.

Science: we will be learning about the different parts of a flowering plant.

Year 6

English: We will be reading The Boy in the Tower and starting to extract information to write a setting description.

Maths: We will be exploring multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 and the place value of decimals. We will also be ordering and comparing them

RE: we will be learning about Islam. We will explore a variety of aspects of the religion this half term.

Geography: We will be exploring the main features of the Earth.

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

20th September	Year 6 Tie Assembly
23rd to 27th October	Half Term