



# Ashfield Junior School

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

**9th February 2024**

## Headteacher's Message

This week is '**Children's Mental Health Week**' where we have focused on raising awareness on this theme. This year's theme is '**My Voice Matters**' is about empowering children with the tools they need to express themselves. When we feel empowered, this can have a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem. We want our pupils to be empowered to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing. If you want more information on how you can support your child's mental health and wellbeing, click on the weblink [About - Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk).

Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Muhammad (4M), Raoul (3L) and Ellie (6K)

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week **95.8%** 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 **98.6%** 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.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> February). The face to face consultation will be on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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).

The booking system is now closed. You will need to contact the School Office by phone to make an appointment.

## 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 - 134  
Blackman - 116  
**Fiennes - 140**  
Storey - 125

**Well done to Fiennes**

## 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: Sonny (3L) and Ethan (3AC)**

**Year 4: Douglas (4M) and Alice (4V)**

**Year 5: Cassian (5A) and Florence (5D)**

**Year 6: Niamh (6K) and Isaac (6H)**

## 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: Arlyn (3L) and Freddie (3AC)**

**Year 4: Veronika (4M) and Iya (4V)**

**Year 5: Ibrahim (5A) and Rowan (5D)**

**Year 6: Cecile (6K) and Colette (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/>

## Half Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **3:20pm** on Friday 16th February 2024.

## Manor Adventure

The deadline for returning the Parental Consent form for Manor Adventure is **Friday 16th February**. Please return the completed form to the School Office and remember to attach a recent photo.

If you require a copy of this form contact the school office and we will send one home with your child.

## 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.**

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

### 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>

### 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.

### 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 and the next edition will be by 28th February. Please click on the link below to be re-directed to the newsletter.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1klkTaTj8OWo9ixVXYFxa-E49q359rUyy/view>

### Art Club

Due to the ASHA Disco on Thursday 15th February Mrs Howard has made the decision to cancel Art club on Thursday. To make this fair she has also cancelled Wednesdays Art Club too. **No other club have been cancelled.**

### Help Hertfordshire County Council improve walking and cycling routes

Hertsmere Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council are starting a joint project to make it easier, safer and more enjoyable to walk, wheel and cycle in Hertsmere so that more people can choose to make their everyday journeys in an active and sustainable way.

The project will identify important local routes for people walking, using a wheelchair or riding a bike to go to work, go to school or carry out other everyday trips. When we have identified these important routes, we will use the latest guidance to suggest ways to improve them and make them safer.

Having a walking and cycling plan for Hertsmere will also help us to find improvements that will reduce carbon emissions, lower air pollution levels, and support the local economy.

We would like to hear from local parents and pupils to find out where you would like to walk and cycle and how we can make it easier. **Sign up to register your interest in being involved by scanning the QR code or going to [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/HertsmereLCWIP](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/HertsmereLCWIP)**



## What we will be learning next week

### Year 3

**English:** We will continue reading our book Lift and write a letter to persuade NASA to allow us to be astronauts.

**Maths:** We will be doubling and halving and thinking about how to split up bigger numbers to help us multiply them

**Art:** We are going to bring both paint and embroidery together by exploring mark making using thread over our paintings in art

### Year 4

**English:** We are going to write our own stories based on the Biscuit Bear book.

**Maths:** We are going to learn about properties of shapes and perimeter.

**Science and Guided Reading:** we are going to continue learning about states of matter.

### Year 5

**English:** We will finish writing our myths and we will work on editing.

**Maths:** We will be working on using a range of mental strategies for calculating addition and subtraction problems.

**Geography:** We will be painting and labelling our river models showing the journey of a river.

### Year 6

**English:** Mr Hardy's group will be writing a description of a setting inspired by Kensuke's Kingdom.

Mrs. Kothary's group will start planning a descriptive setting inspired by Kensuke's Kingdom.

**Maths:** Mr Hardy's group will be exploring volume and capacity of 3D shapes and objects and learning to solve volume reasoning problems.

Mrs. Kothary's group will continue to strengthen their knowledge of metric conversions.

**Geography:** we will be exploring climate change in South America, focusing on deforestation in the Amazon Rainforest.

**PE:** we will be sequencing formation routines using the skills we have learnt in earlier lessons.

## 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

Wednesday 14th February	Parents' Consultations
Thursday 15th February	Non-uniform Day & ASHA Disco
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 Meeting