



Ashfield Junior School

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

1st December 2023

Headteacher's Message

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the school with our Winter Fair. A BIG thank you to ASHA and the FOMH who spent many weeks planning the fair and to many parents across both schools who volunteered their time to make sure that it ran smoothly and tidied up after the event. Another big thank you to my staff that supported on the tombola or other ways. Again, it was nice to see the Ashfield and Merry Hill school communities get together, which gave me a good opportunity to meet the Year 2 children. The fair was very busy and a huge success, so thank you for coming along and joining in the fun! We have a few more exciting events coming up over the next few weeks starting with the open morning/afternoon next Friday. This will give you the chance to come into your child's classroom and celebrate their learning and achievements this term. We also have the Year 3 performance to look forward to, a carol service at St. James' Church, ASHA's secret rooms, Christmas lunch and jumper day and the Bring and Buy sale! Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Isabella (6K), Shray (5D), Yuna (5A), River (3AC) and Antonia (5A)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **96.6%** which is above the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **5A** 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.

Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Khushi (3L)** who has won gold for the vault and bronze for her floor routine in gymnastics. Well done!

Congratulations to **Jack (4M)** who participated in his Cubs cook along and made Apple Turnovers. Jack followed the recipe carefully and carried out all the tasks from chopping to measuring and even did the washing up! 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	-	167
Blackman	-	186
Fiennes	-	153
Storey	-	147

Well done to Blackman

Achievement Assembly

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

Year 3: Carter (3L) and Hady (3AC)

Year 4: Louise (4M) and Tyaan (4V)

Year 5: Hana (5A) and Kaiden (5D)

Year 6: Matias (6H) and Jacob (6K)

Writer of the Week!

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

Year 3: Martin (3AC) and Gigi (3L)

Year 4: David (4M) and Zuzanna (4V)

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

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

Open Morning and Afternoon

Parents are warmly invited to come into class on **Friday 8th December** from 9:00 to 9:30am and 2:30 to 3:00pm to view their child's books.

Polite reminder that Year 3 parents will need to pre-book their slot using the School Cloud system.

<https://ashfield.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

After School Choir

Herts Music Service (HMS) will continue to run the school choir as an after-school club on a Tuesday afternoon from 3:30pm to 4:15pm. The school choir will restart on **Tuesday 9th January to Tuesday 26th March 2024. Please note that there will be no choir on Tuesday 6th February.**

There will be a maximum of **25** children allowed to join the choir and it will be a first-come, first served basis. The cost of the school choir for 10 weeks will be **£30.00**.

We are hoping that more children come and join the after-school choir club at Ashfield. In the spring term, children in the choir will hopefully be invited to the 'Junior Choir Day' which is being organised by Watford School of Music. So, we will be learning some new songs and promises to be a good experience. More information on this will follow. If your child wants to join the choir, please email the school office.

After School Clubs

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

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

School Choir - Tuesday 12th December

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

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. 4V will still be going swimming in the afternoon.

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.

End of Autumn Term

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



Christmas Post Box

From Monday 4th December the Ashfield Post Box will be available for children who wish to send cards to their Ashfield friends. The children can post their cards at break time and lunchtime. Children should remember to put the full name and class of the child to whom they are sending the card. If they just write "Doris" on the card, the Year 6 post children will not know which class to deliver it to. The last day for posting is Monday 18th December.

Winter Fair

Thank you all so much for supporting our Winter Fair. It really does take the whole school community to make a successful fair and it is all worth it to see the joy it brings the children on the day! Special thanks to the committee members of ASHA and FOMH, Toya Simmons, JR and Elishia and those who started setting up on Friday and were back again bright and early on Saturday morning to get everything set up, and the staff at Ashfield for all their help. We are also hugely grateful to everyone who donated to our tombolas and volunteered to help on the day, Elves and parents! Lastly, thank you to Mr Dourado who was there to help us first thing in the morning and didn't get to leave school until after the sun had gone down. We have a huge task this year of raising funds to upgrade the school laptops and the fair has been an amazing start towards this goal!

Also a special thank you to our amazing caretaker, Bob and our fantastic cleaner Sue.

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**.

Lost Property

We have accumulated a lot of lost property this term. Therefore after school on **Tuesday 5th December (weather permitting!)** we will be putting a table outside the window of the office at the top gate to display the many items, please come and have a look if your child is missing any items of clothing.



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

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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.

Please click on the link below to be re-directed to the newsletter.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QnIYUn-9gRL93VPDGLAjUmIJOD9mKcA2/view>

Year 3 Visit to Bushey Library



Year 3 visited Bushey Library on Tuesday and during this visit, the children had an introduction to the library and the services it provides, listened to a story called 'Oi Frog!' by Kes Gray and then had the chance to browse and borrow a book. At the end the children had to come up with an idea for a book cover and design it.

ASHA

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**BRING & BUY
SALE!**

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

Year 4 Trip to Shri Swaminaryan Mandir

As part of our RE study of Hinduism and Brahman, we have arranged a visit to Shri Swaminaryan Mandir (Neasden Temple) on **Thursday 7th December 2023**. This is an opportunity for the children to gain an insight into Hinduism as a living faith.

Please log into the School Gateway to make payment and give consent.

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

School 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 **1st December 2023**.

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.

Catch Up Nasal Flu Vaccinations

If your child has missed having their Flu vaccination at school, please click on the link below to book a catch-up appointment at a local clinic. You can book for both the Flu Nasal Spray and the Porcine free IM Vaccine.

To book an appointment please click on this link

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

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will finish our Paperbag Princess stories and then learn some poems by heart.

Maths: We will continue our geometry topic, focussing on 2d shape.

Christmas Play: We are busy rehearsing our Christmas Play, Stable Manners, and we look forward to having an audience soon!

Year 4

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

Maths: We are going to find factors and solve correspondence problems

RE: We are going to enjoy our first Year 4 trip, visiting Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, known as the Neasden Temple.

Year 5

English: We will be writing atmospheric descriptions about the poem 'The Listeners'.

Maths: We will be rounding decimal numbers to the nearest whole number, the nearest tenth and the nearest hundredth.

PE: we are creating gymnastic sequences using the partner balances we have been practising this term.

Year 6

English: We will continue to write and edit a Diary entry by a soldier in the First World War. There will be a focus on using description to portray thoughts and feelings.

Maths: We will be learning about shapes on the coordinate grid. We will work with all 4 quadrants.

French: We will use our number knowledge to talk about family members' ages.

Science: We will be learning how scientists can learn about evolution from fossils.

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	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad	Burger (Beef & Bean or Vegan) with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Vegetable Couscous		Veg Wellington, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Veggie Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Cheesy Bean Pasty 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

Friday 8th December	Open Classroom
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