

Ashurst Wood School Newsletter

Week 9 – 11th November 2024

Attendance last week: 95.27%

Attendance from September 2024: 95.64%

THIS WEEK'S DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 11th November 2024 - Remembrance Service

The children will be walking to St Dunstan's Church at **10am on Monday 11th November** for a short service at 10.30am, followed by remembrance at the village memorial. Parents are very welcome to join us for the service. We will require parental assistance with walking all the children to and from the Church and if you are able to assist, please advise the school office or your child's class teacher. We would need to leave school at 10am. We will also require assistance with policing the road closure – thank you for your support.

Tuesday 12th November - Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics

Please can the selected children be collected from school at **3pm** and be transported to Sackville School to meet Mr Gowers by the bottom entrance of the school at **3.15pm**. The children will need to wear full PE kit and trainers for this event. Unfortunately, due to the large number of schools taking part, parents are unable to stay and watch. We would be grateful if you could collect your child at **6pm** when the event finishes. Please refer to the letter sent out on 23rd October. **If you have not returned your consent, please do so by Monday 11th November – thank you.**

Year 2 Forest Schools (AM)/Reception Forest Schools (PM)

Clubs - Art Club (3.20pm to 4.20pm)

Wednesday 13th November - KS1 Badminton Festival

Please could the invited children be collected from school at **9.30am** and be transported to Imberhorne Upper School for **10am** where Mrs Purba will meet you at the blue gates. If you will have any difficulty in transporting to and from this event, we will try and arrange transportation with another parent. The children will need to wear their PE kit and trainers. The festival finishes at **11.45am** and we ask that parents collect and return the children to school for lunch. Please refer to the letter dated 23rd October for further details. **If you have not returned your consent, please do so by Monday 11th November – thank you.**

Wednesday 13th November - Netball League Matches

Please could the team be transported to the East Grinstead Sports Club for **4pm** where Mrs Blake-Hatton will meet you. The matches will commence at **4.25pm** and should be finished by **5.30pm** when parents are asked to collect their children. Netball kit will be provided by the school. Please refer to the letter dated 23rd October for details of the matches. **If you have not returned your consent, please do so by Monday 11th November – thank you.**

Clubs - Football Club (3.20pm to 4.20pm) & Karate (3.25pm to 4.25pm)

Thursday 14th November - Phonics Live Lesson

The Phonics Live Lesson will be taking place for **Year 1 families only** on **Thursday 14th November** at **9am**. Mrs Purba will send out a letter to Year 1 families outlining the details.

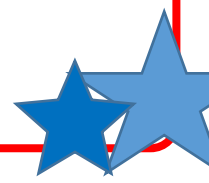
Falcons Forest Schools (AM)/Kestrels Forest Schools (PM)

Friday 15th November - Children in Need Cake Sale

Ashurst Wood Student Council would love to celebrate Children in Need on **Friday 15th November** by holding a 'Bring or Bake Sale' after school to raise money for this amazing charity. All children (and adults) are encouraged to donate a bought or homemade bakery item/s to the school office on the morning of Friday 15th November which will be sold after school in Kestrels & Eagles classrooms from **3.20pm - 4.00pm** for a small, suggested donation. Can we please ask that children bring a small amount of money into school in a named envelope, to be given to their class teacher at the start of the school day, if they will not be attending with an adult.

As we have some children with allergies to nuts in our school, can you please ensure that nuts are not present in any of the items you bring and if there are 'traces of' (as many shop bought items have) this is clearly stated somewhere with the item. Thank you very much on behalf of the Student Council for your help and support!

Clubs - Computing Club (3.20pm to 4.20pm) & Kicks Dance (3.30pm to 4.30pm)



Polite Reminders & Notices

Parent Consultations – Monday 18th November and Wednesday 20th November

Parents Consultation Evenings will be taking place on **Monday 18th** and **Wednesday 20th November**, and we would like to encourage you to sign up for a 10-minute appointment with your child's class teacher. If you have attended an ILP meeting for your child this term, then you do not need a further appointment. These can be booked online via the links emailed separately to parents.

Chartwells Christmas Lunch

The Christmas Lunch is taking place on **Thursday 12th December**. If you would like to order a hot school lunch for this day, please do so on ParentPay no later than **Thursday 28th November**.

PTFA FESTIVE DATES



Friday 29th November: Non uniform Day in exchange for Hamper Donation

Class reps will liaise with parents to ensure a varied selection. (Also Decoration Afternoon for parents, see school coms).

Thursday 5th December: Christmas Plate Decorating workshop

We will be crafting after school and creating some lovely Christmas Serving plates. All children must have an adult supervising them. £5 per plate which will include a festive snack. (Adults and preschool children are very welcome to do their own plate)

- Pre booked spaces only. Please visit the PTFA shop to book your place.
- **VOLUNTEERS** needed

Friday 6th: Hot Chocolate Friday

We will be selling gingerbread men and hot chocolate, with ALL the toppings and extras like cream, sprinkles and mini marshmallows. We will also have warm apple juice or a selection of teas available. Join us in the playground after school.

- **VOLUNTEERS** needed

Thursday 12th: Rotary Club Father Christmas evening

We will be supporting the Rotary Club on their annual charity collection around the village, accompanied by Father Christmas and his musical sleigh.

- We need 8 volunteers to walk the route with us, it's a very rewarding and festive walk and all our previous volunteers have loved being part of it. We will meet at 6pm. **Volunteers must be over 18.**

Friday 13th: Elfridges

This will run in the school afternoon session this year and we would welcome volunteer elves to support the younger children to wrap and write their labels on the gifts they choose for their family.

- We are currently collecting any unwanted gifts and donations for the shops stock. Donations help us give the children a varied and fun choice when shopping
- Pre-orders Only. Please visit the PTFA shop to create your child a shopping list.
- **VOLUNTEERS** needed

Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th: KS1 Nativity & Photos

We will be selling individual framed pictures of each child in their Nativity costumes. These are now available to parents and Carers of each child. You can see your child's photo at their performance and purchase if you wish to.

- We will also be selling raffle tickets to win one of our Christmas Hampers.

Tuesday 17th: KS2 Carol Concert

We will be providing Mulled Wine and Mince pies free of charge as a thank you for all your support this year. We will also be selling raffle tickets to win one of our Christmas Hampers.

KS2 CLASS ASSEMBLIES

The KS2 Class Assemblies this term are being held on:

Monday 18th November – Eagles Class

Tuesday 26th November – Kestrels Class

Monday 2nd December – Falcons Class

All Assemblies commence at 2:45pm

Meet your Member of Staff

Hi, my name is Sue Sargent. I have lived in the village for 48 years and have been associated with the school since 1991 when my eldest daughter started here.

I began working in the kitchen in 1998 and then as a midday meals supervisor. I left in 2000 to look after my niece, returning in 2004 as temp lunch cover when she started school here. I became a permanent midday meals supervisor in 2005, which I continued to do until taking the job of Premises Officer.

I enjoy reading, spending time with my family, especially my granddaughter and going out walking with my dog.

