**Sunday 13th**

Cross Country Run (Y4 to Y6) – East Court

**Monday 14th**

**Tuesday 15th**

Year 2 Forest Schools (AM)

Reception Forest Schools (PM)

**Wednesday 16th**

Netball Matches (3.45pm to 5.30pm)

Football Club (3.20pm to 4.20pm)

Sewing Club

(3.20pm to 4.20pm)

Karate (3.25pm to 4.25pm)

**Thursday 17th**

Year 1 & Year 2 Little Big Sing

(9.30am to 11.30am)

Crawley Down School

Eagles Forest Schools (PM)

**Friday 18th**

PTFA Break the Rules Day

Achievement

Headteacher Drop in (9am to 9.45am)

Assembly – all welcome (3pm)

Kicks Dance (3.30pm to 4.30.

Break the rules day

**Sunday 20th**

Grounds Working Party

**This week’s Dates to remember**

**Cross Country Run at East Court (Y4 to Y6) – Sunday 13th October**

Thank you to all the children who have signed up for this event and to all the parents and Mr Gowers for giving up their Sunday afternoon. We have now registered our team. Please refer to the letter sent out on 18th September with the full details and timings of the races. Good luck everyone!

**Netball League Matches – Wednesday 16th October**

The netball matches are taking place at the East Grinstead Sports Club on **Wednesday 16th October**, starting at 3.45pm to 5.30pm. Please could the team be transported directly to the matches after school and be collected at 5.30pm. Mr Gowers will meet the team there. Please refer to the letter sent out on 10th October for further details. Please return all consent forms no later than **Monday 14th October** – thank you.

**East Grinstead Little Big Sing (Year 1 and Year 2) – Thursday 17th October**

The children in Year 1 (both classes) and Year 2 have been invited to take part in the East Grinstead Little Big Sing on **Thursday 17th October** taking place at Crawley Down Village School between 9.30am and 11.30am. Please could parents refer to the letter dated 8th October and return all consent forms no later than **Monday 14th October** to allow your children to attend. **Please note there will be no Year 1 Forest Schools on the day.**

**PTFA Break the Rules Day – Friday 18th October**

Break the Rules day is taking place on **Friday 18th October** and we have pleasure attaching two posters giving details of the event. The cost is 50p per broken rule. The ‘fine’ sheets will be coming home with your children early next week.

**Hot School Meals – Chartwells ‘Back to School’ Menu**

When we return from the October half-term on **Monday 4th November**, we will be on a ‘back to school’ menu, therefore parents will need to reorder the meal for this day as all previous meals have been cancelled.

**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**. The menu is attached.

**Nasal Flu Vaccination – Thursday 7th November**

A letter was circulated from the NHS Immunisation Team on Wednesday 2nd October giving details on how to book the flu vaccination for your child, which is taking place in school on **Thursday 7th** **November.** Please follow the link on the letter as permission cannot be given via the school. If you require a paper copy of the letter, please ask the school office.

**Dyslexia Awareness Week 2024**

Dyslexia Awareness Week (#DAW24)is an annual awareness campaign established and hosted by the British Dyslexia Association which run from 7th to 13th October inclusive and we have pleasure in attaching a booklet for your information.

**The Annual Scarecrow Trail**

The Scarecrow Trail is coming up and this year we're celebrating The Creatives.  Find your muse whether it's Banksy, Beethoven, Tim Burton or even the greatest creative of all - yourself!  Be as creative as you like, the only limit is your imagination. The Scarecrow Trail will be running over half term from **Sunday 27th October – Sunday 3rd November** but entries are open now! Send your entries to [ptfa@ashurstwoodprimary.co.uk](mailto:ptfa@ashurstwoodprimary.co.uk) or drop them into the school office **(application form attached).**

**It's the last week to get entries in for the Scarecrow Trail!**

We need your name, address where the Scarecrow will be displayed and £5 entry fee (£20 for businesses which includes an advert in the booklet) to secure your Scarecrow.  The Scarecrow's name and identifying question would also be useful but that can be supplied later on.

**Ashurst Wood School News Letter**

**Week 6 – 14th October 2024**

Attendance last week: 96.96% ☺

Attendance from September 2024: 95.87%

**Polite Reminders & Notices**



On Wednesday 9th October a team of Y5/Y6 girls and boys attended the Football Finals Tournament. The girls’ team played in the morning and the boys’ team in the afternoon. All the children showed great team spirit and enthusiasm and our congratulations are offered to the following children for representing our school: Ellie, Evie, Ella, Poppy, Iris, Delilah, Mollie, Haven, Sophia, Amira, Leo S, Leo B, Theo, Wilfred, Hugo, Max, Callum, Harry and Ozzie. The girls’ team came 6th out of the 9 schools taking part and the boys’ team came 8th. This is a wonderful achievement for their first tournament and we hope it puts the children in good stead for the football league. Woman of the match is awarded to Ellie Johnson for scoring 6 goals and man of the match is awarded to Leo Small for saving countless goals and scoring the winning goal in the last match.

**Achievements**

**Meet your Member of Staff**



Hey, I’m Ed Gowers. I’ve been teaching Year 6 at Ashurst Wood for four years, where I also serve as deputy safeguarding lead and lead Computing and E4S.

Before my teaching career, I completed a foundation degree in Art & Design. After that, I travelled to places like China, New Zealand, and the USA, gaining invaluable cultural and life experiences. I then worked my way up to a management position in the hospitality industry. Eventually, I returned to university to complete a three-year degree to become a teacher.

My fiancée, Catherine, attended Ashurst Wood, as did her two sisters. Last year, I bought my first house, a fixer-upper, which has kept me busy with DIY projects and sparked a love for gardening. I enjoy various hobbies, with street photography being a current favourite. My brother is also engaged and set to marry next year.

I love teaching at Ashurst Wood because we celebrate uniqueness, and the staff are incredibly inclusive. I enjoy getting to know the children, interacting with them, and building strong relationships. No two days are the same. Year 6 can be tough since I have to say goodbye at the end of the year, but I love hearing about their successes as many come back to share their experiences from secondary school.



After half term all children are expected to be wearing the winter uniform. (Ties from Year 1)



## **English: Preposition**

A **preposition** is a word that tells you where or when something is in relation to something else.

Examples of prepositions include words like 'after', 'before', 'on', 'under', 'inside' and 'outside'.

**Maths: Number Bond**

A pair of numbers with a particular total, e.g., number bonds for ten are all pairs of whole numbers with the total 10.

**Curriculum Vocabulary**

## **Maths Word of the Week…**

**‘Number Line’**

A line where numbers are represented

by points upon it

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