

Ashurst Wood School Newsletter

Week 14– 16th December 2024

THIS WEEK'S DATES

Tuesday 17th

KS1 Nativity
for Owls
Families (2pm)
KS2 Carol
Service, Holy
Trinity
Church (6pm).
KS2 children
to arrive at
5.45pm

Wednesday 18th

KS1 Nativity
for Hawks
Families (2pm)

Thursday 19th

Christmas
Parties (PM) -

Friday 20th

No
Achievement
Assembly

Break up for
End of Term
at 1.30pm.

We return to
school on
Tuesday 7th
January 2025

Merry
Christmas
&
Happy New
Year

Attendance last week: 93.32% 🙄
Attendance from September 2024: 94.78%

Polite Reminders and Notices

Universal Free School Meals/Census Day (Reception to Year 2) – Thursday 16th January

Further to our letter sent out on 19th November to **KS1** families, please can we remind parents/carers to order a hot school lunch for their children for **Thursday 16th January**. The amount of money our school receives to cover these meals is dictated by the number of **KS1** children eating a hot meal on Census Day (**16th January**). We would therefore, like every child in **KS1** to have a hot meal on this day as a one-off so that we receive the full funding. As a school we are already funding a shortfall for every meal, as the funding we receive has remained the same and the cost of the meals has risen twice since the last census day.

Please can we ask parents to login to ParentPay to order the meal. Details on how to set this up can be obtained from the office. If you require a further copy of your activation code, please request this from Mrs Fish too. If you are unable to order the meal, Mrs Fish will do this automatically **for every child** by **Tuesday 17th December** in order to receive the full funding (the two-week cut-off date is 2nd January, but we will still be on the Christmas holidays at this time). If you know your child will not eat the meal, they are still welcome to bring in a packed lunch. **The menu is attached.**

School Holiday Club

Please find attached a poster from West Sussex Pioneer offering a winter camp. Free places are available for children entitled to Free School Meals. Details on how to book are included in the poster.

Christmas Events

KS1 Nativity – Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December

Our KS1 Nativity will be taking place on Tuesday 17th December for Owl Class families and on Wednesday 18th December for Hawk Class families. The PTFA will be selling individual professional photographs of each child (available only to parents and carers) at both performances. They will also be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win one of the amazing festive hampers. **Both will commence at 2pm.**

KS2 Carol Service – Tuesday 17th December

We look forward to welcoming **all** our families to a traditional evening of Carols on Tuesday 17th December at 6pm. This is being held at **Holy Trinity Church, Forest Row**. Please do come along and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies. The PTFA will also be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win one of their amazing festive hampers. **Please could the KS2 children arrive by 5.45pm.**

Christmas Parties – Thursday 19th December

Christmas Parties will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 19th December. The children can wear party clothes, but please remember that they will be playing outside at break times – so warm clothes and no high heels! They will have an afternoon of festive fun and there may even be a visit from a special person! As the children will have had their lunch in school and to save food waste, please can we politely ask that each child brings in a £1.50 donation if they can so that we can provide them with a small snack and a drink. This can also be paid on MCAS. – thank you.

End of Term – Friday 20th December

Please note that we break for the end of term on Friday 20th December at **1.30pm**. We return to school after the festive period on **Tuesday 7th January**.

Decoration Afternoon / Crafts and Carols

Thank you to all the families who attended our decoration event on Monday 9th December. It was amazing to see so many dads and grandparents at the event, making it extra special for the children. To help prepare for next year, we would appreciate a one tick answer to the survey below. Decoration morning or Craft and Carols afternoon.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YD79RPX>

