

Ashurst Wood School Newsletter

Week 10 – 18th November 2024

**THIS
WEEK'S
DATES TO
REMEMBER**

Monday 18th

Eagle Class
Assembly
(2.45pm)
Parents Evening

Tuesday 19th

Year 2 Forest
Schools (AM)
Art Club (3.20pm
to 4.20pm)

Wednesday 20th

Y5 CREW
Training (10.15am
to 12.30pm)
Parents Evening
Football Matches
for Girls & Boys
(3pm to 5.15pm)
Football Club
(3.20pm to
4.20pm)

Thursday 21st

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

Friday 22nd

**No Achievement
Assembly**
Computing Club
(3.20pm to
4.20pm)

Attendance last week: 95.53%

Attendance from September 2024: 95.61%

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. Please use the links in the newsletter that we emailed to parents on 15th November.

Y5 CREW Training – Wednesday 20th November

Please could the invited children be transported to Imberhorne Upper School, leaving Ashurst Wood at 09.50am. Mrs Ali-Hazell will meet the children at 10.15am by the blue car park gates at Imberhorne. Please could parents collect their children and transport them back to school for 12.30pm in time for lunch. Please refer to the letter sent out on 11th November for further details. **We would be grateful to receive all consent forms by Monday 18th November to allow your children to take part.**

Football League Matches (Girls and Boys) – Wednesday 20th November

Please could the teams be collected at 2.30pm and be transported to the East Grinstead Sports Club for 2.45pm where Ms Smethurst will meet you. All the matches should finish at 5.15pm and we ask that parents collect their children at this time. Please refer to the letter sent out on 23rd October for further details. **We would be grateful to receive all consent forms by Monday 18th November to allow your children to take part.**

Karate and Kicks Dance

As these clubs are hall-based these will not be running from next week. We are hoping that these clubs are able to resume again for the week commencing 9th December. All other after-school clubs will be running as scheduled. If your child attends Kicks, please contact them directly with regards to reimbursement.

Breakfast Club

This will continue to run from the Nest, please enter the building through the lower playground door.

Achievement Assemblies

Unfortunately, all Achievement Assemblies have been cancelled until January. Children will continue to receive certificates, and we will happily celebrate any out of school achievements during the key stage assemblies which will be classroom-based.

Class Assemblies

Eagle's Class Assembly will still be going ahead on **Monday 18th November** at **2.45pm** but it will now take place in the classroom; sadly, it will only be the parents who will see the assembly and not the rest of the school.

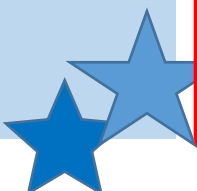
Unfortunately, Kestrel's Class Assembly on Tuesday 26th November and Falcon's Class Assembly on Monday 2nd December will not be taking place until the spring term.

Decoration Afternoon

We have had to postpone this event on Friday 29th November to the afternoon of **Monday 9th December**. We do apologise for the inconvenience as we appreciate that some parents may have made arrangements to attend, but we do hope to see you on the 9th December for an enjoyable afternoon.

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**.



Curriculum Vocabulary

Maths: 'Scale Factor'

For two similar geometric figures,
the ratio of corresponding edge length.

Roman and Victorian Workshops

Last week we had a Roman and Victorian themed day of history. Eagles Class experienced a day of Victorian learning whilst Falcons and Kestrels created shields, mosaics and Roman honey biscuits. All the children were treated to a workshop with a real-life archaeologist from Horsham Museum. Here are just a few of the photographs from our fantastic day.



Meet your Member of Staff

Hello everyone, my name is Katie Stuart, and I am an Individual Needs Assistant in Hawks class three days a week and currently doing Maths Interventions two afternoons a week in KS2.

I have worked at Ashurst Wood Primary School for 4 years now and absolutely love watching the children grow in confidence as they progress through the school. My daughter also attends the school and is now in year 4.

Before joining Ashurst Wood, I had my own cleaning business for nearly 10 years when my boys were young (they are now 25 and nearly 21 years old!). I spent 9 years working as an LSA at the National Centre for Young People with Epilepsy which I loved but left after having my daughter in 2016. I was also a Maternity Care Assistant at the Princess Royal Hospital for a short time.

In my spare time I enjoy walking my dogs Luca and Buster, spending time with my family, reading (when I get a chance too!) and watching a good series on Netflix. On a Thursday, I have my grandson Cassius who is 18 months, and I feel so lucky that I get to have quality Nana time with him.



Project Joy

Filippa Brundish (Mum to Ben in Y6 and Millie in Y3) has recently set up a non-profit organisation called The Kindness Cooperation (**further details are attached**). We are delighted to announce that Filippa is currently working with us to see how we can get involved with Project JOY (Joining Old and Young). This is a project that aims to bring together primary-aged children and more senior people for joint activities, to deliver significant benefits on all sides. We will be looking to involve up to 10 children at a time, with support from Miss Sally Edwards and our teaching assistants. More details on this in due course.

Most importantly, to make this happen, we need your help to sign up some older adult participants please. If any of your children's grandparents, aunts and uncles (or friendly neighbours!) live in the area, and would like to join us for an hour of intergenerational fun in Ashurst Wood Village Hall, then we are proposing to hold two taster sessions from 2-3pm on **Thursday 5th and Thursday 12th December** (mince pies and Christmas carols are on offer too). Please spread the word! To sign up, please email Emma in the office, or message Filippa on 07815 048080. Thank you.

Achievements

Sports Hall Athletics

On Tuesday 12th November, a team of Y5/Y6 children took part in Sports Hall Athletics competing with four other primary schools in the locality. We are delighted to report that we came 2nd out of the schools competing on the Tuesday. The remaining primary schools were competing on 14th November and if we come 2nd overall, we have a chance of competing at County level. We have an amazing group of children and congratulations are offered to: Ozzie, Theo, Leo B, Hugo, Ben, Max, Leo S, Yevhen, William, Callum, Harry, Evie, Ella, Ellie, Delilah, Iris, Imogen, Elfie, Haven, Sofia, Poppy and Esme.



KS1 Badminton Festival

On Wednesday 13th November, a group of KS1 children took part in the Badminton Festival. The children took part in a circuit of activities, learning the art of badminton. This was not a competition, and the children really enjoyed the session. Our thanks are offered to the following children for representing our school: Tabitha, Harrison, Myroslav, Freddie, Isla, Dolcie, Jacob, Bea, Liliana and Hugo.

Netball League Matches

Also on Wednesday 13th November, our netball team took part in two matches. They played West Hoathly Primary and St Mary's. We are delighted to report that we won 11-0 against West Hoathly, but lost 4-3 against St Mary's, although it was a close call. Congratulations are offered to: Evie, Ella, Wilfred, Poppy, Enza, Ozzie, Haven, Sofia and Leo S.