

**THIS  
WEEK'S  
DATES TO  
REMEMBER**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup>  
October

Year 6  
Residential Visit  
to PGL

No Forest  
Schools this week  
for any classes  
due to Ms  
Smethurst being  
at PGL

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>  
Grounds Working  
Party -  
Maintenance Day  
(10am to 4pm)

Monday 21<sup>st</sup>  
Please have your  
scarecrow entries  
in by today.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Football Club  
(3.20pm to  
4.20pm)  
Sewing Club  
(3.20pm to  
4.20pm)  
Karate (3.25pm  
to 4.25pm)

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>  
Parents Forum  
(9am)  
Achievement  
Assembly - all  
welcome (3pm)  
Kicks Dance  
(3.30pm to 4.30.

# Ashurst Wood School Newsletter

## Week 7 – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Attendance last week: 94.17%  
Attendance from September 2024: 95.6%

### Polite Reminders & Notices

#### Grounds Maintenance Day – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October

We are holding the Grounds Maintenance Day on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October** between **10am and 4pm** and we would very much appreciate your help, even if you can only spare us an hour of your time. We need: shovels, electric screwdrivers and wheelbarrows! We also need strong people with experience/confidence with construction for our new welly store. Please turn up when you can and lend a hand – thank you.

#### Year 6 PGL Residential Visit – 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October

Our Year 6 children are looking forward to their week away. Please could all luggage be taken to the hall on arrival at school on the morning of 21<sup>st</sup> October. Pocket money and medication should be handed to Mr Gowers or Ms Smethurst who will also be in the hall. Please ensure that all luggage, pocket money and medication are named, and the medication form attached to the itinerary letter is completed. All details can be found in the itinerary letter given out at the parents meeting recently.

#### Parent Forum – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

The first Parent Forum meeting of this academic year is taking place on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** and to date we have only had one parent sign up for this. If you would like to put your name forward, please let the school office know. We do like parents to have a voice and put forward their views, so please can we encourage parents to attend thank you. All meetings commence at **9am** and should be finished by 10.15am. This role can be shared between parents as we do appreciate that not all parents can make the dates: 25<sup>th</sup> October; 13<sup>th</sup> December; 28<sup>th</sup> February; 28<sup>th</sup> March; 6<sup>th</sup> June; 11<sup>th</sup> July.

#### Polite Reminder: Y6 Applying for a Secondary School Place

Please can we remind Y6 parents that if you have not yet made an application for a secondary school for your child for next September the deadline is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**, so please do make an application as soon as you have decided on your preferences at [Apply for a School Place](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk) ([westsussex.gov.uk](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk)).

#### Polite Reminder: School Uniform

Just a polite reminder that after half-term all the children should come to school in winter uniform (ties for Year 1 to Year 6).

#### Hot School Meals – Chartwells 'Back to School' Menu

When we return from the October half-term on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> December**. If you would like to order a hot school lunch for this day, please do so on ParentPay no later than **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**.

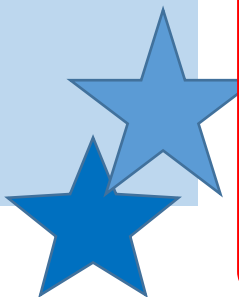
#### Nasal Flu Vaccination – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November

A letter was circulated from the NHS Immunisation Team on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October giving details on how to book the flu vaccination for your child, which is taking place in school on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### 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 27<sup>th</sup> October – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**). **The last date for entries is Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October.**

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.



## Achievements

On **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October**, a team of children from Year 4 to Year 6 gave up their Sunday afternoon to compete in the East Grinstead Cross Country Race. Congratulations are offered to Samuel who came 38<sup>th</sup> in the Y4 boys' race, Florence who came 6<sup>th</sup>, Isabelle who came 8<sup>th</sup> and Marnie who came 12<sup>th</sup> in the Y4 girls' race, Theo who came 34<sup>th</sup> and Leo B who came 59<sup>th</sup> in the Y5/6 boys race, Ellie who came 7<sup>th</sup>, Ida who came 50<sup>th</sup>, Sofia who came 36<sup>th</sup>, Tilly who came 51<sup>st</sup> and Esme who came 49<sup>th</sup> in the Y5/6 girls' race. This was a fantastic achievement and very well done to all the children who took part and represented our school. Thank you also to Mr Gowers and all the parents for giving up their Sunday too and supporting the children.

On **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**, our Netball Team played the first match of the season. The children lost against Estcots but won 6-2 against Crawley Down Village School. The team played brilliantly, and our thanks go to Sofia, Wilfred, Ella, Evie, Poppy, Enza and Leo S. A special thank you to Enza and Leo for stepping in to play at short notice.

On **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** our Year 1 & Year 2 children took part in the Big Little Sing at Crawley Down Village School. This was a great event, giving the children the experience of singing in a large choir with children from other schools. Thank you to Mrs Davis who accompanied the children on a non-working day.

All the children sang beautifully and were a credit to our school.



## Meet your Member of Staff

Hi everyone, my name is Clare Jussen and I am the Clerk to the Governors at Ashurst Wood Primary School.

As some of you will know I have 2 children at the school and am, like you, passionate that they receive the best education possible, so was delighted when an opportunity arose that allowed me to support the Governors and the school.

I moved to the area during lockdown and have enjoyed exploring West Sussex and becoming familiar with Ashurst Wood and the surrounding areas. In my spare time I enjoy reading, baking, sewing and annoying my husband.

We are always looking for more parent governors so please do not hesitate to talk to me about it if you are interested.



## Artist in Residence

We are incredible lucky to have Rosi Robinson a Batik artist in school. She is working with the KS2 children on batik art based on the children's love of our Forest.

We are looking forward to exhibiting this and other art work later in the year.



## Curriculum Vocabulary

### English: GPC

GPC is short for 'grapheme-phoneme correspondence', and it means the relationship between a phoneme (unit of sound) and its graphemes (or symbols).

### Maths: Natural Number

The counting numbers 1,2,3... etc. The positive integers. The set of natural numbers is usually denoted by N.