

Ashurst Wood School Newsletter

Week 11 – 25th November 2024

**THIS
WEEK'S
DATES TO
REMEMBER**

Attendance last week: 91.14% 🙄
Attendance from September 2024: 95.20%

Tuesday 26th

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

Wednesday 27th

KS2 Inclusion
Festival
(10.20am to
12.30pm) @
Imberhorne
Upper School
Netball
Matches
(3.45pm to
5.30pm) @ EG
Sports Club
Football Club
(3.20pm to
4.20pm)

Thursday 28th

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

Friday 29th

PTFA Non-
Uniform Day
No
Achievement
Assembly
Computing Club
(3.20pm to
4.20pm)

Polite Reminders & Notices



We would like to thank all the children and families who supported our Cake Sale last Friday. We raised a total of £254.95 for Children in Need. Thank you also for the donations of cakes whether baked or shop bought.

KS2 Inclusion Festival – Wednesday 27th November

Please can the invited children be collected from school at **10am** and be transported to Imberhorne Upper School for **10.20am**, where Mrs Blake-Hatton will meet you by the blue gates in the Imberhorne car park. The event finishes at **12.30pm** when the children need to be collected and returned to school in time for lunch. Please refer to the letter dated 13th November for further details. **Please could all consent be returned to the office no later than Monday 25th November – thank you.**

Netball Matches – Wednesday 27th November

Please could the team be collected at the end of the school day and be transported to the East Grinstead Sports Club for **3.40pm** where Mrs Pitcaithly will meet you. All the matches should finish at **5.30pm** and we ask that parents collect their children at this time. Please refer to the letter sent out on 20th November for further details. **We would be grateful to receive all consent forms by Monday 25th November to allow your children to take part – thank you.**

PTFA Non-Uniform Day – Friday 29th November

There will be a non-uniform day on **Friday 29th November**, in exchange for a Christmas Hamper donation. Class Reps will be collecting donations in the playground at drop off time. Thank you for your support with this.

PGL Residential Visit – October 2025 (Current Year 5)

Please can we remind Year 5 parents that the £60.00 deposit to reserve a place on the above residential is due on **Friday 22nd November**. This can be paid on the MCAS App or by debit/credit card into the school office. We need to finalise numbers with PGL and pay the deposits on **Monday 25th November** to secure the booking. Thank you.

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**. **Lunches after this date cannot be ordered (menu is attached).**

Decoration Afternoon – Monday 9th December

Just a polite reminder that Decoration Morning has been postponed from Friday 29th November to the afternoon of **Monday 9th December** and we look forward to welcoming you.

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.

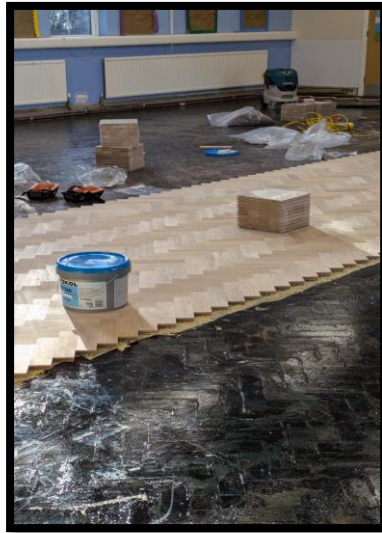
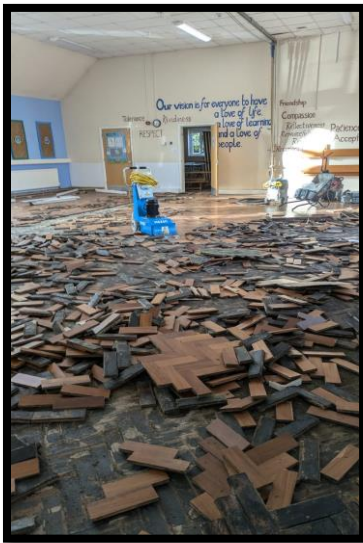
Please can we ask parents to login to ParentPay to order the meal. Details on how to set this up can be obtained from the office. If you require a further copy of your activation code, please request this from Mrs Fish too. If you are unable to order the meal, Mrs Fish will do this automatically **for 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.**

Curriculum Vocabulary

Maths: 'Level of Accuracy'

Often in reference to the number of significant figures with which a numerical quantity is recorded & made more precise by stating the range of possible error. The degree of precision in the measurement of a quantity.

School Hall Flooring



From Monday to Wednesday, what a difference!

Although the replacement of the hall floor has been inconvenient, we are very excited about how it is looking and the children are looking forward to using it soon. We will also be having it redecorated but this will be at a later date in a school break.

Meet your Member of Staff

Hi everyone, my name is Emma Fish and many of you already know me in the school. I have been associated with Ashurst Wood Primary School since September 1998, first as a parent when my eldest daughter started here in Reception and then becoming Chair of the PTFA in 2003. I started working in the school office in January 2008 (much to the dismay of my youngest daughter who was in Year 4 at the time!).

I am married to Nick and have two grown up daughters Charlotte and Daisy. I enjoy reading, socialising and for those who know me well, I do like to shop!

My children very much enjoyed their time at Ashurst Wood and often talk about the wonderful opportunities and the fond memories they shared during their time here. It certainly put them in good stead for the careers they have now.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to pop into the office or send me an email.



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 Leadership (CREW) Training

On Wednesday 20th November, a team of eight Year 5 children attended the Sports Leadership Training at Imberhorne Upper School to become one of our Sports Leaders in school. The skills they learnt will help the children develop ideas for lunchtime games and be more involved in organising and leading sports activities across the school. Our thanks and congratulations are offered to: William, Max, Haven, Callum, Sofia, Poppy, Harry and Leo. Thank you also to Mrs Ali-Hazell who accompanied the children to this event.



Football League Matches

On Wednesday 20th November, our Girls and Boys Football Teams played in the primary school league matches. Unfortunately, the boys lost 2-1 to Blackwell, 1-0 to The Meads and 2-0 to Estcots. The girls sadly lost too: 1-0 to St Peters and 3-0 to Crawley Down. Despite this and the sub-zero temperatures, the children kept motivated and played well as a team. Thank you to Ms Smethurst and Mrs Shuttleworth who supervised the children at these matches. Our thanks are offered to the boys' team: Leo S, Leo B, Theo, Wilfred, Hugo, Ben, Max, Callum, Ozzie, Harry and the girls team: Evie, Ella, Iris, Poppy, Haven, Sophia, Mollie and Amira.

Mrs Davis and Mrs Purba

We would like to say a big thank you and well done to both Mrs Davis and Mrs Purba who have spent time preparing and hosting parents at the math's evening and the live phonics sessions over the last few weeks.