**Ashurst Wood School News Letter**

**Week 4 – 30th September 2024**

Attendance last week: 94.63% ☹

Attendance from September 2024: 95.18%

30th Sept to 3rd October (Mon to Thurs)

Y6 Bikeability

**Tuesday 1st**

Head Teacher Drop in (9am)

Reception Forest Schools (PM)

**Wednesday 2nd**

Year 3/4 Netball Festival (9am to 11.30am) – EG Sports Club

Football Club (3.20pm to 4.20pm)

Sewing Club

(3.20pm to 4.20pm)

Karate (3.25pm to 4.25pm)

**Thursday 3rd**

Year 1 Forest Schools (AM)

Eagles Forest Schools (PM)

**Friday 27th**

Achievement Assembly – all welcome (2.50pm)

Kicks Dance (3.30pm to 4.30pm)

**Flooding/School Hall**

All being well, we are hoping to use our school hall from Monday and all the clubs and assemblies will resume as usual.

**Y6 Bikeability Training – Monday 30th September to Thursday 3rd October**

Y6 Bikeability Training commences on **Monday 30th September**. Please ensure your child brings his/her bicycle into school each day, together with their safety helmet. Please refer to the letter sent out in June which was recirculated recently with the full details.

**Netball Festival (Y3/4) – Wednesday 2nd October**

Selected children from Year 3 & Year 4 have been invited to attend the Netball Festival on **Wednesday 2nd October**. This event takes place between 9am and 11.30am at the East Grinstead Sports Club. Please could the families of the selected children transport them directly to the sports club for **9am,** where Ms Smethurst will meet you. The children will need to be collected from the sports club at **11.30am** and returned to school for lunch. Please refer to the letter dated 23rd September for further details. **Please could all consent forms be with the office no later than Monday 30th September – thank you.**

**Stationery/Pencil Cases (KS2)**

Thank you to all the KS2 parents who have made the £15.00 donation towards the KS2 stationery for the school. If you are able to make a donation either via the MCAS App or the school office we would be very grateful.

**PGL Residential Visit (Y6)**

The PGL Residential Visit is fast approaching and there are still a number of payments outstanding on the children’s accounts. We would be very grateful to receive the outstanding balances no later than **1st October**. This can be paid on the MCAS App or via the school office.

**Polite Request: Christmas Trees**

We put out a request just after Christmas last year, but if you are thinking of changing your artificial tree this year, the school are looking for floor standing Christmas trees for our Decoration Afternoon (further details to follow on this). If you are able to donate a tree, please can you advise the school office – thank you.

**No More Wet Play!**

Moving forward the children will be going out to play in all weathers. Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day or leaves a coat at school in case of inclement weather.

**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).**

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.

**Polite Reminders & Notices**

**This week’s Dates to remember**





**Curriculum Spotlight on Reading**

Research shows that choosing to read (reading for pleasure) has a profound impact on future outcomes.

Encouraging children to read for pleasure is one of the best habits parents can nurture. Reading not only boosts vocabulary and academic performance, but also fosters creativity, empathy, and emotional intelligence. It helps children focus, improves patience, and offers a healthy escape from stress. By providing books and reading together, parents can instil a love for stories that enriches their children's minds and lives.

We appreciate that this is not always as easy as it sounds! To help we are having a ‘Star Books Café on **Thursday 10th October for KS1.**

Please join us for a delightful time filled with refreshments and a wonderful selection of books to browse. It's a great opportunity to find new stories that you can share with your child. We look forward to seeing you!

Below are some suggestions of must read books for each year group.

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| Reception |  |
| Year 1 |  |
| Year 2 |  |
| Year 3 |  |
| Year 4 |  |
| Year 5 |  |
| Year 6 |  |



## **Maths Word of the Week…**

**‘Sphere’**

A closed surface, in three-dimensional space, consisting of all the points that are a given distance from a fixed point, the centre. A hemisphere is a half-sphere.

Adjective: spherical

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## **English Suffix**

A **suffix** is a letter or group of letters that goes on the end of a word and changes the word's meaning.

Sometimes they also change the original word's spelling.

When adding a suffix you might have to double the last letter.

For example when adding **- ed** to 'drop', you need to double the 'p'.

drop → dropped

Some suffixes have specific uses.

Adding **- ing** can change a noun into a verb.

garden → gardening

While **- ed** can put a verb in the past tense.

jump → jumped

[Instagram Guide](https://beta.nationalcollege.com/guides/instagram?_hsenc=p2ANqtz--VJxHqGZBdTJFW-8rOv_QVDg48QPn4JVqm0cbnW1Ea8kOUlQ1fVw_s9DVdCVev7UD48FxrOSrgPPEpod3KniAnA1wGmAV2HOf0l5BUeFE5_Vsq8co&_hsmi=326186427&utm_campaign=WakeUpWednesday&utm_content=326186427&utm_medium=email&utm_source=hs_email)

**Online safety**

**Achievements**

**TAG Rugby Event**

A team of children took part in the Y3/Y4 and the Y5/Y6 TAG Rugby Events on 25th September. Although both these events were not scored, we did hear that the Y5/Y6 children came 2nd out of the 9 schools participating. The Rugby coach did give a special shout out to the Ashurst Wood children for their excellent rugby skills! A special mention was also given to Jacob, Leo and Callum for their outstanding performances on the pitch.

Huge congratulations are offered to:

Y3/Y4 Team: Enzo, Oscar, Thomas, Jacob, Samuel, Ziggy, Holly, Aria & Vienna.

Y5/Y6 Team: Max, Finley, William, Leo, Ben, Callum, Iris, Elfie, Imogen and Yevhen.

**Meet your Member of Staff**

As of 2024, social media giant Instagram has over two billion active users, with 8% of those (approximately 1.6 million) being under-18 📊 That’s a lot of children and young people making use of this platform, exploring its features ... and being exposed to its risks – from influencer marketing 🤑 to contact with strangers and plenty more.

As parents and educators, it’s important to understand how to keep children protected as they discover new regions of the digital landscape – and this is no different for Instagram. Fortunately, this updated guide tells you all you need to know about potential safety concerns around Instagram and offers advice on how to safeguard children and young people as they use this platform.

Hello Everyone,

My name is Meena Purba and I have been working at Ashurst Wood Primary for 9 years, first as a supply teacher then was lucky enough to be given a permanent role.

I am Mum to 10yr old twin boys called Yuvaan and Dhiren and have a husband called Raj.

I enjoy cooking and feeding people (and eating), watching stand up comedy, socialising with friends and spending time with my boys.

At school you will often see me asking for help with Eco related matters. I am also in charge of English and Phonics, R.E and my new role as Mental Health lead.

I love being a Reception Teacher and seeing how much the children progress in the year I have them, as well as the funny stories they tell me!



**Curriculum Vocabulary**

