

# Ashurst Wood School Newsletter

## Week 21 – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

Attendance this week: 93.24% 😊  
Attendance from September 2024: 94.11%

### Polite Reminders & Notices

#### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Parents Consultation  
Evening from 4pm

#### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Book Fair - for children  
only (AM)  
Star Book Café (2.15pm)  
for KS1 Families  
Year 1 Forest Schools  
(AM)  
**No Reception Forest  
Schools due to the Café**  
STEM Club (3.20pm to  
4.30pm)  
St Dunstan's Church  
Pancake Party (3.30pm)

#### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Netball Matches  
(3.45pm to 5.30pm)  
Parents Evening from  
4pm  
Football Club (3.20pm to  
4.20pm)  
Karate Club (3.25pm to  
4.25pm)

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

World Book Day  
Falcons Forest Schools  
(AM)  
Kestrels Forest Schools  
(PM)  
PTFA Wonka Bar Sale

#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

Achievement Assembly  
(3pm)  
Board Games Club  
(3.20pm to 4.20pm)

#### Forest Schools

There will be no Forest Schools for Reception children on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** to give them an opportunity to attend the Star Book Café with their families at 2.15pm. If your child has Forest Schools on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March (Falcons & Kestrels)**, the children can come into school in their World Book Day costume and bring their forest schools kit with them if they are dressing up.

#### Parent Consultation Evenings – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

We would like to encourage parents to sign up for a 10-minute appointment with your child's class teacher. To book an appointment, please use the links below. If your child is on the SEN register and you have had or will be having an ILP meeting, you do not need to book a further appointment.

[Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Parent consultation evening - Google Docs](#)

[Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March Parent consultation evening - Google Docs](#)

#### Netball Matches – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Please could the netball team be collected at the end of the school day and be transported to the East Grinstead Sports Club where Miss Sally Edwards will meet you. The matches commence at **3.45pm** and will finish at **5.30pm** when we ask you to collect your children. Please refer to the letter sent out on 27<sup>th</sup> February for further details. Please can all permissions be returned by **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – thank you.

#### Eco Food Waste Competition

As part of our planet protector challenges, the Eco Committee would like everyone to think about food waste. Are there are recipes or dishes you make using food that would otherwise go in the bin? If so, please send in pictures and recipes. The Eco Committee will choose the best ones to be put forward to a UK wide competition in which these recipes maybe made into a cookbook to buy! Please send any pictures and recipes and stories about the dishes you make into school by **24<sup>th</sup> March 2025**. Thank you from Mrs Purba and The Eco Committee.

#### St Dunstan's Church – Pancake Party

St Dunstan's Church are holding a Pancake Party on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** from 3.30pm. Please see the attached poster.

#### World Book Day – Chiddingstone Castle

Chiddingstone Castle are running a literary event on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March** to Celebrate World Book Day. Children will be able to part in a variety of literary activities and it is all included in your castle admission ticket. Come along dressed as your favourite book characters for the chance to win a prize! Get your children inspired to discover Ancient Egypt with Ian MacDonald and his new book *The Mummy's Finger*. Meet the fabulous Mama G from Britain's Got Talent. Hear a traditional Japanese tale and make an owl instrument with Sachiko Pearce. Plus, Daniella Blechner will be reading '9 Days of Piper Snow' as well as playing 'Pin the Wing on the Pigeon' and answering questions about Piper Snow the pigeon! For 2025 Chiddingstone Castle admission tickets have changed to 'pay for a day and return free for a year' so as well as World Book Day you will be able to return for school holiday activities throughout the year!

### Achievements

Football Matches – Our boys Football team took part in two football matches on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February against St Mary's and The Meads. We drew one match and lost the other. The team played extremely well and were a credit to our school. Our congratulations and thanks go to: Leo S, Wilfred, Hugo, Max, Callum, Ozzie and Harry. Thank you to Mr Young our Sports Coach for supervising the children at this event.

## Meet your Member of Staff

Hello Everyone,

My name is Rhona Doherty, and I have been working at Ashurst Wood Primary for nearly 7 years. You will see me in the school office on Fridays where I manage the School Fund, do DBS checks and maintain the school website amongst many other things.

I worked in my first school (over 20 years ago) for 7 years before changing career when I gained my BA degree in business. But I realised that working in education was where I was happiest and have since worked in two other schools before finally joining Ashurst Wood Primary.

I am married to Tony and have two grown up children (Chloe and Nick) and four grandchildren (Jenson, Seb, Marina and Leo). When I am not helping with my grandchildren, I like taking aqua and pilates classes, spending time doing all sorts of crafts – sewing, crochet, art etc. and enjoy going for long walks with my friends.

I love the school environment and the feeling of being part of a team helping to shape young peoples' lives.



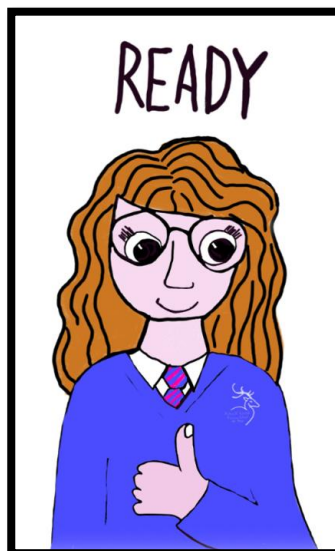
## This week's top Doodlers

**Doodle Maths:** Hawkes (60% of pupils in the green zone)

**Doodle Tables:** Kestrels - Year 4 (11% of pupils in the green zone)

**Doodle English:** Kestrels - Year 5 (45% of pupils in the green zone)

**Doodle Spell:** Falcons year 3 (31% of pupils in the green zone)



Our three school behaviour rules are:

**Be Ready**

**Be Respectful**

**Be Safe**

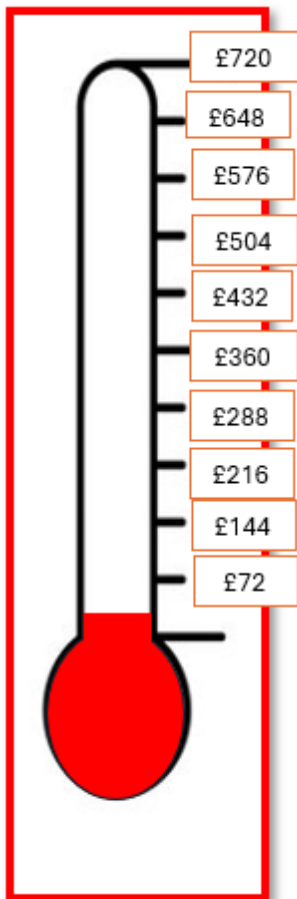
We are spending this half term focusing on one rule at a time starting with 'Be Ready.' In school this includes:

- Arriving to the classroom on time.
- Wearing our uniform with pride and having the right clothes for the day's lessons. For example, the correct PE kit or Forest School kit.
- Having the right equipment for the lesson.
- Taking a full part in lessons, actively listening and participating fully.

Depending on the child they may need help to be ready for school. Being ready for school at home includes:

- Completing homework including reading regularly.
- Having a good night's sleep.
- Waking up in time to have breakfast, clean teeth and dress.
- Dressing in the correct uniform or clothes for specific activities.
- Arriving to school each day ready to start learning at 8.50am. Often children need five minutes to unpack and put their belongings away and so arrival at 8.45am is advisable.

Amazing, well done to all the children who are doodling regularly and are in the green zone.



## School Library Project

As you are aware we are hoping to redevelop the school library and main corridor. This is a big project and our amazing PTFA have been busy applying for grants to support this. There are some large items that we are fundraising for but also some smaller ones. The first items we would like to raise funds to purchase are two book trolleys. These are £360 each and so we need to raise £720.

The following events will go towards this goal.

- Refreshments at the Fashion show
- Refreshments at the Star books Café
- Individual Donations
- Wonka Bar Sale



## World Book Day – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025

We are very excited about next week's book week and all the book related activities that have been planned. You have all received a book token to be spent in local book shops either towards a book or a World Book Day £1 book. We hope to have some of the £1 books available in book week for children to swap for their token if they are unable to get to a book shop.

Some of the activities planned are summarised below:

**Monday** – Teachers sharing their favourite book with different classes.

**Tuesday** – The Usborne Book Fair and the start of the sponsored read. Star Books Café for KS1 at 2.15pm (please remember your donations for refreshments).

**Wednesday** – Paired reading across the school.

**Thursday** – Dress up as a Book Character or wear own clothes as long as the children bring in their favourite book to share. Wonka Bar sale after school. Please refer to the World Book Day letter sent out on 26<sup>th</sup> February.

**Friday** – Book Swap. **Please can the children bring in a book they no longer read or want so that they can swap it with another child for a different book.**