

# Ashurst Wood School Newsletter

## Week 8 – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Attendance last week: 96.26% 😊  
Attendance from September 2024: 95.96%

### THIS WEEK'S DATES TO REMEMBER

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**October to**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**November**  
**Annual**  
**Scarecrow Trail**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**October to**  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**November Half**  
**Term Holiday**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Return to School

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 2 Forest  
Schools (AM)  
Reception Forest  
Schools (PM)  
Art Club (3.20pm  
to 4.20pm)

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Football Club  
(3.20pm to  
4.20pm)  
Karate (3.25pm  
to 4.25pm)

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Falcons Forest  
Schools (AM)  
Nasal Flu  
Vaccinations (PM)

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Bag2Schools  
Collection  
(8.45am)  
KS2 Roman and  
Victorian  
Workshops  
**No Achievement**  
**Assembly**  
Computing Club  
(3.20pm to  
4.20pm)  
Kicks Dance  
(3.30pm to  
4.30pm)

### Polite Reminders & Notices

#### Staffing

I am writing to advise that Mrs Scrivens (Class Teacher in Hawks) and Mr Longley (Breakfast Club Leader) will be leaving us for pastures new. We are sure you will join us in wishing them all the very best for the future. We are delighted to report that Mrs Louisa Chessa will be joining Hawk Class after half term and will be working alongside Mrs Davis to teach the children on a Thursday and Friday. The children have met Mrs Chessa before, as she has taught Hawk Class as a supply teacher. We are also thrilled that Mrs Helen Leppard will be taking over as our Breakfast Club Leader directly after half term too. Many parents will know Mrs Leppard as her son Joshua is in school. We are sure you will join us in welcoming them both into our school community and we look forward to working with them.

#### 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 \(westsussex.gov.uk\)](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).

#### 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. **Please note that the cut-off date is 11am, 3 working days before the school session on 7<sup>th</sup> November.**

#### Bags2Schools – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

The next Bag 2 School collection is **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November**, so if you are having a sort out over the half term, please do bare this in mind. Bags will start to come home with the children from today. We will have a few spares in Pre-school or the School Office, but a black bin bag would suffice. The bags will need to be outside Preschool for **8.45am** on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

#### KS2 Roman and Victorian Workshops – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

These workshops are taking place in school for children in Year 3 to Year 6. Thank you to all the families who have made the **£5.50** donation towards these workshops. This is greatly appreciated as it helps us to continue to bring interactive learning opportunities to the school. If you have not already done so, **we would welcome your contribution via the MCAS app or via the school office by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November to ensure the workshops can go ahead.** To make the day even more enjoyable and engaging, we invite the KS2 children to dress up in clothing inspired by their class's theme. For ideas, please refer to the letter circulated on 21<sup>st</sup> October.

**Please note that due to the above workshops there will be no Achievement Assembly on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.**

#### PTFA Christmas Cards

As you are aware the children were sent home with their Christmas card designs last week, including their order code. The deadline for ordering the cards is **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. If your order has gone missing or misplaced, please email the PTFA directly on [ptfa@ashurstwoodprimary.co.uk](mailto:ptfa@ashurstwoodprimary.co.uk) so that they can forward the information.

#### Harvest Festival Thank You

Please see attached a thank you from the East Grinstead Foodbank for your kind donations from our Harvest Festival.

#### 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**.

#### Maths Workshop

Please Join us at **6pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** for an information evening about Maths. Find out what Maths Mastery is and how we teach maths at Ashurst Wood. There will be an opportunity to see some of the resources we use and ask questions. Parents who have attended this evening in the past have found it useful and informative. It is open to all and we look forward to seeing you there.

## Curriculum Vocabulary

### English: trigraph

A type of grapheme where three letters represent one phoneme.

High, pure, patch, hedge

### Maths: Digit

One of the symbols of a number system most commonly the symbols: 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 and 9. Examples: the number 29 is a 2-digit number, there are three digits in 2.95. The position or place of a digit in a number conveys its value.

## Grounds Maintenance Day

I would like to say a **MASSIVE** thank you to everyone who helped with improving our playground facilities so that our children have a better play experience.

We had help before the day with the organisation, sourcing of equipment and ground works. Then on the day with preparing refreshments to keep the troops fed while they worked unbelievably hard in extremely wet and muddy conditions!

Due to the weather, we didn't quite get everything finished and projects are tantalisingly close to completion. The children are desperate to use the sand pit, and we are therefore asking for anyone who can give as little as an hour at half term to help finish these projects so that the children can use the new areas after half term.

### Jobs

- Transfer the sand from the car park to the sand pit (please bring your own wheelbarrow and spade as we only have one at school).
- Finish spading mud onto the tube and cut and place turf on top of the tube (please bring your own spade).
- Lay concrete for the new wellie store and erect welly store. Mr Mark Elwell is organising this work and if you can help with this please contact Mark.

The school will be open on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Mrs Hobby will be at the school to work on the projects and would welcome any help on Tuesday.

If you are unable to help on the Tuesday but have another time next week when you could undertake some of these jobs, please contact Vicky or Jez (the PTFA chairs) and between us we can arrange for the side gate to be opened to enable the work to be completed.

We would like to say thank you in advance from all the children.

## Meet your Member of Staff

Hi I'm Tracey Mumford

I have been a Teaching Assistant in the reception class at the school since 2008, having worked at the preschool previously for over 10 years. I enjoy working in early years seeing the children learning through play. I have also been lead first aider for several years.

My husband (who works at the local butchers) attended the school, as well as both my son and daughter.

I enjoy spending my spare time with my three grandchildren. I am also a keen amateur artist, drawing colour pencil pet portraits, painting watercolour pictures and cards.



## The school Building

As you are aware, we were affected by flooding a few weeks ago. The water caused a considerable amount of damage, and we are doing our best to correct the damage without interrupting the running of the school.

The carpets are being lifted in sections and will be replaced once the areas have dried out. Where possible, this work will be carried out when the children are not in the building.

The hall floor has started to lift, and we are inspecting this daily to keep it safe. As a result, we have had to cover over trip hazards with mats etc.

Due to this, we will no longer be able to have buggies in the hall for events such as assemblies. Buggies can be left at the front of the school and young children carried into the hall.



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Thank you to all

our amazing volunteers