

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 11th

Y6 SATs Club (3.20pm to 4.30pm)

Tuesday 12th

Headteacher drop in session (9am to 10am)
Y6 Forest Schools (AM)

Y2 Forest Schools (PM)

Owls Class Parents Assembly (2.30pm)
Podcasting and Computing Club (3.20pm to 4.20pm)

Wednesday 13th

Pizza Express Visit - Falcon Class (9am to 11.30am)
Girls Football Matches (3pm to 5.15pm)
Football Club (3.20pm to 4.20pm)
Karate Club (3.25pm to 4.25pm)

Thursday 14th

Year 1 Forest Schools (AM)
Nurture Forest Schools (PM)
Eagle Class Parents Assembly (2.30pm)
Y3/Y4 Girls Football Festival at Brambletye (1.30pm to 4.20pm)
Art Club (3.20pm to 4.20pm)

Friday 15th

Achievement Assembly (3pm)

Ashurst Wood School News Letter

Week 23- 11th March 2024

Attendance last week: 94.80% ☺

Attendance from September 2023: 94.36%

Polite Reminders & Notices

Class Assemblies – Owls and Eagles Class

We look forward to inviting Owls Class families and Eagles Class families to our assemblies. Owls Class Assembly is taking place on **Tuesday 12th March** at **2.30pm** (*please note there will be no Forest School session for Reception children on this afternoon*) and **Thursday 14th March** at **2.30pm** for Eagles Class. We look forward to seeing you.

Extra Forest Schools Session for Year 2 – Tuesday 12th March

In light of the Owl Class Assembly, when there will be no Forest Schools session for Reception children, we have added an extra session in for Year 2. Please can the Year 2 children come to school on Tuesday dressed for a Forest School session.

Pizza Express Visit – Falcon Class

Just a polite reminder that Falcon Class will be visiting Pizza Express on **Wednesday 13th March**. Please refer to the letter dated 5th February for further details. **Please note that there will be no PE on 13th March for Falcons, so they need to wear school uniform.**

Girls Football Matches – Wednesday 13th March

Please could the selected children be transported to the East Grinstead Sports Club at **2.30pm** for the event. The matches end at **5.15pm** when we politely ask parents to collect their children from the Sports Club. Please refer to the letter dated 29th February for further details. Please could all consent forms be returned no later than **Monday 11th March** – thank you.

Year 3/Year 4 Girls Football Festival – Thursday 14th March

All the girls in Year 3 & Year 4 have been invited by Brambletye School to take part in this event. Please refer to the letter dated 6th March for the full details. The children will be walked over to Brambletye at **1.30pm** and we would very much appreciate parental help with this. Please can you return all consent forms by **Monday 11th March** – thank you.

Free Taster Judo Session – Monday 18th March

Keisen Judo, who have been running a Saturday Judo session for many years at the school, would like to offer all pupils a free taster session on **Monday 18th March** between 3.20pm & 4.20pm. Please find attached a flyer providing further information of the clubs and the sessions that they offer both on a Saturday and on a Tuesday. If you would like your child to attend the taster or would like further information, please contact Keisen Judo (details of which are on the flyer).

Bag 2 School Collection – Tuesday 19th March

The next Bag 2 School collection is **Tuesday 19th March**, so if you are having a spring sort out this could be the perfect opportunity to do it...please have bags outside the **Pre-school** by **8.45am** that morning.

Bags will start to come home with the children from this week; we will have a few spares in Pre-school or school office, but a black bin bag would suffice. A reminder of what they will take is detailed on the last page this newsletter.

Inset Day – Wednesday 20th March

Just a polite reminder that school will be closed on **Wednesday 20th March** for an Inset Day.

Polite Reminders & Notices

PTFA: Second Hand Uniform Sale – Monday 25th March

The PTFA will be holding a second hand uniform sale after-school on **Monday 25th March** in the school hall. The cost will be £1.00 per item and cash or card are accepted. If you have any uniform that your children have grown out of or no longer need, we will happily accept donations, we are especially looking for summer uniform. Please see attached flyer – thank you.

Waterproofs

We have a number of new waterproof sets in school (jackets and trousers) aged 5/6 upwards, which we are selling at £10.00 a set. If you require new waterproofs, please pop into the office and we may be able to assist you with your child's size.

Mindfulness Minis Yoga Club (children aged 5 to 8)

If your child is interested in attending this club, please can you let us know by **Monday 18th March**. The club provider needs a minimum of 12 children to make it worthwhile and to date only 5 children have expressed an interest.

The cost of the classes will be £5.00 per session (£25.00 for the half term until May). Usually the classes for children are £10.00 per session but we have managed to secure a cheaper rate. We attach a link to provide you with further information but please do not book just yet, as mentioned above register your interest with the school office. <https://www.emilyoga.com/bookyourspace/p/ashurstwood-after-school-mindful-minis-club>

SEND Fact Box

What is Dyscalculia?

Dyscalculia is a condition that affects the ability to acquire arithmetical skills. Dyscalculic learners may have difficulty understanding simple number concepts, lack an intuitive grasp of numbers, and have problems learning number facts and procedures. Even if they produce a correct answer or use a correct method, they may do so mechanically and without confidence. Very little is known about the prevalence of dyscalculia, its causes, or treatment. Purely dyscalculic learners who have difficulties only with number will have cognitive and language abilities in the normal range, and may excel in non-mathematical subjects. It is more likely that difficulties with numeracy accompany the language difficulties of dyslexia.

Achievements

The Netball League for 2023/24 has come to an end and we came 5th out of the 6th schools participating in the Sackville League. Our team showed great team spirit and determination and our thanks are offered to:-

Edie, Phoebe, Matilda, Gracie-Mae, Daisy, Lola, Haydn, Ella, Ellie, Wilfred, Evie W and Mia.

Thank you also to all the parents who assisted with transportation to these matches – this was greatly appreciated.

Meet your Governor or member of staff

Hello! My name is Sally Alexander and I have recently been appointed to the governing board at the school. I am a 'retired' secondary school English Teacher having worked at Woldingham, Caterham, Berkhamsted Collegiate School and at Hazelwood Prep School, where I was Head of English and one of the Educational Governors.

I am particularly passionate about ensuring every pupil has access to the highest standard of education in an environment that is supportive, inclusive and inspiring, to allow them to flourish. Having lived in the East Grinstead area for the past 20 years, I know how integral Ashurst Wood Primary School is to the community and I feel honoured to be part of the Governing Board helping to take the school successfully into the future, so that it will continue to serve generations of primary-age children to come.

I am married to Scott, and we have two daughters (Charlotte and Harriet) who are currently at university. However, we are not alone, as we share our house with our two rescue cats, Pip and Tess, and of course, all my books!

When I am not tutoring or governing, you are very likely to see me out running in the local area, attending a spin class at Chartham Park or even throwing clay in Crowborough!

I am very much looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the next few months.



Word of the week

Maths Word of the Week... 'Ordinal Number'

A term that describes a position within an ordered set (e.g. first, second, third, fourth... twentieth etc.).



Dear Parents and Carers,

We invite everyone at home to participate in positive change. Together, we can build even more evidence about what happens to our plastic waste to help put a stop to the plastic crisis.

In 2022, nearly 250,000 people from schools, households and communities across the country made The Big Plastic Count the biggest ever investigation into UK household plastic waste. It showed that nearly 100 billion pieces of plastic are thrown away in the UK each year, with hardly any of it recycled.

The rest is burned, sent abroad or ends up in landfill. We can't recycle our way out of the plastic waste crisis, so The Big Plastic Count is back – and this time we've got an even bigger target in our sights – The Global Plastics Treaty.

By joining thousands of people across the country and counting all the plastic you throw away for a week, you can gather the vital evidence we need to convince UK ministers, supermarkets and big brands to lead the way at the global talks that could finally phase out plastic production for good.

Let's get counting to make the Global Plastics Treaty as big and bold as it can be.



The UK Government needs to push for a strong and ambitious Global Plastics Treaty. The treaty needs to include an end to plastic pollution, a phase-out of new plastic production, and ensure a just and inclusive transition to a low-carbon, zero-waste, reuse-based economy.

This isn't about rating anyone's recycling habits, and we wouldn't want anyone to feel embarrassed by how much plastic they use. We know that there are some plastic items which are essential for disabled people, or people with medical conditions, and so these won't be included in the count.



HOW TO TAKE PART

It's easy! From Monday morning until Sunday evening, **count as you throw!**

Simply mark every piece of plastic package as you throw it away on the [Let's Count Tally Sheet](#).

TOP TIPS

1. Put the [Let's Count Tally Sheet](#) up on your fridge, or near your bin or recycling.
2. Tell everyone you live with that you're going to be taking part and ask them to include their plastic waste in the count too.
3. Using the [Let's Count Tally Sheet](#), record the different types of household plastic packaging waste you use for one week. This includes plastic going in your bin and plastic you put out for recycling.
4. Use the [Plastic ID Tool](#) to look up plastic items if you need to.
5. Remember to write down any piece of plastic packaging you use while out and about, then mark it on your tally sheet when you get back home.

WHAT NOT TO COUNT

- ▶ **Don't** include: plasters, medication packaging, non-dairy milk/juice cartons, nappies, dog poo bags, plastic cutlery or period products.
- ▶ We **don't** want to include plastic items that are used for medical or sanitary reasons, or by people with disabilities who rely on plastic items for independence.
- ▶ Also, we are **not** counting coffee cups or Tetra Pak, the plasticised cardboard material that many juice/milk cartons are made of.
- ▶ Check out the Plastic ID Tool online to familiarise yourself with the kinds of plastics we're counting up for this survey.

Once your household has completed the survey, your child will:

Bring the [Let's Count Tally Sheet](#) in on Monday **18th March** so the Eco Committee can record all the results.

If you cannot print a copy there will be a few in the foyer at the front of the school.

Find out more about The Big Plastic Count here: thebigplasticcount.com.

We'd like to say a huge thank you for taking part in this important investigation!

Together, we can build even more evidence about what really happens to our plastic.

Best wishes,
Mrs Purba and The Eco Committee



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We accept the following **'good quality'** items for RE-USE*:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

** We reserve the right to refuse any unsuitable items*

We **DO NOT** accept:

- *Duvets and blankets*
- *Pillows and cushions*
- *Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)*
- *Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing*
- *School uniforms with and without logo*
- *Corporate clothing and work wear*

Thank you

Ashurst Wood Community Pre-School