

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 15th

Start of Summer Term

SATs Club (3.30pm to 4.30pm)

Tuesday 16th

Year 1 Forest Schools (AM)

Get Active Sporting Event @ Kings Centre (12.30pm to 2.45pm)
Reception Forest Schools (PM)

Thursday 18th

Year 2 Forest Schools (AM)

Year 5 Forest Schools (PM)

Hawk Class Assembly (2.30pm)

Art Club (3.20pm to 4.20pm) - **this is an extra session as one owed from last term.**

Friday 19th

Achievement Assembly (3pm)

Ashurst Wood School News Letter

Week 26 - 15th April 2024

Attendance last week: 96.23% 😊

Attendance from September 2023: 94.61%

Polite Reminders & Notices

Y5/Y6 Get Active Sporting Event - Tuesday 16th April

Please could the invited children be collected from school at **12.10pm** and be transported to **The Kings Centre**. The event takes place between 12.30pm and 2.45pm. Mrs Pitcaithly will meet the children at the venue. Please ensure your children bring a **packed lunch** as this event takes place over lunchtime. The children will need to wear their PE and trainers and we also suggest they bring a warm waterproof jacket and track suit bottoms as some of the events may take place outdoors. Please refer to the letter dated 21st March for further details. Please could all permissions be returned to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Hawk Class Assembly - Thursday 18th April

We would like to invite Hawk Class parents and families to their assembly on **Thursday 18th April** at 2.30pm.

Polite Reminder: The Great Ashurst Wood Song Writing Competition

Just a polite reminder that the deadline for this competition is **24th May**. We would like our children to celebrate our school through song by composing a winning melody, words or both. Please see the attached flyer.

Mindfulness Minis Yoga Club (children aged 5 to 8)

Unfortunately, only 5 children registered for this club so it is not feasible to run in school. However, Emily the yoga teacher does run classes in Forest Row for children. The link is: <https://www.emilyoga.com/bookyourspace/p/mindful-minis-yoga-club>

Activities/Clubs over Easter

Georgie Donovan (Georgies Gym) will be running a Gymnastics Easter Fun Camp at Ashurst Wood Primary on **Wednesday 10th April** between 9am and 3pm at a cost of £30 per child. Details on how to book are on the attached flyer. Attached is an additional flyer on the other clubs she runs in Ashurst Wood and Forest Row. Also attached are details of a Multi-Sports Camp being run at Brambletye School over Easter. Details on how to book are also included in the flyer.

Ordering Hot School Meals

Just a polite reminder that the new menu will be loaded onto the ParentPay system on 28th March for parents to order meals no later than **Thursday 4th April** for the start of the new term.

Curriculum Spotlight

As a school we moved to a new science scheme in September. This is proving to be very successful but is quite resource heavy, with resources that teachers are having to bring from home. As a result we have audited all the equipment and there are several items that if you have at home and do not use we would be extremely grateful for any donations. These can be handed into the school office. Thank you in advance.

Straws (5 packs)	trowel	Plastic cups (5 year groups)- 100	Glow sticks	Face masks	Plastic Spoons	Polystyrene balls
Tape measure (x6)	Paper plates (3 year groups) - 60	10m tape measure and 15m tape measure (2 year groups)- 40	Transparent sealable bags	Plastic old nuggets	Pompoms	Petroleum jelly
Transparent containers (Medium size)	Polystyrene balls	Sandwich bags	UV-Reactive beads or stickers	Extra chunky gold glitter	Candles	Bicarbonate of Soda
Sticky Notes (Pink, Green (x2), blue) and normal sticky notes	Paper cups (5 year groups) - 100	Droppers	Inflexible plastic rulers	Food colouring	Long matches	Double-sided tape
Bubble wrap	Nails (2 year groups)	Metal coat hangers	Bare Bendable wire	Sugar cubes	Foil Trays	Bag of pebbles
Small pom poms	Fossil modelling equipment (e.g. modelling clay-3 year groups)	Pasta	Electrical tape	Tea towel	Foil cupcake cases	Dried food- pasta, lentils, cake sprinkles
Disposable gloves (adults)		Cotton Wool (2 year groups)	Foil cake cases	Colanders	Steel wool scouring pad	
Glitter	Pestel and Mortar	Rice	Tuning Forks	Tongs	Sieves	Pumice
Vinegar	Large glass jars (x6)	Toothpicks	Dried Rice	Laser pointer	Short lengths of hose or opaque tubing	

Achievements

Year 3 & Year 4 Hockey Festival

Well done to Archie, Max, Harry, Oscar, William, Samuel, Esme, Tilly, Penelope and Poppy who took part in this festival on the morning of 27th March. This was a festival and not a competition, with the children rotating to different stations to learn hockey skills (for example, how to dribble and pass the ball). The children were very well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, excitedly telling everyone about their morning when they returned to school!

Year 5 & Year 6 Hockey Competition

Six children from Year 5 and Year 6 were invited to participate in the Hockey competition which took place on the afternoon of 27th March. Congratulations are offered to Theo, Ozzie, Haydn, Aria, Lola and Leo F. The children played with great determination and team spirit and came 4th out of the seven schools taking part – very well done.

SEND Fact Box

What is Developmental Language Disorder?

Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) is when a child has long term difficulties in being able to use and understand language. If they speak more than one language, it will have an effect on all of these. This condition was previously known as Specific Language Impairment (SLI).

Children with DLD may:

- Not talk as much and find it difficult to express themselves using words.
- Find it harder to remember certain words or use a range of vocabulary.
- Have language that sounds immature for their age.
- Not understand information or remember what someone has said.
- Older children may also have difficulties reading and using written language.

There is no known cause of DLD. It is not caused by emotional difficulties, bilingualism or a limited exposure to language.

DLD is also not caused by other medical conditions such as hearing loss, physical impairment, autism, severe learning difficulties, or brain injuries.

Meet your Midday Meal Supervisor

Hi everyone, my name is Teresa Edwards and many of you already know me in the school. I have been associated with Ashurst Wood Primary School since September 2001, first as a parent when my eldest son Will started here in Reception

I started working as a Midday Meal Supervisor in school when my youngest son Liam started here in 2007 and many years later, I am still here! I have seen a number of children come through the school over the years.

I love spending time walking my dog Maisie and I am also looking forward to welcoming my first granddaughter in July.



Polite Request from the East Grinstead Foodbank

The East Grinstead Foodbank have asked us to put out a polite request for food donations such as tinned foods and pasta etc. (no fresh foods) – please ensure that the items do have a long sell-by date.

Their general donations are very low at the moment and if you are able to donate any food items, please take them directly to the East Grinstead Foodbank – thank you!

Parental Plea – Book Club

Thank you to Mrs Karen Jones & Mrs Hannah Metz for running Book Club this term. As Mrs Metz has other commitments, we are looking for another parent to assist Mrs Jones next term. The Book Club will start from Wednesday 24th April and run weekly until Wednesday 10th July. If you are able to assist, please email the office – thank you.



PTFA for Ashurst Wood Primary School,
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February 2024

Dear Supporters,

We are currently gearing up for our big fundraiser of the year: a Family Fun Inflatable Day - to be held on Saturday 18th May 2024. In order to run such a big event we are seeking support with sponsorship so that we can cover some of the costs and keep on-the-day-prices very low for families.

We are asking local businesses and business owners within our own school community to please consider sponsoring one of the activities below, all of which we hope to have at our event. We are also hoping that parents may wish to sponsor if they are in a position to do so as a general sponsor for any amount at all or ask their employers if they would be able to Match Fund or sponsor as well. If you would like any further information, please do let us know.

The event will be free to attend with a small cost for full access to all the inflatables and activities for the entirety of the event. We will also have a wide range of outside stall holders, Raffles, BBQ, Snacks, Licensed Bar, games, and other activities.

If you are unable to support financially, we would definitely welcome on the day support to help the day run smoothly.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email, please feel free to forward to anyone you think may be able to support us, if you would like to sponsor please [email PTFA@ashurstwoodprimary.co.uk](mailto:PTFA@ashurstwoodprimary.co.uk) to arrange. Full invoice will then be sent if required.

Please see the sponsorship options on the following pages.

Kind regards
The PTFA

Charity Number: 1086202
www.ashurstwoodprimary.co.uk

Giant Velcro Football £300
Includes Full page A5 advert



Helter Skelter Slide £300
Includes half page advert



Unclimbable Ladder £250
Includes half page advert



Jungle ball Pond £100
Includes A7 advert



Disco castle with Slide £100
Including A7 advert in programme



Party Fun Run £200
Including Half page advert



Tots Jungle Play Park £150 NOT AVAILABLE SPONSORED ALREADY



Inflatable target Zone £100
including A7 advert in programme



The Disco Dome £200
Includes half page advert



Penalty Shoot out £100 - NOT AVAILBALE - SPONSORED ALREADY
Includes A7 Advert



The Big One: 90ft Army Assault Course £500 - NOT AVAILABLE - SPONSORED ALREADY
Includes Full page A5 advert



Tots June Play Park £150
Includes A7 advert



Football Obstacle £200
Includes half page advert



Bungee Run £200
Including half page advert



General Sponsorship

There are lots of costs associated with running a big event like this, and in order to raise any money we need all the help we can get, this also allows us to keep the costs low so everyone can attend and have a great day.

If you would like to support us with any donations or purchase an advert in our programme for general sponsorship these can be purchased on their own.

Sponsors will be responsible for producing and sending the advert by agreed deadline.

£25 - A7 advert

£50 - A6 advert

£75 - A5 advert

This will also help us to provide the below activities as well as prizes for some of the activities.



