

Ashurst Wood School News Letter

Week 20 - 19th February 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 12th to Friday 16th February

Half term

Enterprise Week - w/c 19th February

Monday 19th

Y6 SATs Club for selected children (3.30pm to 4.30pm)

Tuesday 20th

Forest Schools Y6 (AM)
Forest Schools Reception (PM)
9.00am Headteacher drop in.
Computing & Podcasting Club (3.20pm to 4.20pm)

Wednesday 21st

Girls Football Matches
Karate club (3.25-4.25pm)
Football Club (3.20pm to 4.20pm)

Thursday 22nd

Forest Schools Y1 (AM)
Nurture Forest Schools for selected children (PM)
Art club (3.20-4.20pm)

Friday 23rd

No Achievements Assembly

Enterprise week sale from 2pm onwards.

Attendance last week: 92.02% ☺

Attendance from September 2023: 94.28%

Achievements

Congratulations are offered to the following children who took part in the KS1 all inclusion festival on 24th January: Grayson; Ziggy; Enzo; Isla; Nancy; Thomas; Charlotte and Edwin.

The children took part in friendly games of New Age Kurling and Boccia with other primary schools & cheered on the other teams when spectating. Mrs Ali-Hazell said that the children were very well behaved and were a credit to our school.

Word of the week

Prime Factor

A maths word meaning..

The factors of a number that are prime, e.g., 2 and 3 are the prime factors of 12 (12 = 2 x 2 x 3)

Polite Reminders & Notices

School Uniform Provider

We are writing to advise that our uniform provider Sussex Uniforms has rebranded to Monkhouse Schoolwear and the new link to purchase uniform is: <https://www.monkhouse.com/school/ashurst-wood-primary-school-urn-125929>. Details of this change will be put on our school website.

Stationery

We have noticed that a number of children have pencil cases too big to fit in the drawers. The pencil cases should be no deeper than 5cm otherwise the draws do not close and should only have the correct stationery in them. KS2 children will be bringing home their pencil cases on Friday; please restock and replace any non-clear, large pencil cases. Stationery can be purchased through the school if needed.

Clear reinforced pencil case	£1.00
2B pencil	£0.20
Handwriting pen	£0.50
Whiteboard pen	£0.50
Whiteboard rubber	£0.30
Rubber	£0.30
Set of coloured pencils	£1.50
Scissors	£0.30
Pencil sharpener (enclosed)	£0.50
2 colours of highlighter pens	£1.00
4 way coloured pen	£1.00
Glue stick	£1.00
Total:	£8.10
	£7.00 for complete set

Curriculum Spotlight

The week beginning **Monday 19th February** is **Enterprise week**.

Each class is loaned £50 and as a class they have to decide on a product to sell. The class design the product and cost up all the components. The amount of support they have with this will depend on the year group.

The children will then sell their goods from stalls in the hall on **Friday 23rd February** from **2pm**. The goal is to make a profit after the £50 loan has been paid back and the components have been paid for.

The class will then decide on what the profit is spent on. Last year two classes spent it on something for their classroom and three classes donated it to charity.

This year, Year 6 will be undertaking an additional Dragons Den project and the idea will be judged by a group of Dragons on the Friday.

Please support the children by purchasing items from the Enterprise Fair. Please note the items will not be named, so you will be purchasing a product made by the class and children will be serving on the stalls on a rota basis so you may not see your child.

2.30pm – 3pm: The fair is open to parents and quiet shopping for children who would be overwhelmed by a busy hall.

2.30pm – 3.20pm: Parents may collect their children and shop together.

3.20pm – 3.30pm: The fair will remain open for any parents to shop who are not able to get to school

Spring Term Class Assemblies

This is an opportunity for you to hear about some of the things your children have been learning this year. Please note, this is not a production and is very relaxed so that children can have a go at presenting information to an audience.

Assemblies will be held at **2.45pm**:

Tuesday 12th March - Owl Class
Tuesday 19th March - Kestrel Class
Thursday 21st March - Falcon Class
Thursday 18th April - Hawk Class



Meet your Governor or member of staff

Hi everyone, my name is Clare Jussen and I am the new Clerk to the Governors at Ashurst Wood Primary School.

As some of you will know I have 2 children at the school and am, like you, passionate that they receive the best education possible, so was delighted when an opportunity arose that allowed me to support the Governors and the school.

I moved to the area during lockdown and have enjoyed exploring West Sussex and becoming familiar with Ashurst Wood and the surrounding areas. In my spare time I enjoy reading, baking, sewing and annoying my husband.

We are always looking for more parent governors so please do not hesitate to talk to me about it if you are interested.



SEND fact box

What is Dyspraxia?

Developmental co-ordination disorder (DCD), also known as Dyspraxia, is a condition affecting physical co-ordination. It causes a child to perform less well than expected in daily activities for their age, and appear to move clumsily.

Although DCD does not affect how intelligent a child is, it can make it more difficult for them to learn as more effort is needed to perform an action and organise thoughts and processes.

There is no cure for Dyspraxia but medical professionals such as Occupational Health can work with children to help them develop strategies and build up skills and coping mechanisms.

Curriculum Spotlight

Owls have been lucky to have some 'People Who Helps Us' visitors. Our local PCSO came and talked about being safe when out and about, she let the children wear some police officer hats and sit in the her car!



Mrs Blackledge came to talk to us about being a vet



Head Teacher Drop in

Sometimes parents may have questions or issues that they do not want to discuss on the playground but are not able to make an appointment. Mrs Hobby will be allocating a slot each week where parents can come into school to have a confidential conversation with her rather than talking on the playground or waiting for the Parent Forum.