

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 25th

Headteacher Drop in sessions (2pm to 3pm)
PTFA 2nd Hand Uniform Sale (3.20pm)

Tuesday 26th

Y6 Forest Schools (AM)
Reception Forest Schools (PM)

Wednesday 27th

Y3/4 Hockey Festival (9.30am to 11.30am) @ EG Sports Club
Y5/6 Hockey Competition (12.30pm to 3.30pm) @ EG Sports Club
Extra Session of Football Club (3.20pm to 4.20pm)

Thursday 28th

Nurture Forest Schools (AM)
PTFA: YES Day
End of Term - School Finishes @ 1.30pm



We return to school on Monday 15th April 2024

Ashurst Wood School News Letter

Week 25 - 25th March 2024

Attendance last week: 96.84% 😊

Attendance from September 2023: 94.54%

Polite Reminders & Notices

Hockey Festival Y3/Y4 - Wednesday 27th March

Please could the selected children be collected from school on **Wednesday 27th March** at **9.30am** and be transported to the East Grinstead Sports Club where Miss Edwards will meet them. The children should wear their PE kit and bring a warm water-proof jacket and track suit bottoms. They are welcome to bring a small healthy snack and a bottle of water. The event finishes at **11.30am**, when the children will need to be collected from the sports club and returned to school. Parents are very welcome to stay and watch. Please refer to the letter dated 13th March for further details. **Please could consent be returned to the school office as soon as possible.** Thank you.

Hockey Competition Y5/Y6 - Wednesday 27th March

Please could the selected children be collected from school on **Wednesday 27th March** at **12.30pm** and be transported to the East Grinstead Sports Club where Mr Gowers will meet them. The children should wear their PE kit and bring a warm water-proof jacket and track suit bottoms. They are welcome to bring a small healthy snack and a bottle of water and as this event takes place over lunchtime the children will require a **packed lunch**. The event finishes at **3pm** when the children will need to be collected from the sports club. Parents are very welcome to stay and watch. Please refer to the letter dated 13th March for further details. **Please could consent be returned to the school office as soon as possible.** Thank you.

PTFA: YES Day - Thursday 28th March

On the last day of term (Thursday 28th March) join us for YES day!!
When the question is can I

- wear my own clothes?
- wear make up/face paint?
- have hair dye in my hair or temporary tattoos on my skin?
- bring in tasty treats to school for a snack or have squash in my water bottle?

The answer is YES!! Suggested donation 50p per "YES!"
Let's all say YES to a fun last day of term! 😊

End of Term - Thursday 28th March

Please note that we finish for the end of term on **Thursday 28th March** at **1.30pm**. We return to school after the Easter Holidays on **Monday 15th April**.

School Clubs

The majority of our school clubs finished on **Friday 22nd March**; however Y6 SATs club will run until the end of term and start again on **Monday 15th April**. An extra session of football is owed and this will run on **Wednesday 27th March**. An extra session of Art Club is also owed and this will take place on the first week back after Easter on **Thursday 18th April**. Details of the summer term clubs will be circulated week commencing 15th April, with summer clubs starting from Monday 22nd April. Please note that Kicks Dance wish to commence on Friday 19th April for Year 1 and Year 2 children and details on how to register are attached.

Eat them to Defeat them Campaign

As you are aware, the school and the children have taken part in the 'Eat them to Defeat them' campaign which aims to encourage children (and their families) to eat more vegetables. Data suggests that only 3 in 10 Y6 children in West Sussex are meeting the recommended 'five a day' portions of fruit and vegetables. It is recognised that getting children to eat vegetables is a challenge for schools and for many families across the county which is why Veg Power would welcome your feedback to help understand the impact of the project and how this could be improved. Therefore, Veg Power are asking families to complete a survey (which should take no longer than 15 minutes) and **as a thank you for your time, families will have the option to enter a prize draw to win one of five £50 shopping vouchers, with all entries going into a draw for a £250 award for the school.** The link is below and the closing date for the survey is **Thursday 28th March**.

<https://eatthemtodefearthem.com/west-sussex-survey/>

Achievements

We would like to thank our boys and girls football teams for representing our school in the football league. The boys' team came 5th in the boys' league and the girls came 8th in the girls' league. Both our teams played with motivation and great team spirit and our thanks are offered to:-

Boys Team: Leo B, Eden, Leo F, Leo C, Haydn, Huxley, Freddie M, Hugo and Freddy L.

Girls Team: Evie W, Ella, Edith, Mia, Lola, Edie, Daisy, Ellie, Phoebe, Gracie-Mae, Matilda and Delilah.

Thank you to all the parents and families who have transported the children to these matches, we could not have participated without you.

We would also like to thank the majority of our Year 3 and Year 4 girls who represented the school in the Brambletye Football Festival on 14th March. Although this wasn't a competition, the children played very well and enjoyed the afternoon.

Meet your Deputy Head & SENCO

Hi everybody, my name is Mrs Gemma Blake-Hatton. I have been at Ashurst Wood for 8 years and I have been teaching for 19 years. I am the school Special Educational Needs Coordinator and also Reception/Year 1 teacher and more recently Deputy Head.

Before becoming a teacher, I trained to be an archaeologist and I have excavated old things in Cyprus and Chester.

I have a husband and three children who are 16, 11 and 6, and in my spare time I enjoy running, gardening and doing up old houses! I also love a good dance and when I was younger I used to dance in pantomimes!

I love working at Ashurst Wood, as I love getting to know all the families and children. I enjoy helping them to find the things that make them smile and encouraging their special talents - everybody has one and they are all different!



SEND Fact Box

What is sensory processing?

Sensory Processing Disorder is neurological that can affect the way the brain processes information from the senses. People with Sensory Processing Disorder may be extra sensitive to or not react to sensory input, depending on how they are affected. Five common senses are touch, hearing, taste, smell, and sight. We process the world around us in different ways.

- *Proprioception. Proprioception is the "internal" sense of awareness you have for your body. It's what helps you maintain posture and motor control, for example. It also tells you about how you're moving and occupying space.*
- *Vestibular. This term refers to the inner ear spatial recognition. It's what keeps you balanced and coordinated.*
- *Interoception. This is the sense of what's happening in your body. It may be best understood as how you "feel." This includes whether you feel hot or cold and whether you feel your emotions.*

Sensory Processing difficulties are common in people with a diagnosis of Autism, but not exclusive to Autism.

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.



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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 Junge 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.



