



**Ashurst CE Aided Primary School
Home-School Partnership
SPRING TERM Newsletter
February 27TH 2017**



Dear Pupils and Parents

Welcome back to school after what we hope has been an enjoyable half term break for all families.

Many thanks for your wonderful comments received following the **FS /KS1 SHARING ASSEMBLY** in January and the **Y3&Y4** and **Y5&Y6 SHARING ASSEMBLIES** before half term.

Everyone enjoyed the first **SPRING TERM OPEN AFTERNOON** on Monday 13th February 2017, according to the many supportive comments we received on Parents' Comment Forms handed out on the day. The next 'OPEN AFTERNOON' is on **MONDAY 3rd APRIL** from **2.30PM - 4.00PM**

We are ALL now hoping for better weather conditions to be able to return to the school field for playtimes; and for all of the many other activities and events planned for this **SECOND HALF OF SPRING TERM**, including for the welcome arrival of **NEW RECTOR, MARK HEATHER**, at **EASTER**.

According to the Diocese of Chichester, **2017** is the '**YEAR OF THE BIBLE**' and Ashurst CE Primary is very much looking forward to continuing with its own whole school **ART/RE Project**, begun before half term, on the theme of '**The Liturgical Year**' and '**Bible Stories - God's Messages**'; and inviting parents and friends to a special 'showing and sharing, in due course.

Other opportunities for parents and carers to come into school this half term include:

- **Y1-Y6 PARENT CONSULTATION AFTERNOONS/EVENINGS** on **MARCH 28TH** and **MARCH 30TH** from **4.00pm - 6.00pm**, by appointment through School Office and Mrs Ixer, please. *Appointment letters due home this week and may also be found on the school's website.*

- **YR PARENT CONSULTATION MORNING** on **FRIDAY 31ST MARCH 2017** - *by appointment, again via School Office and Mrs Ixer, please.*
- The '**ASHURST PRIMARY MUSIC FESTIVAL**' on **FRIDAY 24TH MARCH** starting at **2.00 PM**, includes many of the songs from the Y5&6 Chanctonbury Schools' Music Festival on **MARCH 21ST**.

All parents and friends are invited to attend on the 24th and pupils may go home with parents at the end. *We shall be in touch nearer the time to know precise numbers for seating purposes.*

- '**OPEN AFTERNOON**' on **MONDAY 3RD APRIL** from **2.30PM - 4.00PM**

Other events to look forward to:

CHANCTONBURY SCHOOLS' MUSIC FESTIVAL 2017, organised by all of the local primaries for their **senior** pupils, is on **TUESDAY 21ST MARCH** at **Shooting Field Drama Hall, SGS**. *Further information on times, clothing etc sent home to respective parents, shortly.*

Y6 BIKEABILITY WEEK at **THE TOWERS** from **6TH MARCH TO 9TH MARCH**. *Details home to respective families before half term.*

Y5&Y6 COOKERY DAY at **SHOREHAM COLLEGE** on **FRIDAY 17TH MARCH**. *Details home to respective families before half term.*

Y4 'SINGING & PERFORMING DAY' at **CHRIST'S HOSPITAL** on **17TH MARCH**. *Details home to respective families before half term.*

Annual **Y5 'CITIZENSHIP MORNING'**, in **Horsham**, on **TUESDAY 4TH APRIL 2017**. *Details for respective parents nearer the time.*

BUMBLES' GARDEN 2017 - planning and preparing for **Summer 2017**.

Also:

COUNTY CHESS COMPETITION 2016-2017

In **ROUND TWO** of this year's Competition, the school's two **CHESS TEAMS, A & B**, continue to play against others from across the County, and news is eagerly awaited of dates and venues. **Respective pupils and parents** will receive permission slips when precise dates are known.

CHESS CLUB - *please see dates for the term..*

MASTERCLASSES at **SGS** for **Y5** pupils *please see dates for the term..*

ENRICHMENT DAYS organised by **CHANCTONBURY SCHOOLS**

RE: Parent and good friend of the school, Mrs Croft, continues to support the teaching of RE in school with '**THE EASTER STORY**' just before school term ends this term.

The school's **MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE** at St James' Church **FOR ALL PUPILS & FAMILIES** is on **SUNDAY 12TH MARCH**.

ASHURST PARISH MAGAZINE SPRING 2017

The school's contribution to the Spring edition of the Parish magazine is to be produced by pupils in Y6 once again.

ASHURST PRIMARY 'RED NOSE DAY'

ALL pupils are invited to pay **£2.00** each for the opportunity of wearing **ANY RED CLOTHING** to school on **MONDAY MARCH 27TH** in aid of **COMIC RELIEF** (*which is held nationally this year on 24th March*)

SPORT & GAMES:

- **SWIMMING LESSONS** at **THE TOWERS Y1-Y6**
Please see dates for the term for the last groups and sessions
- **'NEW' CLASS GYMNASTICS COACHING SESSIONS.**
Please see separate sheet for details.
- **PUPILS' TAG RUGBY COMPETITION**
A team have been entered for this tournament in Horsham on **14TH MARCH 2017**.
- **FOOTBALL CLUBS** - *please see dates for the term.*

SPRING TERM JUNIOR HOMEWORK PROJECTS due for submission on

Y3/4: **MONDAY 20TH MARCH.**

Y5: **MONDAY 20TH MARCH.**

FOR ALL FAPS EVENTS, PLEASE SEE SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD.

As you can see, we have another full and exciting half term to look forward to!

As always, should you have any questions, queries and /or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Best wishes, Mrs J Williams, Headteacher

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DATES FOR SECOND HALF SPRING TERM 2017

SPRING TERM ENDS: 7TH APRIL 2017

SUMMER TERM BEGINS: 24TH APRIL 2017

'HART' /First Aid evening for parents. 6-8pm	1 st March
'Bikeability', The Towers Convent School Y6 Pupils	6 th March - 9 th March
School's Mothering Sunday Church Service, St. James' Church 10:30am	12 th March
INSET DAY	13 th March
Horsham Tag Rugby Tournament Team of Y5/Y6 (pm)	14 th March
Full Governors Meeting 6:30 - 8pm	14 th March
Y4 Music Workshop - Christ's Hospital. More details to follow.	17 th March
Y5/Y6 Cookery, Shoreham College	17 th March
Chanctonbury Schools' Music Festival (6.30pm) SGS	21 st March
Ashurst Music Festival (2pm)	24 th March
Red Nose Day in Aid of Comic Relief (which is held nationally this year on 24 th March)	27 th March
Parents evenings 4-6pm	28 th & 30 th March
YR Parents Consultation Morning	31 st March
Open Afternoon 2:30 - 4:00pm	3 rd April
The Easter Story for pupils with Mrs Croft	5 th April
Y5 Citizenship, the Drill Hall, Horsham	6 th April
Y5 Wednesday Masterclass Groups SGS 4-5pm	cont

ST.JAMES' CHURCH, ASHURST

Family Service - fourth Sunday of each month.

Family Eucharist Service - second Sunday of each month

Both at 10:30am

For more details of all local Services including those at St. James' Church, Ashurst, please see the following website:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/ashurst-st-james/>

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SPRING TERM 2017**

SECOND HALF

SWIMMING SESSIONS

YEAR 4 SWIMMING

TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY 11:40 - 12:40

PACKED LUNCH AND MID MORNING SNACK REQUIRED

YEAR 5/6 SWIMMING

THURSDAY 2nd MARCH 11:40 - 12:40

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YEAR 1 SWIMMING

FRIDAY 3rd MARCH 10:30 - 11:30

YEAR 2 SWIMMING

THURSDAY 9th MARCH 9:30 - 10:30

**GYMNASTICS SESSIONS
HENFIELD LEISURE CENTRE
SPRING TERM 2017
SECOND HALF**

FS/KS1: WEDNESDAY 15th MARCH

Y3/4: WEDNESDAY 22nd MARCH

Y5/6: WEDNESDAY 29th MARCH

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Football Club (Y1 - Y2)

3:15 - 4:00pm

2nd, 9th & 16th March

6th April

Football Club (Y3 - Y6)

3:15 - 4:15pm

2nd, 9th & 16th March

6th April

Chess Club (Y3 - Y6)

3:30 - 4:15pm

28th February

4th April

**ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL
DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR
2016 - 2017**

Spring Term 2017

3rd January - 7th April 2017

Half Term: 20th February - 24th February 2017

Summer Term 2017

24th April - 25th July 2017

Half Term: 29th May - 2nd June 2017

INSET DAYS

Spring Term 2017

Monday 13th March

Summer Term 2017

Thursday 6th & Friday 7th July