



**Ashurst CE Aided Primary School
Home-School Partnership - Newsletter
AUTUMN TERM 2016
5th September**



To be read in conjunction with

'THE HEADTEACHER'S PREVIEW OF 2016-2017'

to be found at the end of this Newsletter and also on school's website

A warm welcome to the new academic year to ALL families, especially those of new YR/FS pupils: Alex, Beatrice, Bruno, Joshua, Libby, Lola, Lottie-Bo, Rafe and Taryn.

We thank staff and all who have worked hard preparing school for the new academic year, which this particular summer includes: cleaning contractors, Chair of Governors, Mrs Woods, and Vice Chairman Mrs Cochran.

We hope families enjoyed the summer vacation and are now looking forward to all that is planned for 2016-2017, starting in September with the annual SPONSORED WALKS and the FAMILY BARN DANCE (FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER).

- **9TH SEPTEMBER: Y5&6 SPONSORED WALK**
- **16TH SEPTEMBER: FS, Y1 & Y2 SPONSORED WALK**
- **23RD SEPTEMBER: Y3&4 SPONSORED WALK**

More details - including new/additional SPONSOR FORMS - home very shortly.

- **AUTUMN TERM TOPICS**

This term Y1 & Y2 are studying: 'OUR WONDERFUL WORLD' and 'BRIGHT LIGHTS & DARK NIGHTS' Y3 & Y4 are studying 'BACK IN THE MISTS OF TIME', Y5 & Y6 are studying 'A VICTORIAN CHILDHOOD'.

- **Y5 & Y6 VISIT TO PRESTON MANOR**

As part of their topic work, pupils in Y5 & Y6 are to visit PRESTON MANOR in BRIGHTON, in costume. A letter, seeking permission and providing details of date, costs, transport etc, will be sent home very shortly.

- **HOMEWORK**

A copy of the school's **HOMEWORK POLICY** from 2015 was sent home to **ALL FAMILIES** at the beginning of last year. The **POLICY** contains advice and guidance on **HOW TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S LEARNING OUT (and in) SCHOOL** and also includes details of: homework subject matter/content, dates/times, degree and nature of support. It can be found on the school's website and is intended as a **reference and resource**. The setting of *formal* homework this term begins during the week commencing **SEPTEMBER 19th** and times of teachers' weekly 'Homework Surgeries', will be available from Mrs Robins/Miss Simpson and Miss Jordan, shortly.

- **PE/GYMNASTICS/GAMES**

Lessons for pupils from **Y1-Y6**, at **Dalesdown** and on site, with classteachers, begin next week. The Parent/ Carer Noticeboard in the playground **AND website** provide weekly reminders of: venue, day, times and respective classes/groups.

- **MASTERCLASSES**

The school is awaiting news from Steyning Grammar School regarding the continuation of these after-school classes for senior pupils.

- **FOUNDATION STAGE/EARLY YEARS PUPILS**

There will be two school '**OPEN MORNINGS**' this half term, on **6th OCTOBER** and **13th OCTOBER**, for parents of FS pupils to observe and discuss FS/Early Years practices with classteacher, Mrs Pockett. There will be a third morning, after half term, on **18th NOVEMBER**, for Mrs Pockett to report individual pupil progress to respective parents. Mrs Ixer will be in touch shortly to arrange individual appointment times.

- **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

Teachers look forward to meeting formally with parents on **WEDNESDAY 19th OCTOBER** and **TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER** to report on individual pupil progress this term. A letter home with more details will be sent nearer the time.

- **SENIOR PUPILS 7-A-Side FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**

The school looks forward to entering a team for this annual competition held at St, Peter's Primary School, Henfield, when the fixture date is known.

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER, 14th OCTOBER FOR INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS**
- **SCHOOL LIBRARY VAN VISIT in SEPTEMBER 23RD.**
- **FUND RAISING: £1.00 'BBC CHILDREN IN NEED' NON-UNIFORM DAY IS FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER**

CHESS & FOOTBALL DATES

Please see attached separate sheet: '**Dates for the Term**'.

OPEN AFTERNOONS- Please see the 'Dates.' attached.

- **SCHOOL 'EQUIPMENT'- including: NEW READING WALLETS PE BAGS/KITS AND COATS**

The school very much appreciates parents' support in ensuring that **all** pupils have the necessary items and equipment (clearly marked with owner's name) in school **every day**. In the unlikely event of pupils being unable to participate in PE, due to lack of kit in school, alternative work will be set.

- **SCHOOL WEAR**

Pupils are very proud of their school and here is a little reminder about appropriate wear: watches for all and small 'stud' earrings for girls should be the only jewellery worn. *Tattoos* and nail varnish are not allowed and long hair should always be tied back. Many thanks for your support.

- **FOR SCHOOL UNIFORM & SWEATSHIRT ORDERS** please see parent Mrs Bricknell (parent of a daughter in Y3 and son in Y5) who does a wonderful job in organising and purchasing school uniform on behalf of parents.

FAPS

We hope **NEW PARENTS** will join us in school for a special '**INTRODUCTION TO FAPS AFTERNOON**' on **THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER** from 2.45-3.20. And that **ALL PARENTS & FRIENDS** will join us for the first **FULL FAPS MEETING** of 2016-2017, date to be advised.

- **INSET DAYS (School Closures)**

The school will be closed for in-service training this term on:
MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER AND FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER. For the other dates of **School INSET 2016-2017**, please see the attached 'Dates for the Term'.

- **FAMILY SERVICE at ST JAMES' ASHURST**

ALL families are welcome at the 10.30am Family Services - **at St James' Church**, on the **second Sunday (Family Eucharist) and fourth Sunday (Family Service)** of each month, and to stay for refreshments afterwards!

The school and church HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE FOR ALL FAMILIES at ST JAMES' CHURCH is on OCTOBER 9TH 2016.

As always, should you have any concerns regarding your child/children, please contact the school as soon as possible, in order that matters may be quickly and effectively resolved. Meanwhile, best of wishes to everyone for a happy and successful 2016-2017!

Kindest regards,

Mrs J A Williams, Headteacher

Newsletters, Most Recent Ofsted Inspection Reports, School Policies including: Complaints, Child Protection & Safeguarding, Attendance & Absences, Health & Safety are all available on the school's website

*Website address: <http://www.ashurstcofe-pri.w-sussex.sch.uk>

Do please visit and e-mail the school with your comments

ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

IMPORTANT

'HAPPY and SAFE'

- A Reminder on Pupils' Daily Welfare & Well Being

-in keeping with local and national guidelines/directives, for the most part.

Emergency Contact Numbers

Please would all families make sure the school has up to date information on contact numbers, should there ever be an urgent matter and/or emergency arising during the school day.

School Collection at 3:30pm

Always inform the school of any alternative arrangements for children being collected at the end of the school day.

Registration

In the event of pupils arriving at school **after 8.55am** registration and/or needing to be collected from school **before 3:30pm**, parents must **register at Office via School House first**.

Medication

ALL medication for children, and instructions for its use, must be **given by parents to the School Office for recording and appropriate storage**. This includes inhalers for asthma sufferers.

Injuries

Children who suffer 'minor' head injuries during the school day receive written notification from the school on the day for

their parents' information. The parents of infant pupils are also informed by respective classteachers at the end of the day

Welfare & Concerns

If, at anytime, parents see anything *untoward* regarding pupils' safety and/or wellbeing, please let the school know *immediately*.

Very Bad Weather Conditions

In the event of very wet and/or very windy weather, all children come and go through the **JUNIOR ENTRANCE** at the start and end of the school day.

Coats in School

We trust children will have coats in school every day.

PUPILS' SAFETY

Please would all parents and carers try to use the *junior gate*, generally *attended* by members of staff, and the crossing point immediately in front of it, at the start and end of school each day.

We thank you for your support, as always.

Mrs Williams, Headteacher

and also the school's: **Safeguarding & Child Protection Officer and Health & Safety' Officer.**

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DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2016

INSET DAYS: MONDAY 3rd OCTOBER
AND FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

HALF TERM: 24th OCTOBER - 28th OCTOBER

Family Church Services

2nd Sunday, Family Eucharist & 4th Sunday, Family Service

Meet the Friends of APS (FAPS) in school for new parents 2:45 - 3:20pm	8 th September
Y5/6 Downslink Sponsored Walk Bramber to Shoreham	9 th September
Junior Team Football Match , Lancing College	12 th September
FAPS Meeting (All welcome)	tba
YR, Y1 & Y2 Locality Walk	16 th September
Homework resumes	w/b 19 th September
Y3/4 Downslink Sponsored Walk Bramber to Shoreham	23 rd September
Phonics Session YR Parents 9 - 10:15am	30 th September
FAPS Family Barn Dance, Priors Byne Farm	30 th September
INSET DAY	3 RD October
Foundation Stage Parent Mornings 9-10:30am <i>Mrs Ixer to contact respective parents</i>	6 th & 13 th October
Harvest Festival Family Church Service <i>(School uniform for pupils please)</i>	9 th October
Y5/Y6 Cookery Day Shoreham College	tba

Individual School Photographs	14 th October
Open Afternoon 2:30 - 4:00pm	17 th October
Parents Consultation Afternoon/Evening	19 th October & 1 st November

HALF TERM

Parents Consultation Afternoon/Evening	1 st November
INSET DAY	4 th November
Y3/Y4 Remembrance Day Assembly for invited guests, in school	11 th November
Remembrance Day Church Service, St James' Church	13 th November
Swanage Afternoon/Evening	tba
YR Parents ELG Reporting <i>Mrs Ixer to contact respective parents</i>	18 th November
BBC Children in Need - Non school uniform Day	18 ^h November
Full Governing Body Meeting 7.30pm	23 rd November
Christmas Production	Matinees 25 th & 30 th November Eves. 29 th November & 1 st December
Christingle Service - weather dependant	9 th /11 th December
Open Afternoon & Y5/Y6 Christmas Fundraising	12 th December
Christmas Party	13 th December
Christmas Story Mrs Croft in school for pupils	14 th December
Reception Nativity Play - for all parents	15 th December

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

Autumn Term 2016

5th September - 16th December 2016

Half Term: 24th October - 28th October 2016

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

AUTUMN TERM 2016

Monday 3rd October & Friday 4th November

SPRING TERM 2017

Monday 13th March 2017

SUMMER TERM 2017

Thursday 6th & Friday 7th July 2017



**ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY
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**Y1 & Y2 AFTER SCHOOL
FOOTBALL CLUB**

AUTUMN TERM 2016

THURSDAYS 3.15PM - 4PM

Y1 - Y2

Please would interested parents complete and sign the attached permission slip below and return to school by Monday 19th September. Thank you.

CLUB DATES:

29th September

6th, 13th October

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th November

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I/We give permission for.....

Please print name clearly

to join the Y1-Y2 Autumn Term 2016 Football Club.

Signed.....



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**KS2 AFTER SCHOOL
FOOTBALL CLUB**

AUTUMN TERM 2016

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Y3 - Y6

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Signed.....



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CHESS CLUB

AUTUMN TERM 2016

TUESDAYS 3.30 - 4.15pm

Y3 - Y6

Please would interested parents complete and sign the attached permission slip and return it to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

There will be the occasional lunchtime Chess Club this term.

20th & 27th September

4th, 11th & 18th October

8th & 22nd November



**CHESS CLUB
AUTUMN TERM 2016**

We/I give permission for

to join the **AFTER SCHOOL CHESS CLUB**.

Signed: