



Ashurst CE Aided Primary School

Home-School Partnership

SUMMER TERM Newsletter

11TH APRIL 2016

HALF TERM: MON. 30 MAY - FRI. 3RD JUNE 2016

INSET DAYS: 30TH JUNE & 1ST JULY 2016



Dear Parents, Carers & Pupils

Hurrah for the Summer term: playtimes on the field, after-school Clubs, Sports Day, 'Tea Party & Rounders', Bumbles' Garden **AND**, this year, exciting plans for the **school and families to mark the Queen's 90th birthday** by coming together for special celebrations in May - of which, more later!

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS:

Please can you make sure **'sun tan cream'** is applied to your **child/children before school each day** and that an individual **sun hat/cap** is supplied, as appropriate. **Thank you.**

TO CATCH-UP ON SPRING 2016...

COUNTY CHESS COMPETITION 2015 - 2016

The school's **CHESS TEAM** of: **Cameron Young, Nathaniel Jesse, Flynn Cresswell and Billy Bray** played magnificently against very strong opposition in the second round of the County Chess Competition on 11th March - and now awaits news of the **FINALS**.

The school is organising a special **'Ashurst Primary School Y3-6 Chess Afternoon'** this half term and inviting **pupils from Windlesham School** to join us; and look forward to notifying parents of details when the date is confirmed.

HORSHAM TAG RUGBY TOURNAMENT

A team of pupils from **Y5 & Y6** represented the school in the **Annual Schools' Tag Rugby Tournament** in Horsham on March 15th. The weather was bitterly cold but did not prevent the team achieving some of the school's best results **EVER! WELL DONE to all!**

COUNTY CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMME/COMPETITION 2016

Y5 pupils took part in the annual **County Citizenship Programme** at The Drill Hall, Horsham on **March 22nd** and enjoyed taking part in many interesting activities, events and experiences.

The **CHANCTONBURY SCHOOLS' MUSIC FESTIVAL** involves all of the five Chanctonbury Schools singing together and choosing one song to sing individually. It is always a memorable evening and this year's, on **16th March**, was particularly so, with high praise going to all schools and to Ashurst Primary in particular for its superb rendition of 'Touch the Sky'. Well done Y5&6 pupils!

The **ASHURST SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL**, held on **Thursday 17^h March**, was a truly **AMAZING** afternoon, much loved and enjoyed by all concerned once again!

Thank you **Music teacher, Mrs Harwell**, for your inspirational role in the success of both Festivals.

AND NOW FOR *more of* SUMMER 2016!

TOPICS

This term, **Y1 & Y2** are studying '**Food Glorious Food**' and '**Under and Over The Ocean**', with **Foundation Stage** work also based around the same themes. Pupils in **Y3 & Y4** are studying '**The Local Area & St. Mary's House Bramber**' and pupils in **Y5 & Y6** are undertaking '**A Local Watch**'.

As part of respective studies, pupils are to visit: **St.Mary's House Bramber, Bramber Castle and the Artisan Bakery**. For more details, please see the '**Dates for the Term**' and school website.

Y5&6 'ELECTRICITY WORKSHOP DAY' is on **Friday 22nd April 2016**.

HOMEWORK IN THE SUMMER TERM

For more details, including amendments, **PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL'S HOMEWORK POLICY ON THE WEBSITE**.

SUMMER TERM PE/GAMES LESSONS

Ashurst is constantly reviewing its programme for the provision of **PE/Games** throughout the school - building on information/guidance

received and funding from the government. A statement on the use made by the school of its 'Sports Premium' is available on the school's website.

KS1 MULTI SKILLS, with HORSHAM LEISURELINK, is on Thursday from 3.15pm - 4.00 pm, starting on Thursday, 21st April, and includes: Athletics, Cricket and Rounders skills.

KS2 CRICKET, ROUNDERS & ATHLETICS with Miss Jordan is on **Thursdays from 3:15pm - 4:15pm, starting on 21st April.** For other dates for Summer, please see 'Dates for the Term' attached.

SENIOR PUPILS' CRICKET DAY -

The school is awaiting news of this popular day and looks forward to entering a team of senior pupils once again when dates and details are known - more information to respective parents soon.

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day - for **ALL** Ashurst pupils - is on **THURSDAY 16TH JUNE.** We thank FAPs members, *in advance*, for their delicious strawberry teas!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The photographer is due on **9th JUNE** to take a **WHOLE SCHOOL** picture for this academic year.

BUMBLES' GARDEN

The school is looking forward to meeting with Mr and Mrs Garnett very shortly to discuss plans and details for **BUMBLES GARDEN 2016**, with the additional support this year of Y6 pupil Samuel Newman. We hope all pupils will shortly be planting out a variety of seeds to 'harvest' later in the summer, ready for the Ashurst Flower Show in July.

Y5 & Y6 RESIDENTIAL SWANAGE FIELD STUDY VISIT is from Monday 20th June - Friday 24th June 2016.

There will be a letter home to parents shortly regarding final payments and clothing/journey/itinerary details etc.

ASSESSMENT and REPORTING ON PUPIL PROGRESS TO PARENTS:

- **Y6 pupils will be undertaking their respective NEW SAT assessments from 9th-13 May.**

- **Y2 pupils** will be undertaking their respective **NEW SAT assessments, throughout the term, as appropriate.**
- The parents of pupils in **Y2 and Y6** have their own '**2016 SAT PRESENTATION EVENING**' on **Wednesday 13th April**, from **6.00pm - 7.30pm** and special consultation/results/progress evenings with respective staff in early July.
- Pupils in **Y1, Y3, Y4 & Y5** will be undertaking their *in-school assessments in mid-May*. Thereafter, parents of these pupils will be invited to consultation afternoons/evenings to learn of pupils' individual results in the assessments and of their progress *over* the academic year.
- The parents of **Reception/Foundation Stage** pupils will be invited to **individual consultations** with Mrs Pockett, later this term, to discuss respective pupil progress.
- **Pupils' Annual Reports to Parents** will be sent home at the beginning of July, together with the school's annual questionnaire on 'Parents' Evaluations of the Academic Year' and a copy of the 'Y6 Pupils Report to Parents & Governors'.

Y6 PUPILS

Y6 pupils, in particular, have much to look forward to this term, including:

- Preparing their **Y6 REPORT TO PARENTS & GOVERNORS** on their primary years at Ashurst and presenting the same to the **Governors at their full meeting later this term (6th JULY at 6pm)**.
- Taking part in the **Y6 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY at CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL on FRIDAY 17TH JUNE**, followed by lunch at **DENMAN'S GARDENS**, accompanied by their parents and teachers. Please would respective parents let the school know if they will be joining the group on the minibus.
- Producing and presenting their own **LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY** for all to enjoy on **WEDNESDAY 13th JULY** - plus serving coffee and biscuits to teachers, governors and their parents afterwards.
- Planning their **LEAVERS' TEA PARTY AND ROUNDERS MATCH** for everyone on **THURSDAY 14th July**.
- Producing the school's **Summer term contribution to the Ashurst Parish Magazine**.
PLUS CRICKET DAY AND SWANAGE, of course!

INDUCTION MORNING WEDNESDAY 6TH JULY 2016

When respective Y6 pupils undertake their **Induction to Steyning Grammar School**, the school will welcome its **new Foundation Stage pupils 2016-2017**, and all pupils within the school will **'advance a year group'** for the morning.

INSET DAYS 30TH JUNE AND 1ST JULY

A reminder to parents: school will be closed on the above days.

OPEN AFTERNOON

We invite all parents and friends to join us in school for 'Open Afternoon' on 23RD May and on 18th July, both **from 2.30pm - 4.00pm**.

FAPS

We really do appreciate the wonderful support we receive, for **ALL** newsletters, dates of events and meetings, please see the school's website and noticeboard in the Junior playground.

The **'ASHURST MASTERCHEF COMPETITION 2016'** is to form part of the school's special celebrations to mark the **QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY** in May - for which more details later.

FOR ALL CHURCH SERVICES at ST JAMES' CHURCH this term - including **SUNDAY ROGATION** - please see the school's website and/or St James' own website.

Another truly WONDERFUL term in prospect!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns or questions.

Kindest regards

Mrs J. A Williams
Headteacher

ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL DATES FOR SUMMER TERM 2016

SUMMER TERM Monday 11th April - Wednesday 22nd July 2016

HALF TERM Monday 30th May - Friday 3th June 2016

INSET DAYS: 30th June & 1st July 2016

Bank Holiday - 2nd May 2016

Family Church Service 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month at 10:30 am
Please see St. James' Church, or Ashurst Primary School websites for further information on service dates.

Y2 & Y6 Parents Consultation Evening 6-7:30pm 13th April

Y5 & Y6 Girls 'Isaac Newton' day, The Towers 20th April

Y5 & Y6 Electricity Workshop 22nd April

Special Rogation Family Service & picnic 10:30am 1st May

YR & Y1 Multi-Sports, Horsham 3rd May

Full Governing Body Meeting 6:30-8:00pm 18th May

Key Stage 2 Y6 SAT Assessments 9th - 13th May
In-School Assessments Y3, Y4 & Y5

Y1 & Y2 Multi Sports, Horsham 10th May

Y3 & Y4 Multi Sports, Horsham 17th May

Ashurst Primary Celebrates the Queen's 90th birthday tba

Open Afternoon 2:30-4pm 23rd May

Half Term

Y1 & Y2 Visit to the Artisan Bakery, Ashurst 8th June

School Photographer 1:30pm 9th June

Senior Pupils' Cricket Day, Henfield tba

Y3 & Y4 Visit to St Mary's House, Bramber 14th June

Sports Day	16 th June
Chichester Cathedral Y6 Leavers Assembly & Lunch	17 th June
Y5 & Y6 Residential Swanage Field Study Visit	20 th -24 th June
Y3 Parents Evening 4 -6pm	23 rd June
Y1, Y4 & Y5 Parents Evening 4 -6pm	28 th June
Y2 Music Festival, Jolesfield Primary School	29 th June
INSET DAYS	30 th June & 1 st July
Induction Morning Reception pupils 2016 & Induction Day Y6 pupils transferring to SGS	6 th July
Full Governing Body Meeting (+ Y6 Pupils) 6pm	6 th July
SGS Y5 Taster Day	tba
Early Years/Foundation Stage Parents Consultations	8 th July
Pupils Reports Home	Week beginning 4 th July
Y6 & Y2 Reporting SAT Results to Parents 4-6pm	tba
Y6 Leavers Assembly 9:15am in school	13 th July
Leavers Afternoon Rounders Match & Tea Party 2:15 - 4:00pm	14 th July
Special in-school Assembly with Mrs Croft for pupils	15 th July
Open Afternoon 2:30-4:00pm	18 th July
Y3 & Y4 Visit to Bramber Castle	tba
Finals Chess Tournament (venue & date to be advised)	tba
End of Summer Term	22 nd July

Extra Curricular Activities:

KS1 'MULTISKILLS' (Y1 & Y2)

THURSDAYS UNTIL 4pm

21st & 28th April

5th, 12th & 19th May

9th June

7th July

KS2 ROUNDERS CLUB (Y3-Y6)

THURSDAYS UNTIL 4.15pm

21st & 28th April

5th, 12th & 19th May

9th June

7th July

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SUMMER TERM BEGINS 11th APRIL 2016

SCHOOL CLOSURES:

MAY DAY HOLIDAY 2nd MAY

INSET DAYS = JUNE 30th & JULY 1st

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SUMMER TERM ENDS FRIDAY 22nd JULY 2016