



**ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL
HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP
NEWSLETTER
SPRING TERM 2019**



**4th January
INSET DAY MARCH 18TH 2019**

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Welcome back to school in 2019! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year; and thank you for the many greeting cards and Christmas gifts we all received in school. It was most kind and thoughtful, and very much appreciated.

END OF AUTUMN TERM 2018

The school's Christmas Production of '**JOSEPH & THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT**' was considered '**the best ever**' with **£434.44** being raised by pupils for their chosen charities of 2018, '**Cancer Research**' and '**The Cats Protection League**' - and **£210** towards **school funds** in the selling of DVDs of the performances produced by Governor, Mr Middleton. Thank you everyone for your **amazing** support, especially Governor, Mr Middleton.

We thank **FAPs** members for their tremendous support, as always, during the Christmas festivities **and** throughout the Autumn term: for meeting all expenses in producing '**JOSEPH**', for organising the children's '**Lucky Dip**' after each matinee, the wonderful **presents from Father Christmas** at the children's Christmas Party, for organising another **amazing** '**Christmas Hamper Raffle**' **AND** for meeting all expenses associated with the school's '**POPPY ART EXHIBITION**' in the Village Hall back in October.

We thank pupils in **Y5&6** for organising their annual **Christmas Charity Bazaar** which raised an incredible **£252.71** for '**The Rainforest Foundation**' and '**The Dogs Trust**' and was hugely supported by everyone on the day.

The school is very fortunate to enjoy **amazing** voluntary support and assistance from all of its families, not only at Christmas but throughout the academic year. Mrs Radford, Mrs Fry and Mr Burgess in hearing pupils read weekly, Mr Marshall in maintaining Bumbles' garden and Mr

Preston and Mr Kilham in sorting and clearing the school's site to ensure continued compliance with H&S guidelines and regulations and, of course, Miss Gibson, in organising the wonderful **'VOICE OF CHRISTMAS'** concerts at St Andrew's Church in Steyning that we all love. A big **THANK YOU** to her and her **'VOICES'**: Susan Gilmar Bailey, Mark Dobell, Jonathan Gunthorpe and reader, John Tolputt for another **WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS** concert on 20th December.

EXCELLENT NEWS JUST RECEIVED FROM FAPS.....

£2,605.00

RAISED FROM THE ABOVE CHRISTMAS CONCERT!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL CONCERNED FOR THIS AMAZING SUM.

We also thank all who completed and returned their **'TERMLY EVALUATION FORMS'**, available on the last **'OPEN AFTERNOON'** of the **Autumn term**. Your **COMMENTS** are always shared with staff in school and with governors - usually at their full meeting at the beginning of the following term.

SPRING TERM 2019

School is very much looking forward to all of the many exciting things planned for pupils this term, to the return of classteacher, Mrs Sansbury and of temporary classteacher, Mr Malsbury.

TEACHING & LEARNING ARRANGEMENTS this term:

The school's overall responsibility for **FS/KS1** rests with **MRS POCKETT**, **Y3&4** + whole school **RE & ART** with **MRS SMITH**, **Y5&6** + whole school **PE/Games** with **MRS SANSBURY** and whole school **COMPUTING** with **MRS HEDLEY**. **MRS WILLIAMS** has overall responsibility for the **CURRICULUM** and **ASSESSMENT**.

As a result of the very positive feed-back school received from parents, pupils and staff on the teaching and learning arrangements for *part* mornings of Spring term 2018, the school is looking forward to retaining much the same for this Spring term.

FS&Y1 = MRS POCKETT

Y2&Y3 + *part* Y4 = MRS SMITH

***Part* Y4 + Y5 = MR MALSBURY & MRS SANSBURY**

Y5&6 = MRS SANSBURY

Y6 = MRS WILLIAMS

TA MISS KELSEY will be working alongside **MRS SMITH**, for the most part, in the mornings this term.

MRS HARWELL will be supporting the **ASHURST SPRING TERM MUSIC FESTIVAL 2019** and **CHANCTONBURY MUSIC FESTIVAL 2019**.

PE/GAMES PROGRAMME: SPECIALIST HORSHAM LEISURELINK TEACHER MRS JAGOTA will be supporting the school's weekly PE/Games programme, **SPECIALIST SWIMMING TEACHER MISS MILES** will be supporting the school's weekly SWIMMING programme and **SPECIALIST GYMNASTICS COACH MRS WADMAN** will be supporting the school's GYMNASTIC programme for all pupils this SPRING TERM.....all overseen by the school's PE/GAMES teacher, **MRS SANSBURY**.

FRENCH : With the resignation due to ill-health of **Mrs Scadding-Hunt** at the end of the Autumn term, KS2 class teachers will be responsible for teaching MFL FRENCH to their own classes at the start of the Spring term. We thank Mrs Scadding-Hunt for her outstanding contribution to French lessons at APS and wish her a full and speedy recovery - and maybe a return to APS before long, we hope so!

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS: TUESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY and THURSDAY 28TH FEBRUARY. The school does not normally have these formal opportunities in the Spring term but, because of the above arrangements, we thought these individual sessions later in the Spring term, would be a welcome opportunity to meet and discuss pupils' on-going progress with teachers.

- **TOPICS**

This term, pupils in **Y5 & Y6** are studying '**A GIANT LEAP FOR MANKIND**', pupils in **Y3 & Y4** are studying '**THE DAWN OF MAN (STONE AGE TO IRON AGE)**' and infant pupils are learning all about '**ROLLING ALONG**' and '**KINGS, QUEENS AND CASTLES**'.

Y5&6 VISIT TO THE PLANETARIUM, CHICHESTER is on **THURSDAY 7TH MARCH**. Letter home shortly.

- **Y6 and Y2 RESPECTIVE PARENTS end of KS SAT 2019 INFORMATION EVENING: WEDNESDAY 16TH JANUARY**

5.30-7.30. School understands invitations to respective parents were sent home before Christmas.

- **SAFEGUARDING, PUPIL WELFARE & WELL-BEING**

School has booked representatives from the NSPCC to visit the school on FRIDAY 1ST FEBRUARY to undertake a special *age-related* programme on 'Pupil Safety', including use of the internet, to all pupils across the school, and has booked representatives from the LA to meet with pupils and staff on the same this term.

- **'CITIZENSHIP' Y5**

The school's annual Y5 Citizenship Course in Horsham, including Safety & Well-Being, is booked for the second half of the Spring term with more details to respective families nearer the time.

- **'GOVERNORS IN SCHOOL' FOCUS:**

The school welcomes governors formally in school throughout this Spring term, observing and monitoring according to the *priorities* identified in the school's Improvement Plans 2018-2019 e.g Safeguarding, School Funding and School Performance, and against an additional school 'Action Plan' set in place in the Autumn term focussing on early phonological awareness and maths across the school, principally: proportion, fractions and ratio. Governors will be talking to pupils and staff, studying pupils' work and reporting back to the FGB on their findings.

- **'SHARING ASSEMBLIES'**

Annually, these are held for the parents of each class in the Spring term but, due to the above arrangements we look forward to inviting parents to respective 'SHARING ASSEMBLIES', based on topics this term, in the SUMMER TERM.

- **END OF HALF TERM 'OPEN AFTERNOONS' for ALL PARENTS are on FRIDAY 8TH FEBRUARY (due to parents' request to try an alternative to MONDAYS) and on MONDAY APRIL 1ST from 2.30pm - 4.00pm.**

- **HOMEWORK**

Y3-Y5 pupils will be undertaking their annual *extended* **HOMEWORK PROJECT**, starting before half term. Respective teachers will be writing to you with details and guidance. The **weekly KS2 'Homework Surgeries'**, offering on-going and individual support will be with: Mrs

Smith **TUESDAY** afternoons 3:30-3:45pm, **MRS SANSBURY** **FRIDAY** afternoons from 3.30-3:45pm and Mrs Williams at **ANY** convenient time to suit. Pupils in Y2 continue to have set *homework* this term, now organised by Mrs Pockett.

- **PUPILS' 'ANNUAL REVIEW'**

The 'Pupils' Voice' assemblies this term will feature, once again, an *Annual Review* of 'School Rules on Acceptable/Non-Acceptable Behaviour' and upper juniors reporting back to everyone on 'Pupils' Evaluations of Ashurst Primary in 2017-2018'.

- School has just heard from **SHOREHAM COLLEGE ...Y5&Y6 COOKERY DAYS** at Shoreham College, with a new teacher, are to resume in **JUNE 2019**. Good news! More nearer the time.
- **Y6 SWANAGE VISIT JUNE 2019:** Mrs Ixer will be sending a letter home to respective parents shortly. Meanwhile, thank you to all concerned for the deposits.
- The dates for the **ASHURST MUSIC FESTIVAL** and the '**CHANCTONBURY MUSIC FESTIVAL**' for **Y5&Y6** pupils at Steyning Grammar School are to be confirmed by **MRS HARWELL** very shortly.
- **BUMBLES' GARDEN PROJECT DAYS**
The school is looking forward to discussing ideas for the design and preparation of Bumbles' Garden for a rich and colourful Summer 2019.
- **PE & GAMES:**
PE & GAMES lessons in school, on the field and at Dalesdown Wednesdays and Thursdays this term, resume on **JANUARY 9th**.

Please keep an eye on the PARENTS' BULLETIN BOARD on the JUNIOR PLAYGROUND for YEAR GROUPS/TIMES AND DAYS. THANK YOU.

IN-SCHOOL TIME, Y6 'BIKEABILITY PROGRAMME' AT 'JOLESFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL' IS WEEK BEGINNING TUESDAY 19TH MARCH 2019. MORE DETAILS LATER.

- **SWIMMING LESSONS Y3-Y6 THIS TERM**

DATES & CLASSES for the first fortnight of the Spring term, were forwarded to those concerned before school closed for Christmas. The programme for all KS2 CLASS SWIMMING this term is attached. SWIMMING LESSONS at The Towers continue all through the SUMMER TERM this academic year. More next term!

JUST A REMINDER: Learning to SWIM is a statutory requirement of the National Curriculum and, in keeping with other schools within the Chanctonbury Group of Schools, those pupils not able to participate in swimming lessons will need a medical note.

- **TAG RUGBY:** the school will be entering a team of pupils from Y5&Y6 for this year's Annual **RUGBY TOURNAMENT** in Horsham, when the date is known.

- **CHESS & FOOTBALL CLUBS** - Chess Club resumes on Tuesday 15th JANUARY and Football Clubs on Thursday 17th JANUARY. For the other Spring term dates, please see the attached sheet. Horsham Leisurelink Coaches and MRS SANSBURY will be taking pupils for after-school Football.

Ashurst CHESS TEAM is due to play its remaining first round match against LANCING PREP. At the beginning of this term & SECOND ROUND COUNTY CHESS COMPETITION GAMES 2018-2019 thereafter, after the school's amazing 8:0 victory over COPTHORNE PREP. And COTTESMORE PREP. at the end of November.

- **ASHURST PARISH MAGAZINE SPRING 2019**

The school's contribution to the Spring edition of the Parish magazine will be produced by **pupils in Y6 again this term.**

- School is very much looking forward to meeting with **FATHER MARK shortly**, to discuss the programme for Collective Worship this term and Family Services at St James' Church, including Mothering Sunday and Easter.
- For dates of **FAMILY SERVICES at St JAMES' CHURCH** this term, including **Mothering Sunday**, please see the attached sheet.

We look forward to a busy and enjoyable Spring term and to hearing from you, via School Office this term, due to all school commitments, should you have any concerns/queries regarding your child's education and well-being in school.

Meanwhile, kind regards,

Mrs J. A Williams, Headteacher.

As always, should you be aware of anyone willing to support the school further, please do let us know.

ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS & CONTACT ARRANGEMENTS/SCHOOL CLOSURES

In the event of 'school closure' at the start of the day, members of the school staff will endeavour to contact all parents personally at home to inform them.

In the event of 'school closure', when children have already registered, members of the school staff will endeavour to contact all parents personally, to collect their children.

Children will not be allowed home with other parents/adults, unless the school has received personal notification/confirmation of this by the parent of the children concerned.

Please ensure that all details of your phone/contact numbers, held by the school, are up-to date. THANK YOU.

Broadcasts of school closures in our area can be heard on

BBC SUSSEX (based in Brighton)

**ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL
DATES FOR SPRING TERM 2019**

3rd January - 5th April

HALF TERM: 18th - 22nd February (inclusive)

INSET DAY 18th March 2019

Family Church Services

Family Church Service 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30 am.

Please see St. James' Church website for further information on service dates.

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

Family Church Service, St. James' Church Ashurst 10:30am	13th January
Y5 Wednesday Masterclass Groups SGS 4-5pm	tbc January
Y3-Y5 Homework Project	w/b 21st January
NSPCC 'Pupil Safety' Assemblies & Workshop	1st February
Full Governors Meeting 6:30 - 8:00pm	5th February
OPEN AFTERNOON 2:30 - 4:00pm	Friday 8th February
HALF TERM	
Parents' Consultation evenings 4-6pm	26th & 28th February
Y5/6 Visit to The Southdown's Planetarium	7th March
School's Mothering Sunday Church Service, St. James' Church 10:30am tbc	10th March
INSET DAY	18th March
'Bikeability', Jolesfield Primary School Y6 Pupils	19th - 22nd March
Full Governors Meeting 6:30 - 8:00pm	26th March
Headteachers' Diocesan Conference	29th March
OPEN AFTERNOON 2:30 - 4:00pm	1st April
Y5 Citizenship, Horsham Drill Hall	2nd April
Y6 Enactment of The Easter Story	tbc
Horsham Tag Rugby Tournament Team of Y5/Y6 (pm)	tbc

SWIMMING SPRING TERM 2019

Y5/Y6 pupils: PACKED LUNCH & MID MORNING SNACK REQUIRED

FRIDAY 18th JANUARY 2019

FRIDAY 25th JANUARY

FRIDAY 1st FEBRUARY

FRIDAY 15th MARCH

FRIDAY 29th MARCH

11:40 - 12:40pm all sessions

Y3/Y4 pupils: PACKED LUNCH & MID MORNING SNACK REQUIRED

FRIDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2019

FRIDAY 15th FEBRUARY

FRIDAY 1st MARCH

FRIDAY 8th MARCH

FRIDAY 22nd MARCH

11:40 - 12:40pm all sessions

GYMNASTICS SPRING TERM 2019

Henfield Leisure Centre

Sessions 1:30 - 2:30pm

Normal lunchtime arrangements apply

**Y3/Y4 pupils: WEDNESDAY 9th JANUARY
WEDNESDAY 23RD JANUARY**

**Y1/Y2 pupils: WEDNESDAY 30th JANUARY
WEDNESDAY 13th FEBRUARY**

**Y5/Y6 pupils: WEDNESDAY 27th FEBRUARY
WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH**

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Football Club (Y1 - Y2)

3:15 - 4:00pm

17th, 24th & 31st January

7th & 14th February

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March

Football Club (Y3 - Y6)

3:15 - 4:15pm

17th, 24th & 31st January

7th & 14th February

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March

Chess Club (Y3 - Y6)

3:30 - 4:15pm

**TUESDAYS15th & 22nd January,
12th, 19th, 26th March, 2nd April**

**WEDNESDAYS.....30th January
6th February, 6th March**

**ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL
DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR
2018 - 2019**

Spring Term 2019

3rd January - 5th April 2019

Half Term: 18th - 22nd February

Summer Term 2019

23rd April - 23rd July 2019

Half Term: 27th May - 31st May

INSET DAYS

Spring Term 2019

Monday 18th March

Summer Term 2019

Thursday 4th & Friday 5th July