



## ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP



### The Headteacher's Review of 2018-2019 & Preview of 2019-2020

The academic year 2018-2019 was pretty amazing, in all areas, especially from January 2019 with the return from Maternity Leave of senior member of staff, Mrs Sansbury and re-introduction to school of former Ashurst teacher, Mr Malsbury. The school continued with its *cross-phase teaching* of: YR/Y1, Y2/3, Y4/5 and Y6 which again proved very popular with all concerned, and productive in terms of standards, expectations and academic progress. The school continues to *cross phase* in such as whole school ART WEEKS like the POPPY EXHIBITION AT THE VILLAGE HALL in Autumn (in aid of the British Legion) and DAFFODIL EXHIBITION AT THE VILLAGE HALL in Spring (in aid of Maria Curie). More exciting things are planned for ARTS in 2019-2020 - for which, more details can be found later in the HT Preview of 2019-2020!

So much was enjoyed and celebrated by all associated with the school in 2018-2019, including the retention of the judgement by HMI Ofsted in spring term of outstanding in 'Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural', set against the highest levels of pupil performance and progress over time. All members of the school enjoyed the 'Performing & Creative Arts': the Nativity, Christingle and Pantomime, Music Festivals and the Easter Story enacted by Y6 at the end of March, Sport/Games & PE with participation in: Football, Tag Rugby, Swimming and Cricket (had not 'rain stopped play') **AND** in Chess, continuing in DIVISION ONE of the County Chess Competition throughout 2018-2019!

We thank all concerned for always acting in the best interests of pupils - including FAPs whose support throughout 2018-2019 was amazing once again.

During 2018-2019, the school community: governors, parents, pupils and staff, came together to enjoy many traditional activities and occasions including: the FAPS Family Barn Dance, Harvest Festival, Mothering Sunday, three annual September Sponsored Walks for pupils along the River Adur (singing and offering prayers for the bounty of the land and

seasons) and participation in the Ashurst Dog Show in September, once again.

There was the whole school performance of ' JOSEPH' at Christmas, class curriculum visits to places of interest: St Mary's House in Bramber and Wakehurst Place near Haywards Heath, the Y5 Residential Visit to SWANAGE in September 2018 and Y6 Residential Visit to SWANAGE in June 2019, seven Parent Consultation Mornings/Afternoons, six Open Afternoons, two Sharing Assemblies, two Leavers' Services. And, all of the above, feature in your 'favourite moments and events of 2018-2019, cited in your termly COMMENT FORMS and annual EVALUATION FORMS, along with the quality of the teaching and relationships in school - for which, a huge thank you.

The school's popular website reported happily on all of the above and was award a bronze, silver **and** gold for its accessibility, information and overall quality - for which, thank you Mrs Hedley!

The academic year saw the welcome return of the school's former teacher, part-time, Mrs Sansbury and also of Mr Malsbury, of Music/French teacher, part time Mrs Harwell - for the Christmas Play and both Chanctonbury and Ashurst Music Festivals - and sadly, at the end of July, the retirement of established class teacher of FS/KS1, Mrs Pockett.

Throughout the year, school received news of some of its former pupils: Jemima Coleman elected Head Girl at The Towers, a degree in Fine Arts for Phoebe Evans - Clarke, in Computer Sciences for Robert Loveless and in Music for Olivia Middleton, the Headteacher's Award for Helena van der Werff at Brighton College and Tom Meldrum and Archie Croft who travelled to The Gambia (home of Kotukala School and Headteacher) to study and learn from the people there.

The school was very fortunate to continue with the amazing support in reading of volunteers grandparents Mrs Fry and Mr Burgess and governors Mrs Timms, Mrs Jesse and Mrs Garnett - and looks forward to their continued support in 2019-2020.

The school was proud of the progress and performance of ALL pupils in school in 2018-2019, with some of the highest results ever achieved by individual and cohorts of Ashurst pupils in 2019, especially those subject to the government's formal statutory assessment at the end of Early

Years, Y1, Y2 and Y6 - mindful of the need to protect individual pupil confidentiality when reporting on such small cohorts of pupils as those at Ashurst.

At the end of 2019, all five of the Foundation Stage pupils achieved a 'Good Level of Development' in the seventeen DfE 'Early Learning Goals', a significant number of the ten Y1 pupils passed the government pass mark in Phonics and an equally significant number of the eight Y2 pupils achieved the nationally expected 'standard' in Reading/Comprehension and Mathematics at the end of KS1. In KS2, all nine of the Y6 pupils achieved the government standard in Reading Maths and Writing in the Y6 SAT tests in May 2019 ie RW&M = 100%. There is a statement on the school's website on Ashurst pupil performance in 2018-2019, as is statutorily required.

Again, the impact of the school's strong spiritual, moral and cultural ethos, the teachers' love and commitment to their respective pupils and the involvement of pupils in how to learn effectively and how best to improve, were significant factors in the success of all pupils and especially those in receipt of Pupil Premium (the school's ANNUAL STATEMENT on PUPIL PREMIUM can also be found on the Ashurst website).

Happily, according to the formal and informal responses of parents, pupils and friends, to ALL of the many school events and functions, 2018- 2019 was another successful and rewarding academic year!

### **2018-2019 - in more detail:**

A number of Ashurst pupils across the school attended Chanctonbury Schools' 'Enrichment Days' during the year. Y5 pupils attended after-school 'Masterclasses' in Maths and Technology at Steyning Grammar School and took part in the Horsham District 'Citizenship Challenge', both in the Spring term.

The parents of Reception pupils came in to school to observe lessons and discuss YR teaching and learning practices with the classteacher. The parents of Y2 and Y6 pupils, respectively, came in to school to learn more about the end of KS1 and KS2 SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests) and Y2 and Y6 parents came in to school in July to receive the results of their respective children.

Grandparents Mrs Fry and Mr Burgess (as mentioned before) and Governors Mrs Jesse, Mrs Timms and Mrs Garnett, supported pupils in school, mainly in reading.

Governors were in school throughout the year, especially in Autumn and Spring terms, formally monitoring various key elements of school practice and procedure, including Safeguarding, and we thank them for their hard work and contribution to the life of the school. Established Chair of Governors, Mrs Woods, retired and Vice -Chair Mr Allan was appointed her successor. Thanks and appreciation were given to Mrs Woods for her contribution to Ashurst CE Aided Primary over many years of service. Several governors took up active posts this academic year: Mrs Kilham, Mrs Fry, Mrs Garnett and Miss Morden. Mrs Cochran and Mr Middleton became Associate members alongside Mrs Jesse and Mr Shoosmith. Clerk to Governors, Mrs Baker, was once again thanked for her huge contribution to the Governing Body during the academic year.

The school's PE/Sport programme, on site and at Dalesdown with specialist coaching and teaching as appropriate, proved VERY popular and impacted hugely on the development of respective pupils' physical ability, agility and skill. Pupils enjoyed participating in a range of school and inter-school events, competitions and tournaments, including: Lancing College Football Tournament, Henfield Football Tournament, Amberley and Coldwaltham Schools' Football Tournaments, Horsham Tag Rugby Competition and would-have-been Lancing Cricket Tournament on 10<sup>th</sup> June (but rain stopped play!). There was gymnastics in Spring 2019 with support and expertise from Mrs Wadman and her daughter, Jade, swimming multi skills & athletics with support from Horsham Leisurelink and from classteacher, Mrs Sansbury upon her return and Ms Simpson with after school clubs in the absence of Mrs Sansbury in the autumn term. Former Ashurst teacher, Mr Malsbury, organised another highly successful Sports Day on yet another VERY HOT day in July - with an array of new medals, especially for chess this year.

The Ofsted Inspection in Spring 2019 praised the school's effective and creative deployment of its DfE Sports Grant and, as required by the DfE, a statement on the school's use of its PE/SPORTS GRANT can be found on the website.

Throughout 2018-2019, in accordance with respective School Improvement Plans (SIP), pupil progress in English and Maths was closely

monitored and evaluated. Members of staff continued to take part in the *moderating of pupils' independent writing*, with others from the Chanctonbury Group of Schools, to ensure consistency of judgements.

There were regular meetings of the network of Steyning & Chanctonbury School Headteachers, and of Subject Coordinators from individual schools. There was much 'Moderation of Pupils' Work across Schools', as mentioned previously, to discuss, agree and establish consistency of standards, levels of working and judgements, especially in 'Writing'.

There were regular meetings of the school's Full Governing Body and formal in-school 'Monitoring Visits' made by governors to monitor, evaluate and report on lessons and pupils' work, and to converse with staff and the Head thereby holding the leadership and management of the school *to account*. Monitoring included that undertaken by Governor, Mrs Finch, as part of governors' monitoring and reporting formally on the school's 'Safeguarding' procedures.

The Chanctonbury Schools' Governance Group (CNoS), of local Headteachers and their respective Chairs of Governors, resumed their meetings following the appointment of new Headteachers at Jolesfield and Henfield.

Visitors to the school were many and included: Local Authority Adviser Sue Whittle in the Autumn and Spring terms and Victoria Ludlow in the Summer term. Gill Bradnam, Advisor for the Diocese of Chichester carried out formal monitoring visits to school in Autumn and Spring and reported back once again to the governors. Diocesan Education Consultant Mandy Watson undertook the review of the HT PM 2017-2018 and objective/target-setting meeting for HT PM 2018-2019 (with the COG and the former Vice Chair, Mrs Cochran). The School Nurse, NSPCC representatives, Mrs Britton and volunteer/s, and new Rector Father Mark joined us in school on occasions during the year.

The school thanked Dalesdown, Horsham Leisurelink, The Towers' Convent, Shoreham College, Steyning Grammar School and Lancing College for their wonderful support throughout 2018-2019, which included, amongst other additional support, use of gyms, cookery and swimming facilities; and minibuses for transport to and from the same for such as school visits.

During the academic year, pupils planned and organised a number of different events (including wearing crazy hair) to raise funds for worthy causes, many of them of their own choosing: Christian Aid, the Diocese Family Support Programme (Leavers' Service, Lancing), Chestnut Tree Hospice, the Dogs Trust, Sussex Air Ambulance, Compassion, Cancer Research, BBC 'Children in Need', the Animal Sanctuary at Church Knowle, Dorset - with the continuing adoption of 'Neville' the school's black Portuguese Pot Belly Pig and three donkeys! - and, from 2017, continuing support for 'Chilpar', from India, and her amazing work in supporting others in her homeland.

The 'Pupils' Voice' (part of regular Sharing Assemblies) praised: the Christmas Party, Football, Rugby and Rounders, Chess Competitions, Cookery lessons, Sports Day and end-of-term pupils' own 'Talent Shows'!

The Pupils' Noticeboard, in the main corridor, featured, amongst other things in 2018-2019, various competitions, details of our adopted animals and LOTS of fund-raising ideas.

Parent/Carer Annual Evaluations (and Pupil Annual Evaluations too!) sang the praises of: school visits, SPONSORED WALKS, Open Afternoons, Sharing Assemblies, the Christmas Production, Music Festivals, Swanage Visit, Cookery, Sports Day, PE provision AND all of the many and various FAPS' events and functions, especially the Barn Dance in Autumn 2018.

The AMAZING support from the 'Friends of Ashurst Primary School' (FAPS) was VERY MUCH appreciated throughout 2018-2019 and included: art materials/resources especially for ART EXHIBITIONS in the VILLAGE HALL, new cricket wear and equipment, provision and engraving of Cups, Shields and Awards, Christmas presents from Santa to the children at their Christmas Party and costume material for the Christmas Production, strawberry teas on Sports Day and the essential 10% contribution towards the Aided status of the school building and premises.

We thank everyone for helping to contribute to 2018-2019 being another wonderful academic year for the school, not forgetting PROFESSIONAL SINGER (and parent), MISS GIBSON AND her SPECIAL CHORAL 'FRIENDS', FOR A TRULY WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2018!  
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## A PREVIEW of 2019-2020

The school is now **VERY** excited at all that is planned for 2019-2020:

- The induction to Ashurst of the school's new experienced **FS/KS1 teacher, MRS CLARKE.**
- The annual whole school **SPONSORED WALKS** in **SEPTEMBER.**
- The warm welcome from Father Mark at **ST JAMES' CHURCH, ASHURST** for the school's Family Sunday Services: **'EDUCATION'** in **SEPTEMBER.** **'HARVEST FESTIVAL'** in **OCTOBER,** **'MOTHERING SUNDAY'** in **MARCH** and **'PETS'** in **JULY.**
- The production by Y3&4 pupils of the school's own **'REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** in **NOVEMBER.**
- The whole school **CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION** in **DECEMBER.**
- The further development of the school's **WEBSITE** to include texting/updating respective parents/carers regarding changes to events/fixtures at short notice such as postponement due to bad weather.
- **CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERT** at **ST ANDREW'S CHURCH** in **DECEMBER.**
- The termly programmes of formal **'MONITORING VISITS BY GOVERNORS'**, matched to SIP 19/20 priorities - holding the school to account for *pupil progress, the curriculum, agreed policies, practices and standards.*
- The effective use of the school's **PE/SPORTS GRANT 2019-2020**, including specialist teaching sessions off-site for **all pupils in GYMNASTICS again!** **STATEMENT ON WEBSITE.**
- The further moderating of pupils' work in school and across schools to ensure consistency of standards and judgements.
- The effective use of any additional funding including **PUPIL PREMIUM**, to enable the school to continue teaching in relatively small classes across the school. **STATEMENT ON WEBSITE.**
- The continuation of daily **FREE SCHOOL MEALS** for all infant pupils
- The residential **Field Study Visits** to **SWANAGE** in 2019-2020, by **Y5&6** in **June 2020.**
- **PE & GAMES** on the school field and at **DALESDOWN**, and specialist-taught **SWIMMING LESSONS AT THE TOWERS' CONVENT**
- **COOKERY DAYS AT SHOREHAM COLLEGE** for pupils in **Y5&Y6**, this year with the new **HOME ECONOMICS** teacher, appointed last academic year in post.

- The Chanctonbury Locality Schools' programme of **ENRICHMENT DAYS for PUPILS**
- The teaching of Y6 pupils by Mrs Williams in their final year at Ashurst.
- **'ASHURST CE PRIMARY EXHIBITIONS OF PUPILS' ART' in ASHURST VILLAGE HALL 2019-2020!!**

## **STAFFING & TEACHING STRUCTURE 2019-2020**

### **SCHOOL MANAGEMENT:**

FS/KS1 Curriculum & Assessment: Mrs Clarke

KS2 Curriculum & Assessment: Mrs Smith FT + Mrs Sansbury part-time

School Business: Mrs Ixer

School Technology & Communication Systems: Mrs Hedley

### **AUTUMN TERM**

#### **FS & KEY STAGE ONE:**

Mrs Clarke: full-time

Horsham Leisure link PE/SPORT weekly

Mrs Hedley: Specialist Computing weekly Y2

TA Miss Kelsey

The Towers: Swimming Y1 & Y2 *blocked sessions*

#### **KEY STAGE TWO:**

##### **Y3&Y4:**

Mrs Smith: (full time including RE & ART)

Horsham Leisurelink: PE/Games weekly

Mrs Hedley: Specialist Computing weekly

The Towers: Swimming blocked sessions throughout the year

French weekly

Music weekly

##### **Y5&Y6:**

Mrs Sansbury part-time Monday, Thursday and Friday

Mr Malsbury part-time Tuesday and Wednesday mornings

Music weekly

French weekly

RE/ART Mrs Smith weekly

Specialist PE/SPORT weekly

Mrs Hedley: Specialist Computing weekly

The Towers: Swimming blocked sessions throughout the year.

PLUS

Mrs Hedley: School Office Admin. & Premises, E-Learning Manager

Mrs Ixer: Bursar & School Office Administrator

Mr Smith: specialist flute teacher.

Mrs Williams: Teaching plus induction of new teacher to the school.

**CLASS TOPICS** this year include:

**FS & KS1 CYCLE ONE**

**AUTUMN: 'FAMILY, FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS and 'FIRE & DRAGONS'**

**SPRING: 'IMPORTANT PEOPLE- FAMOUS FIRSTS and CHANGE DETECTIVES**

**SUMMER: 'UNDER AND OVER THE OCEAN and FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD**

**KS2 Y3 & Y4: CYCLE ONE**

**AUTUMN: 'THE MAYA CULTURE' Terrific Temples**

**SPRING: 'MAGNIFICENT METALS' The Iron Man**

**SUMMER: 'THE WILD WILDERNESS'**

**KS2 Y5 & Y6: CYCLE TWO**

**AUTUMN: 'ANCIENT GREECE' Clash of the Titans**

**SPRING: 'REACHING THE PEAKS' and 'REACHING OUR PEAK'**

**SUMMER: 'LOCAL WATCH'**

School visits are planned to support topic/project work, wherever possible.

More details and information on the school's **CURRICULUM FROM SEPTEMBER 2019** will be found, on-going, on the school's **website**.

A fourteenth '**Y5&Y6 MUSIC FESTIVAL**' for Chanctonbury Schools and '**WHOLE SCHOOL MUSIC FESTIVAL**' for Ashurst Primary and a tenth Chanctonbury Schools' '**Y2 MUSIC FESTIVAL**' are planned for **SPRING 2020** - hopefully **WITH MRS HARWELL, AND**, depending upon the willingness of the new Home Economics teacher at Shoreham College, the reinstatement of the **ASHURST MASTERCHEF/BAKE-OFF COMPETITION** in **SUMMER 2020!**

Due to pupil numbers and logistics, the school proposes that the **Residential Field Study** visit to **SWANAGE** returns to Y5&6 combined in **June 2020**.

**Teams** are set to represent the school in: the annual **Football Tournament (Y5&Y6)** in **October 2019**, the senior pupils **Tag Rugby Tournament** in **March 2020**, a **KS2 Girls Swimming Gala** at **The Towers** and **Girls Netball Tournament** at **the Towers** in **Spring 2020**, the senior pupils' **Cricket Competition** in **June 2020** and, of course, the **Annual County Chess Competition 2019-2020 - POSSIBLY IN DIVISION ONE AGAIN FOLLOWING THE AMAZING SUCCESS OF LAST YEAR'S TEAM**. Plus various other inter-school sporting events for **ALL** year groups, as we hear about them.

Pupils in the upper school will continue to produce the termly Newsletters for the '**Ashurst Parish Magazine**', the '**Annual Y6 Pupils' Report to Governors and Parents 2019-2020**' and to **meet with Governors at the FGB at the end of Summer term 2020**.

There are **after-school clubs** in: **Chess, Football, Rounders, Multi-Skills, Athletics and Cricket** planned throughout the year.

Ashurst parents and grandparents are to continue supporting in school weekly with reading in both **KS1 and KS2**.

The **NHS FRUIT & VEG SCHEME** is to continue throughout 2019-2020.

Respective senior pupils are to undertake the '**Y5 CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMME**' in **Horsham** and '**Y6 BIKEABILITY PROGRAMME**' in the **Spring term**.

Throughout 2019-2020, the school intends to continue monitoring pupil progress across the curriculum and especially in **Maths** (with special focus on '**Fractions**' and development of pupils' '**Reasoning**' skills) and **English** (with special focus on spelling and the development of writing skills particularly editing and proofreading). School will be working with all schools across the **Chanctonbury Locality** once again to share and disseminate effective practice.

Within the school's **LOCAL OFFER** on the website, there is information for parents and carers on the availability of support for **Locality Schools**.

and Chanctonbury families with child-care, breakfast and after-school clubs.

We look forward, as always, to working closely with parents to ensure a strong home-school *partnership* throughout 2019-2020.

**For those new to the school:**

- A copy of the Annual **Review & Preview** is sent home in September every year by pupil post, with Dates for the School Year - including **INSET DAYS** - and can be found on the school's website.
- **Home-School Partnership Newsletters** are sent home at the beginning of each half term (by email) and posted on the school's infant and junior notice boards **and on the school's website, together with copies of the current Review & Preview.**
- The school's website has a **Curriculum link** which is updated with pictures and information on what we have been doing and on what we plan to do.
- There are **Sharing Assemblies, Open Afternoons** and various school performances for **ALL** parents and friends to attend.
- There is a **HOMEWORK POLICY, established with parents and carers and still current** (also on the web site) with advice and guidance on how to support children out of school hours and **Homework surgeries held by teachers** available after/before school to respective parents and pupils.
- There are opportunities for new parents to come in to school to observe lessons and to discuss classroom practices.
- There are opportunities for all parents to come in to school formally, to discuss their child/children's progress with their respective classteachers.
- There are opportunities on formal school '**Comment Forms**' for all parents to provide feedback on school events and occasions.
- In the Autumn term, parents receive a '**Report on Parents' Annual Evaluation**' of the previous academic year.

The school's most recent Ofsted Report of JANUARY 2019 and Diocesan Inspection Report of APRIL 2018 are available on the school's website.

We trust that if parents have any questions/concerns relating to their children's education that they will contact the school immediately. There is an *open-door policy*, which means the school is always available to you.

As part of normal practice, the Headteacher is always on the playground **before** school starts everyday and teachers are always on the playground **at the end of school** each day, to discuss urgent matters/concerns and/or to share children's on-going work, as appropriate. All 'Newsletters to Parents' finish: 'Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns.'

**THIS AUTUMN** we have:

- **ST JAMES' FAMILY SERVICE on 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 'EDUCATION SUNDAY'**
- **FATHER MARK in school on a regular basis**
- **HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS at St James' Church on SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019**
- **Three 'SEPTEMBER SPONSORED WALKS' starting with Y5/6 on FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**
- **A WHOLE SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION IN THE VILLAGE HALL**
- **An INTRODUCTION TO FAPS for new parents - early in September.**
- **Y3&4 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE for pupils, staff and invited guests in school on 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER.**
- **'BBC CHILDREN IN NEED' £1.00 Non-Uniform Day FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**
- **WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION**
- **RECEPTION CLASS/INFANT NATIVITY**

As always, we look forward to working together to make this academic year another very happy, successful and rewarding one for all at Ashurst Primary.

**Mrs J A Williams, Headteacher. 1st September 2019**

**The '2018-2019 Annual Report to Parents and Governors by Y6 Pupils'**

can be found on the school's website, together with all Newsletters and 'Reviews'.

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