



**Ashurst CE Aided Primary School
Home-School Partnership - Newsletter
AUTUMN TERM 2018
4th September**



To be read in conjunction with

'THE HEADTEACHER'S PREVIEW OF 2018-2019'

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: Charlie, Ferdie, Florence, Philippa and Rex plus Y1 & Y3 pupils Henry and Annie, respectively.

We thank staff and all who have worked hard preparing school for the new academic year, including school cleaner Louise.

We thank those who have helped in BUMBLES' GARDEN during the summer, especially with watering in desperately dry conditions.

We hope all families enjoyed their summer vacations and are looking forward to all that is planned for 2018-2019, starting in September with the annual SPONSORED WALKS and the FAPS FAMILY BARN DANCE (FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER).

- **7th SEPTEMBER: Y5&6 SPONSORED WALK**
- **14th SEPTEMBER: Y3&4 SPONSORED WALK**
- **18th SEPTEMBER: FS, Y1 & Y2 SPONSORED WALK**

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

- **AUTUMN TERM TOPICS**

This term FS/KS1 are studying: 'OUR WONDERFUL WORLD' and 'BRIGHT LIGHTS & DARK NIGHTS', Y3 & Y4 are studying 'THE INDUS VALLEY' and Y5 & Y6 are studying 'INVADERS' - THE ANGLO SAXONS AND VIKINGS'.

- **Y5 & Y6 VISIT TO THE WEALD & DOWNLAND MUSEUM'**

As part of their topic work, pupils in Y5 & Y6 are to visit THE WEALD & DOWNLAND MUSEUM' on Friday, **OCTOBER 5th**.

- **Y5 & Y6 VISIT TO BRIGHTON & HOVE PROGRESSIVE SYNAGOGUE**

Y5 & Y6 pupils will also be visiting the **BRIGHTON & HOVE PROGRESSIVE SYNAGOGUE** on **TUESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER** as part of their RE studies.

Letters seeking permission and providing details of date, costs, transport etc, for the above trips will be sent home very shortly.

- **Y5 RESIDENTIAL VISITS TO SWANAGE 2018**

All Y5 pupils are set to undertake their week's Residential Visit to Swanage from 24-28th September 2018. The school looks forward to organising a final information/itinerary/clothing afternoon/evening for respective parents **VERY** shortly. **Y6 pupils Residential Visit to Swanage is confirmed as June 24th -28th 2019**. Both Visits are with Mrs Pockett and myself, at this stage.

- **HOMEWORK**

A paper copy of the school's **HOMEWORK POLICY** - still in effect from 2016 is to be sent home to **ALL FAMILIES** at the beginning of this term. There is also a copy on the school's website. 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 17th** and times of teachers' weekly 'Homework Surgeries', will be available from Ms Simpson and Mrs Smith, shortly.

- **PE/GAMES/GYMNASTICS/SWIMMING**

Weekly PE lessons for pupils in Y3&4 at Dalesdown/the school field, with specialist Horsham Leisurelink PE coach, Mr Denman, begin on **Wednesday 12th September**. PE lessons on the school field with Horsham Leisurelink PE coach, Mr Denman, begin on **Thursday 13th September** for Y5&6 pupils. Mr Denman will then stay on at school, and be joined by two more specialist representatives from Horsham Leisurelink, as part of the school's after-school PE/Sport programme throughout the academic year. **Starting this Autumn term**, school has organised **blocked swimming sessions for Infant pupils at The Towers, over lunchtime on Fridays, with specialist coaching, starting on Friday**

14th September with Y2 pupils. Packed lunches have been arranged with Easylunches. More news of **blocked Gymnastics/Dance sessions** over 2018-2019 may be found on the Parent/ Carer Noticeboard in the playground AND on the school's website, when organised.

- **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 a **PHONICS MORNING** for FS parents/carers from 9am - 10.15am in school with Mrs Pockett on **SEPTEMBER 20th**, a school '**OPEN MORNING**' this half term, on **4th OCTOBER**, for parents of FS pupils to observe and discuss FS/Early Years practices with classteacher, Mrs Pockett. There will be a third morning in school on **Thursday 1st November** to meet with Mrs Pockett to discuss and 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 17th OCTOBER** and **TUESDAY 30th OCTOBER** to report on individual pupil progress this term. A letter home with more details will be sent nearer the time.

- **SENIOR PUPILS LANCING FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT and FORTHCOMING 7-A-Side HENFIELD FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**

The school has entered **two teams** for the **LANCING TOURNAMENT** on **MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER** and looks forward to entering one/two teams for the annual competition held at St, Peter's Primary School, Henfield, when that fixture date is known. **Permission letters home this week to the teams for Monday 10th September.**

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **FAPS BARN DANCE FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER**
- **SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE AT ST JAMES' CHURCH SUNDAY 14TH OCTOBER**
- **POPPY PAINTING COMPETITION - please see HEADTEACHER'S ANNUAL REVIEW OF 17/18 and PREVIEW**

OF 18/19 for more details including of termly **WHOLE SCHOOL ART WEEKS** and **EXHIBITIONS**

- **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER, 14th NOVEMBER** FOR INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS
- **SCHOOL LIBRARY VAN VISIT** on 28th SEPTEMBER
- **FUND RAISING: £1.00 'BBC CHILDREN IN NEED' NON-UNIFORM DAY IS FRIDAY 16th 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**

We are all proud of our school, especially pupils, 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. And please may we tuck in our shirts at the start of each day.**

Many thanks for your support.

- **FOR SCHOOL UNIFORM & SWEATSHIRT ORDERS** please see the school's website for this information. Thank you.

FAPS

We hope **NEW PARENTS** will join us for the first **FULL FAPS MEETING** of 2018-2019 shortly, date to be advised.

- **INSET DAYS (School Closures)**

The school was closed yesterday for staff and governor specialist *joint training* and will be closed again on: **FRIDAY 2nd NOVEMBER**. For the

other dates of **School INSET 2018-2019**, 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 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 14th 2018** - with Y6 pupils having once again decorated the church porch especially for the occasion.

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 2018-2019!

Kindest regards,

Mrs J A Williams, Headteacher

Newsletters, Most Recent Ofsted Inspection Reports, Statements on the school's PE/SPORTS GRANT, PUPIL PREMIUM and LOCAL OFFER, 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

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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 2018

INSET DAYS: MONDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER
AND FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

HALF TERM: 22ND OCTOBER - 26TH OCTOBER

Family Church Services 2nd Sunday Please St Andrew's website

Meet the Friends of APS (FAPS) September	tba
Y5/6 Downslink Sponsored Walk Bramber to Shoreham	7 th September
Junior Team Football Match , Lancing College	10 th September
Y3/4 Downslink Sponsored Walk Bramber to Shoreham	14 th September
Homework resumes	w/b 17 th September
YR/1 & 2 Locality Walk	18 th September
Phonics Session YR Parents 9 - 10:15am	20th September
Y5 Swanage Residential Visit	24 th - 28 th September
FAPS Family Barn Dance, Priors Byne Farm	28 th September
Foundation Stage Parent Mornings 9-10:30am <i>Mrs Ixer to contact respective parents</i>	4 th October
Y5/6 Visit to the Weald & Downland Museum	5 th October
Full Governing Body Meeting 6.30pm	9 th October
Harvest Festival Family Church Service <i>(School uniform for pupils please)</i>	14 th October
Open Afternoon 2:30 - 4:00pm	15 th October
Parents Consultation Afternoon/Evening	17 th October

HALF TERM

Parents Consultation Afternoon/Evening	30 th October
YR Parents ELG Reporting <i>Mrs Ixer to contact respective parents</i>	1 st November
INSET DAY	2 nd November
Y5/6 Visit to Brighton & Hove Progressive Synagogue	6 th November
Y3/Y4 Remembrance Day Assembly for invited guests, in school	8 th November
Remembrance Day Church Service, St James' Church	11 th November
School Photographer	14 th November
BBC Children in Need - Non-school uniform Day	16 th November
Full Governing Body Meeting 7.30pm	27 th November
Christmas Production	Matinees 30 th November & 3 rd December Eves. 4 th & 5 th December
Open Afternoon & Y5/Y6 Christmas Fundraising	10 th December
Christmas Party	11 th December
Christmas Story Mrs Croft in school for pupils	12 th December
Reception Nativity Play - for all parents 9:15am	13 th December
Christingle Service - St. James' Church	16 th December
Y5/Y6 Cookery Day Shoreham College	tba
Swanage Afternoon/Evening	tba

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

Autumn Term 2018

3rd September - 19th December 2018

Half Term: 22nd October - 26th October 2018

Spring Term 2019

3rd January - 5th April 2019

Half Term: 18th February - 22nd February 2019

Summer Term 2019

23rd April - 23rd July 2019

Half Term: 28th - 31st May 2019

INSET DAYS

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Monday 3rd September
& Friday 2nd November

SPRING TERM 2019

Monday 18th March 2019

SUMMER TERM 2019

Thursday 4th & Friday 5th July 2019

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Football Club (Y1 - Y2)

3:15 - 4:00pm

20th & 27th September

4th & 18th October

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th November

Football Club (Y3 - Y6)

3:15 - 4:15pm

20th & 27th September

4th & 18th October

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th November

Chess Club (Y3 - Y6)

3:30 - 4:15pm

18th September

2nd, 9th & 16th October

6th, 13th, 20th & 27th November