



**Ashurst CE Aided Primary School
Home-School Partnership - Newsletter
AUTUMN TERM 2019
4th September**



To be read in conjunction with

'THE HEADTEACHER'S PREVIEW OF 2019-2020'

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: Kya, Octavia, Theo and Zachariah, and of new Y6 pupil Lucy. And a VERY special welcome to Ashurst CE Primary to new FS/KS1 teacher, Mrs Clarke.

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

We hope all families enjoyed their summer vacations and are looking forward to all that is planned for 2019-2020, starting in September with the annual SPONSORED WALKS.

- **13th SEPTEMBER: Y5&6 SPONSORED WALK**
- **20th SEPTEMBER: Y3&4 SPONSORED WALK**
- **17th 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: **'FAMILY, FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS'** and **'FIRE & DRAGONS'**, Y3 & Y4 are studying **'THE MAYA CULTURE'** and Y5 & Y6 are studying **'THE GREEKS'**.

- **Y5&6 RESIDENTIAL VISITS TO SWANAGE 2020**

Due to pupil numbers and logistics, school proposes returning to its former combined Y5&6 Residential Visit to Swanage in June 2020, about which, more details later this term.

- **HOMEWORK**

A paper copy of the school's **HOMEWORK POLICY** 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 16th** and times of teachers' weekly '**Homework Surgeries**', will be available from **Mrs Sansbury, Mrs Smith and Mrs Clarke** shortly.

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

Weekly PE lessons for pupils at **Dalesdown and/or on the school field**, with specialist **Horsham Leisurelink PE coach, Mrs Jagota** begin on **Wednesday 11th September**. Mrs Jagota will also be teaching specialist PE here on Thursday afternoons too, and will 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 again this Autumn term, school has organised **blocked swimming sessions for pupils at The Towers, on Fridays, with specialist coaching, starting on Friday 13th September with Y2 pupils**. Packed lunches have been arranged with **Easylunches**.

More news of **more blocked Gymnastics/Dance sessions** over 2019-2020 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 Clarke** on **SEPTEMBER 26th**, a school '**OPEN MORNING**' this half term, on **18th OCTOBER**, for parents of FS pupils to observe and discuss FS/Early Years practices with classteacher, **Mrs Clarke**. There will be a third morning in school on **Thursday 21st November** to meet with **Mrs Clarke** 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 **THURSDAY 17th OCTOBER** and **THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER** 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 a **team for the LANCING TOURNAMENT on MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER** and looks forward to entering a team 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 9th September.**

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER FAMILY 'EDUCATION SERVICE' AT ST JAMES' CHURCH 10.30 am**
- **SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE AT ST JAMES' CHURCH SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER**
- **SPECIAL WHOLE SCHOOL ART WEEK and EXHIBITION**
- **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER, FOR INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS tba**
- **FUND RAISING: £1.00 'BBC CHILDREN IN NEED' NON-UNIFORM DAY IS FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER**

CHESS & FOOTBALL DATES

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

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

- **SCHOOL 'EQUIPMENT'- including: COATS, READING WALLETS & PE BAGS & NEW/UPDATED PE KITS**

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 wear school shoes and 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 2019-2020 shortly, date to be advised.

- **INSET DAYS (School Closures)**

The school was closed on Monday and Tuesday of this week and will be closed again on: **FRIDAY 8th NOVEMBER**. For the other dates of **School INSET 2019-2020**, 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 13th 2019 - 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 2019-2020!

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

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 AND SCHOOL MUST BE UPDATED IMMEDIATELY IF, AS and WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES/ CONDITIONS CHANGE..** 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 & TUESDAY 4TH 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
Family Church Service, St.James' Church, 'Education Sunday' 10:30am	8 th September
Junior Team Football Match, Lancing College tbc	9 th September
Full Governing Body Meeting 6.00pm	12 th September
Y5/6 Downslink Sponsored Walk	13 th September
Homework resumes	w/b 16 th September
YR/1 & 2 Locality Walk	17 th September
Y3/4 Downslink Sponsored Walk	20 th September
Phonics Session YR Parents 9 - 10:15am	26 th September
Open Morning for Prospective Parents, Appt via School Office	11 th October
Harvest Festival Family Church Service (School uniform for pupils please)	13 th October
Foundation Stage Parent Morning 9-10:30am Mrs Ixer to contact respective parents	18 th October
Open Afternoon 2:30 - 4:00pm	21 st October
Full Governing Body Meeting 6:00pm	22 nd October

Parents Consultation Afternoon/Evening 24th October

HALF TERM

Parents Consultation Afternoon/Evening Y1-Y6 7th November

INSET DAY 8th November

Remembrance Day Church Service, St.James' Church 10:30am 10th November

Y3/Y4 Remembrance Day Assembly, in school for invited guests 14th November

BBC Children in Need - Non-school uniform Day 15th November

YR Parents ELG Reporting am 21st November
Mrs Ixer to contact respective parents

Open Morning for Prospective Parents. Appt via School Office 22nd November

Full Governing Body Meeting 6:00pm 26th November

Christmas Production Matinee 29th November
, Performances the week of December 2nd dates tbc

Family Church Service, St.James' Church 10:30am 8th December

Christmas Party 10th December

Reception Nativity Play - for all parents 9:15am 12th December

Christingle Service tbc

Open Afternoon & Y5/Y6 Christmas Fundraising 16th December

School Photographer tbc

Y5/Y6 Cookery Day Shoreham College tbc

ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019 - 2020

Autumn Term 2019

1st September - 20th December 2019

Half Term: 28th October - 1st November 2019

Spring Term 2020

6th January - 3rd April 2020

Half Term: 17th February - 21st February 2020

Summer Term 2020

20th April - 20th July 2020

Half Term: 25th - 29th May 2020

INSET DAYS

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September
Friday 8th November

SUMMER TERM 2020

Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd July 2020

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Football Club (Y1 - Y2)

3:15 - 4:00pm

19th & 26th September

3rd, 10th & 17th October

14th, 21st, & 28th November

Football Club (Y3 - Y6)

3:15 - 4:15pm

19th & 26th September

3rd, 10th & 17th October

14th, 21st, & 28th November

Chess Club (Y3 - Y6)

3:30 - 4:15pm

17th & 24th September

1st, 8th & 15th October

5th, 12th, 19th November

SWIMMING AUTUMN TERM 2019

Y2 pupils: **PACKED LUNCH SUPPLIED BY EASYLUNCH**

Fridays 13th, 20th & 27th September
& 4th October

1 - 2pm all sessions

Y1 Pupils: **PACKED LUNCH SUPPLIED BY EASYLUNCH**

Fridays 11th, 18th & 25th October

1 -2pm all sessions

Y3 Pupils: **PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED**

Fridays 15th, & 22nd November

Friday 6th December

1 -2pm all sessions