



Ashley Junior School

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Bulletin 6 Friday 11th October 2024



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...2024/25

NEW EVENTS / PTA EVENTS / FUNDRAISING EVENTS



Autumn Term 1

15th October

Harvest Festival 'School' Performance 9.10am
(Y4 Robin. Parents only invited)

16th October

Harvest Festival Assembly 9.10am
(Y4 Skylark & Kingfisher parents invited)

16th October

Winchester Science trip - Robin Class

17th October

Height and Weight Measurement Year 6

18th October

WEAR RED DAY—Stand Up to Racism

23rd October

Open Morning for Year 2 Parents 9-10:00am

PTA Meeting 5.30—6.00pm

28th October —1st November

Half Term

Autumn Term 2

4th November

Inset Day—School Closed to children

5th November

Open Morning for Year 2 Parents 9.00 -10:00am

5th November

Year 3 'Light Show ' & Science Day : Science Dome@AJS

7th November

9.00am PTA Cake & Coffee Morning, in aid of OAK HAVEN: CASH DONATIONS ONLY

11th November

Remembrance Assembly (Y6 parents), approx.10.30am

11th—15th November

Anti-Bullying week

15th November

Children in Need (details to follow)

23rd November

Xmas Stall @ New Milton's Christmas Festival & Parade

29th November

SPARKLE & SHINE day& Xmas Raffle donations

10th December

Lower School Poetry Performance Festival 2-3pm

12th December

Upper School Poetry Performance Festival 2-3pm

18th December

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

20th December

Last day of term—school closes 1.30pm

23rd December—3rd January

Christmas Holiday

Spring Term 1—2025

15th,16th &17th January

Bikeability—Y6

30th January

Winter Disco—TBC

10th & 13th February

Parent Consultations, Hall, 3.40—6.00pm

MONDAY 3rd March

AJS World Book Day (Please note date is different to National WBD celebration)



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Letters home link:

Do remember all letters home are available on our school website:

<https://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=Letters+Home&pid=71>

Year 6 UPDATE:

What a busy few weeks our Year 6 children have had!

Last week's Science event at The Arnewood School was a great...team work & investigations were the order of the day!

&

The trip to The Mayflower in Southampton, to watch War Horse, was brilliant. What a wonderful stage show of such a beautiful story.

Year 6 were fantastic ambassadors for our school at both events—thank you, children!



REMINDER FOR Y6 PARENTS

Don't forget that the Secondary School application deadline is Thursday 31st October!

Harvest festival 2024



Year 4 parents from Skylark and Kingfisher classes are welcome to join us in our Harvest assembly 9:15am - 9:30am on Wednesday 16th October.

To help us organise the seating arrangements, please complete the e-form as soon as possible

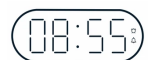
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Thank you for all of the kind donations for Harvest Festival. If you still wish to donate, we will be able to receive items up until Wednesday 16th October, and then we will deliver them to New Forest Basic Bank, Lyminster.

ARRIVE ON TIME!

Our school gates are opened between 8.45—8.55am, and then they close.

Look out for **TOKEN TIME** next week, and be **READY** to pick up your token!





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Thank you to the parents who attended the first **Parent Carer Network Meeting last Tuesday.**

We hope you found it useful and are really grateful to you for taking the time to share your thoughts and experiences. A number of very valid points were raised and we have started to think about the best ways to address these.

Communication

1. Some parents weren't sure of the best place to get to support if they were concerned about a learning or social issue with their child.

In the first instance, this should be raised with the teacher.

- This can be done by emailing the admin office at any time (adminoffice@ajs.hants.sch.uk) either with the details or with a request that the teacher call you – they will aim to reply within 5 working days.
- By speaking to your child's teacher on the playground at the end of the day. They will be happy to talk or arrange a time to call you or meet with you.
- By talking to a member of the senior leadership team on the gate at the start of the day. They will pass your concern to the class teacher, who will then get in touch with you if appropriate.

2. Some parents felt that school did not communicate with them regarding their child.

We are always happy to talk to you about your child's progress or any concerns you have. Initial meetings in year groups at the start of every year give an opportunity for you to 'put a face to a name' and to meet your child's teacher.

There are three further formal meeting opportunities to discuss your child's progress throughout the year in the parent consultation meetings. You will also receive a written progress check and an end of year report.

In addition, we use 'Marvellous Me' to let you know the great things your children are doing in class.

In school, we meet regularly as teams to discuss all children's learning and to look at the support given to individuals and groups to help them make good progress. As mentioned above, if you have any concerns about your child, we want to hear from you so we can help.

3. Some parents felt the number of emails was overwhelming.

Email is our main form of communication, regarding whole school issues, and the newsletter contains the key information and dates we need you to know.

We receive a large number of circulars from Hampshire with various offers, which we are aware may not interest every parent. We used to add these to the newsletter, but that made it too long so we have been sending these on a Friday marked as 'third party comms'.

After listening to parents, we will be purchasing a notice board to display these instead of emailing third party adverts etc. Once up, please do 'keep an eye' on the board, in case there is something of interest.

Some parents felt there were not enough reminders of key events such as year group meetings or parent consultations.

All key events are detailed in the weekly newsletter in the 'key dates' section. Any new dates are printed in red. In addition, we will use the new notice board, when it arrives, to highlight the key dates for the week ahead. In a 'this week/ next week' format. We will also add any reminders to return forms etc.

Support for social, emotional and mental health needs in school

Some parents were unsure of the support available if their child has Social, emotional, mental health (SEMH) needs.

At Ashley Junior School, we have a number of provisions to support children who find the social aspect of school challenging.

These include:

Meet and greets at the door to support anxious pupils in coming into school.

Lunch and breaktime supervision by the regular classroom teaching assistants who know the children well and can look out for children who need support in playing and socialising.

A 'quiet lunch' provision for those children for whom the dinner hall presents a sensory overload.

Teacher involvement – supporting pupils through setting up buddies and friendship groups to support a child who may need support making friends.

Nurture – a more formal intervention, where the child attends a number of sessions out of class in a small group, focussing on supporting their emotional and social needs.

ELSA – Emotional Literacy Support - this is usually a one-to-one provision, for a period of 6 weeks, where a child is given time to work on particular SEMH needs and talk over any concerns or anxieties they may have.

In some cases, the child's need is recognised as requiring outside help. We can apply for an Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP) to further support them and ensure that provision follows them throughout their educational career. This process can take several months and involves an Education Psychologist assessment.

If you feel your child has needs in this area that require additional support, you can contact the class teacher in the first instance. You can also speak to Mrs Cheesman, our Mental Health Lead and Home-School Link, or Mrs Harling, our Special Educational Needs coordinator (SENDSCO).

Pen licences

Some parents felt the pen licence was not helpful and that their child felt it was unachievable and therefore not an incentive.

It was agreed that the current system of 'pen licences' was not working and that going forward children would be encouraged to write in pen starting from Year 3. A new 'handwriting certificate' would be introduced to recognise children who had made particular effort to improve their handwriting. Neat, joined handwriting is a requirement of the expected standard in writing by the end of Year 6.

Again, we are very grateful to the parents who were able to support us at this first meeting.





CELEBRATING  YEARS OF WEAR RED DAY

#WRD24

**CHANGE
HEARTS
CHANGE
MINDS
CHANGE
LIVES**

FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER 2024

WEAR RED DAY 2024

'**Show Racism the Red Card**' will be celebrating the 10th Anniversary of **Wear Red Day** on Friday, 18th October 2024.

At AJS, we ask that every child shows their support of this special day, by wearing something **RED** to school, as part of this **non-uniform day**.

We will also be marking the day by taking part in different activities.

'As a supporter, you are showing your true, brave colours. As part of the team, you make us stronger.

Every heart and every mind that we change, changes at least one life, but has the capacity to change hundreds, if not thousands of others.

*Be a proud anti-racist. Be the difference. Join us. Wear **Red**.'*

Let's join together, AJS, to **SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD**.

CHILDREN NEED TO WEAR A COAT EVERYDAY!

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**PLEASE ENSURE THAT
YOUR CHILD HAS A
NAMED, WATERPROOF
COAT TO WEAR TO,
DURING AND FROM
SCHOOL, EVERYDAY.**

THANK YOU!

IMPORTANT UNIFORM POLICY REMINDER:

Wristwatches can be worn to school,
but children do so at their own risk.

Please note, **no SMART watches(including 'Fit Bit' styles) should be worn in school**; any brought in should be handed to the class teacher for safe-keeping during the school day.

The school accepts no responsibility for any damages or loss.



ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER-OCTOBER

Please click on the link below to see this month's online safety newsletter, with **very** useful guidance:



<https://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety+Newsletters&pid=67>



MOVE OVER, THE GREAT BRITISH BAKE OFF!

Our Year 3s had a great time this week with their 'ROCKIE ROAD' instruction work!

We think that their team work and creativity deserved a 'Paul Hollywood Handshake'!



All schools are required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.

If your child is absent and you haven't received advance permission from Mrs Bartolomeo to take your child out of AJS, the school and Hampshire County Council may take action.

These measures can include:

- ⇒ **Issuing a fixed penalty notice***, otherwise known as a 'fine' – the Local Authority, Hampshire County Council, can give each parent a fine;
- ⇒ From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be **£80 if paid within 21 days**, or **£160 if paid within 28 days**. This rate is in line with inflation and is the first increase since 2012;
- ⇒ **If you do not pay the fine after 28 days you may be prosecuted by the Local Authority for your child's absence from AJS;**
- ⇒ In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160;
- ⇒ Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered by HCC.



***Please note that fixed penalty notices can be issued to AJS parents in these circumstances:**

- **Holiday taken during term time; we cannot make any allowances for the comparative high cost of travel during school holiday weeks themselves**
- **Children who are persistently late for school**
- **Children who are persistently late after registration closes.**

Please note: If your child misses school due to medical or dental appointments, please provide evidence of the appointment to the school office team for our records– thank you.



PTA SMARTIES CHALLENGE 2024

...one week left!

We have challenged the children to save and fill the tube with as many 20 pence coins as you can over the past few weeks.

This is a group class competition; the winning class that raises the most money will receive a bundle of new wet play craft activities for their class!

We ask that you fill-up and secure the tops of the tubes,

returning them to school by

Monday 21st October.

STAR READER

Wren

Ria

Kestrel

Jasmine

Kingfisher

Seby

Skylark

Oscar

Barn Owl

Izzy

Eagle

Adina

Osprey

Iris

Merlin

Sienna

Robin

Noah



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Wren

Isabelle

Kestrel

Dexter

Kingfisher

Priya

Skylark

Hunter

Barn Owl

Zack

Eagle

Ethan

Osprey

Munana

Merlin

Leo

Robin

-



HIGH FLYER



Wren

Harrison

Kestrel

Evelyn

Kingfisher

Jakes

Skylark

Ellie

Barn Owl

Lissy

Eagle

Luca

Osprey

Pearl

Merlin

Layla

Robin

Otis