



Ashley Junior School

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Bulletin 7— Friday 20th October 2023



Letters home link

Do remember all letters home are available on our new Website:

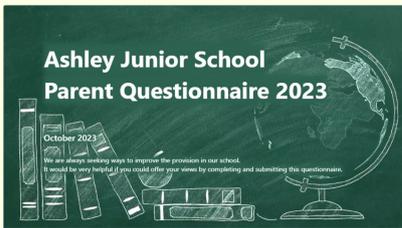
Whole School
Arbor invite

<https://www.ashleyjunior.school.co.uk/page/?ti-tle=Letters+Home&pid=71>

Thanks goes to the fantastic Year 4 team, children and staff, for creating, rehearsing and performing a wonderful celebration of Harvest at AJ.S. How will we ever be able to forget 'I want to grow beans!' to that classic Queen track!



Thank you also to all of the AJ.S community for donating to our collection for New Forest Basics. We will be delivering all of the harvest contributions to the charity next week.



We would really appreciate it if parents could complete this term's 'Parent questionnaire'.

Click on the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/bWYWZ3PELz>

Survey closes 9am, Monday 30th October - THANK YOU!



ARRIVE ON TIME!

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



Ideas & feedback welcome - Parent Workshops @ AJ.S

AJS would like to organise some parent workshops. Your response will help us understand how we can support you and your children at AJ.S.

Please click the link to the survey : <https://forms.office.com/e/Een5fiLV4c>



Click below for free Mental Health Resources For Parents :



[Child Mental Health & Wellbeing - 10 Top Tips for Parents](#)

[Parents' Mental Health & Wellbeing - 10 Top Tips for Parents](#)



COMMUNICATION NEWS!



Parents will have received login details for the **AJS Arbor Parent Portal**.

Arbor is our school database, which holds all of your child's key data.

This information includes your address and contact details.

Arbor can be accessed either through a web browser or an app on your phone. The app also allows you to confirm the contact details we have on file for you.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO THE AJS ARBOR PARENT PORTAL TODAY!

PARKING ISSUES: We have been made aware that some of our parents have been parking in very unsafe ways in Normans Way at school pick-up time. Please do not park up on the pavement or in between any cones placed there.



Our families should be able to walk safely on the Normans Way pavement without it being blocked. In addition, families using prams and buggies, and members of our community who use mobility scooters and wheelchairs, should be able to use clear pavements at all times.

If you wish to complain about unsafe and inconsiderate parking, please contact Hampshire County Council directly, as the school has no direct control over the highway: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/parking/parking-contravention>.

Thank you for your help with this.



Year 3 Explorer Dome

Year 3 Explorer Dome Light Show and Science day is taking place on 29th November.

If you have not already done so, contributions can be made via your child's online account www.scopay.com or at the school office.

Deadline date for money to be paid is Wednesday 1st November.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Remember!



AJS
Autumn Science Challenge



You could present your findings using a ...

- Poster
- Information text
- Story
- Drawing
- Photo
- Slides presentation
- Minecraft
- A short talk to present to your class

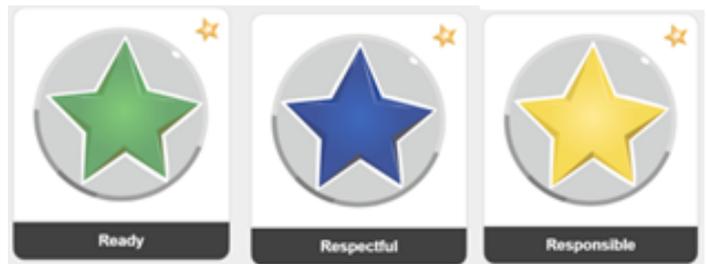
...it's entirely up to you!

Give your entries to your teacher, or Mrs Harvey,
in the week beginning Monday, November 13th.



MarvellousMe Badges

Recognising positive behaviours and awards



170 (66%) of AJS parents have signed up to our MarvellousMe!

Please make sure that you have downloaded the app, so you can see the praise for your children!

Marvellous Me now also has links to our new website, the school calendar and newsletters...SIGN UP TODAY! DON'T MISS OUT!



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Ashley Family Hub

Dear families,

Ashley Infant School is delighted to re-launch the Ashley Family Hub from Tuesday 3rd October. Our new & improved Hub is focused on providing a fun and inclusive session aimed at babies, toddlers & pre-schoolers and their families. Each week there will be FREE craft, toys, a visiting interactive session (Rhyme time, movement and dance, Jiggy Wrigglers) and refreshments.

The Hub is fully inclusive and welcomes all children from the local area to our friendly and fun sessions.

The Hub is run by our fabulous volunteers who have a wealth of experience to support families and signpost them to local events and family centred support. We are proud to be chosen as this year's Mayor's Charity.

We'd love you to come along with your little ones (ages 0-5) and bring your friends, every Tuesday at Ashley Baptist Church, BH25 5AA from 10.30 – 12pm during term time.

This term at the Hub:



Rhyme Time - 3rd October, 7th November, 5th December



Sing and Move with Candice - 10th October, 21st November



Dancing with Michelle from NM Academy of Dance - 17th October, 14th November



Jiggy Wrigglers - 31st October, 28th November, 12th December



PTA



Doughnut sale Friday!



Get yourselves a treat from

3:30pm - 4:00pm on

Friday 3rd November

Location - outside the school office.

50 pence per Doughnut.

(Cash only event)

STAR READER

Wren
Ellie

Kestrel
Emma

Kingfisher
Madison

Skylark
Kieran

Barn Owl
Eilidh

Eagle
Yasmine

Hawk
Lily

Osprey
Evie

Merlin
Steven

Robin
Aria



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Wren
Jake

Kestrel
-

Kingfisher
Kaitlin

Skylark
Molly

Barn Owl
Ruby

Eagle
Carter

Hawk
Isla

Osprey
Aliou

Merlin
Casey

Robin
-



HIGH FLYER



Wren
Mackenzie

Kestrel
Lloyd

Kingfisher
Darcy

Skylark
Phoebe

Barn Owl
Eilidh

Eagle
Iris

Hawk
Sarah

Osprey
Ki

Merlin
Laila

Robin
Tom

TOP DOODLERS

Wren
Maths Robin
Spelling Arya
Kestrel
Maths Ralph
Spelling Morgan
Kingfisher
Maths Iris
Spelling Elwood
Skylark
Maths Theadora
Spelling Alexeena
Barn Owl
Maths Levi
Spelling Alice
Eagle
Maths Yasmine
Spelling Finley
Hawk
Maths Violet
Spelling Casey
Osprey
Maths Emilia
Spelling Daniel
Merlin
Maths Alfie
Spelling Joey
Robin
Maths Alfie
Spelling Ayaan





Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



Attendance Matters



Families can take various steps to support pupils' attendance, so that every child is READY for school:

- create opportunities, after school, for children to talk about their time at school
- staying up to date with all communications from school
- avoiding school absences where possible – for example, by arranging GP and dental appointments outside of school hours
- building consistent bedtime routines – sleeping well, for the right length of time, helps improve energy levels, mood and concentration
- establishing good morning routines at home to help children arrive at school on time, having had a good breakfast and ready to start the day

Attendance Figures



Did you know? 90% attendance may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss 19 days of the school year ...which is nearly 4 weeks!

97% and above - Less than 6 days absence in a school year. Pupils with this attendance should achieve the best possible outcomes.

96% - 8 days absence in a school year. "Good attendance". Pupil with this attendance are more likely to achieve their targets.

92% - 15 days absence in a school year. Pupils with this attendance are missing 3 weeks of school per year; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best. AJS may ask for medical proof to authorise absences.

90% - 19 days absence over the school year. Pupils with this attendance are missing approximately a month (19 days) of school per year and may fall behind academically and socially. With this level of attendance, the Department for Education consider children to be a 'Persistent Absentee'. Parents will receive letters about attendance and be asked for a meeting to discuss attendance.

85% - 29 days of absence in a school year. These pupils are missing approximately 6 weeks of school a year. It will be very difficult for them to keep up and achieve their best and build relationships in school.

80% - 75% - Pupils with this attendance are missing a day for every week of school! It will be almost impossible to keep up with their work. Parents of pupils with this level of attendance will be made known to the Hampshire local authority Attendance Team and also may face legal action if there is no medical or other authorised reason for their child's absence.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY..... *NEW EVENTS IN RED*

23rd—27th October

30th October

10th November

1st November

3rd November

13th—17th November

17th November

20th—24th November

22nd November

29th November

1st December

5th December

7th December

12th December

13th December

13th December

15th December

15th December

Half Term

Inset Day - School closed to all children

Remembrance Assembly

(Year 6 Parents invited)

PTA meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Parents welcome

PTA Doughnut Friday

Anti-bullying week

Children In Need—SPOTacular—wear something spotty for a donation

Maths week

Flu immunisation (pupils)

Year 3 Onsite event—Explorer Dome

PTA Sparkle and Shine Day

- donate raffle prize

Poetry performance

Lower School 2-2.45pm

Year 3&4 parents invited

(details to follow)

Poetry performance—Upper school 2—2.45pm

Year 5&6 parents invited(details to follow)

Whole School visit to Ashley Baptist Church (children only)

Christmas lunch & Christmas Jumper day

PTA—Movie Night

Sing-a-long and Carols (children only)

School finishes 1:30pm