



# Ashley Junior School

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Bulletin 2— Friday 15th September 2023



## Letters/email/text home this week...

Do remember all letters home are available on our website

### Whole School

South Coast sports academy  
Parent Teacher consultations

### Year 3

Explorer Dome  
Letter

### Year 6

Arnewood letter  
National Height & Weight measuring programme  
WW1 onsite workshop

[http://  
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iorschool.co.uk/  
letters/](http://ashleyjun-<br/>iorschool.co.uk/<br/>letters/)

## WE ARE NOW A 'MARVELLOUS ME' SCHOOL!



Look out for letters next week about how to download the free app to your phones. Teachers will be sending MarvellousMe badges to praise your children for progress and success, and to reinforce our school values of being :



*MarvellousMe pings you the good news, inspiring you to say 'Well done' to your child after school!*



## POLITE REMINDER - COMMUNICATION

Please could all parents note that if you have a concern about your own child, or an issue about which you would like clarification, it is advisable to speak with the class teacher directly, either at school pick-up time or at an appointment made via our school office team.



It is not appropriate to discuss concerns using social media or group chat forums; in particular, it is never appropriate to name other people's children, or to name staff, on such platforms.

Thank you for your understanding and help with this matter.

## AJS Attendance this week... 96.7%



08:55

## ARRIVE ON TIME!

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

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



## PARENT WELCOME MEETINGS

It was great to see so many of you at the year group Parent Welcome Meetings this week.

Please find copies of the presentations on the 'class pages' of our website next week, so that you can check the details shared.



# SAMBA CLUB



We have our very own AJS SAMBA (percussion) CLUB!

Led by the fantastic Mr Thew, it will take place on  
Thursdays 3:30pm - 4:30pm in our Music Room.

*This term's club fees are **£32.50**,  
for all sessions from 21.9.2023 - 30.11.2023.*

Please email the school office if your child would like a place in the club.

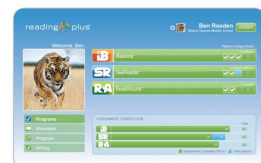


New video resources

reading plus

Watch this five-minute video all about Reading Plus:

[www.readingsolutionsuk.co.uk/resource/information-for-parents-carers-an-introduction-to-reading-plus/](http://www.readingsolutionsuk.co.uk/resource/information-for-parents-carers-an-introduction-to-reading-plus/)



What is Reading Plus? How does the programme work? How can parents best support their child?

**SCHOOL DINNER PAYMENTS:** School dinners can be paid for via your child's online account or through the school office. Please ensure that your child's account has sufficient funds to pay for any meals booked.



WE ARE UNABLE TO OFFER CREDIT ON YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT.

**Osmington Bay reminder:** Year 5 families who have signed up to pay for their Eagle/Barn Owl child to attend the residential Osmington Bay MUST keep to the payment schedule, Your child's place on the residential is at risk if sufficient payments are not made. Thank you for your understanding.

## School Photographs

The children's school photograph proofs were sent home on Thursday this week.

Orders need to be placed by **Tuesday 26th September**...perfect for an early Christmas present purchase!

<https://orderphotos.co.uk/welcome>



## **'LOCKDOWN':**

Next week, we will be practising our school's 'Lockdown' procedures, so that the children and staff know what to do in the **highly unlikely event** of a near-by chemical spillage /serious weather conditions or attempted access by unauthorised persons, or proximity of dangerous dogs.

All schools have a duty of care to practise this procedure, just as we do for practising our Fire Evacuation. We are sure that the children will remain calm, quiet and sensible—thank you in advance, children.



## **BREAK TIME SNACKS**

At AJS, mid-morning break time snacks should only be fresh or dried fruit/vegetables.

Children can eat other types of food/snacks at lunchtime, as part of their packed lunch or hot school meal.

## STAR READER

Wren

Kestrel

Kingfisher  
Milo

Skylark  
Kieran

Barn Owl  
Freddy

Eagle  
Tia

Hawk  
Lily

Osprey  
Bonnie

Merlin  
Steven

Robin  
Damon



## TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Wren

Kestrel

Kingfisher  
Kaitlin & Iris

Skylark  
Oliver

Barn Owl  
-

Eagle  
-

Hawk  
Alex

Osprey  
-

Merlin  
Lois

Robin  
-



## HIGH FLYER



Wren

Dylan

Kestrel

Luke

Kingfisher  
Amber

Skylark  
Aoife

Barn Owl  
Jewel

Eagle  
Tia

Hawk  
Lily

Osprey  
Evie

Merlin  
Esme

Robin  
Alfie

## TOP DOODLERS

Wren

Maths

Spelling

Kestrel

Maths

Spelling

Kingfisher

Maths Kaitlin

Spelling Iris

Skylark

Maths Phoebe

Spelling Theadora

Barn Owl

Maths -

Spelling -

Eagle

Maths -

Spelling -

Hawk

Maths Dhiya

Spelling Zachary

Osprey

Maths Harrison

Spelling Aliou

Merlin

Maths Jack

Spelling Steven

Robin

Maths Harry

Spelling Daniel





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*

15th September

Year 3 FUN FRIDAY EVENING EVENT!

6:00pm -**8:45pm**

25th & 26th September

Parent Consultations 3:40pm—6:00pm

Located In the school hall

28th September

Year 6 'War Workshop' - Onsite visit

**2nd October**

**Wren - Class Parent Consultation**

19th October

Harvest Festival Whole School Assembly 9.15am  
(Year 4 Parents Welcome)

**23rd—27th October**

**Half Term**

**30th October**

**Inset Day - School closed to all children**

10th November

Remembrance Assembly (Year 6 Parents invited)

**1st November**

**PTA meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm parents welcome**

**3rd November**

**PTA Doughnut Friday**

**(more details to follow)**

13th—17th November

Anti-bullying week

17th November

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

20th—24th November

Maths week

22nd November

Flu immunisation (pupils)

29th November

Year 3 Onsite event—Explorer Dome

1st December

PTA Sparkle and Shine Day - donate raffle prizes!  
(More details to follow)

5th December

Poetry performance—Lower School 2-2.45pm  
Year 3&4 parents invited( details to follow)

7th December

Poetry performance—Upper school 2—2.45pm  
Year 5&6 parents invited( details to follow)

12th December

Whole School visit to Ashley Baptist Church (children only)

13th December

Christmas lunch & Christmas Jumper day

13th December

PTA—Movie Night( details to follow)


15th December







Sing-a-long and Carols ( children only)

15th December

School finishes 1:30pm



Day	Club
Monday to Friday	<b>Premier Education - Wrap Around Care Provision</b> Breakfast Club 7:30am – 8:45am Afterschool Club from 3:30pm <a href="https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/21118/?location=new%20milton">https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/21118/?location=new%20milton</a>  
Monday	<b>South Coast Sports Academy</b> Offering Classes in Netball For Children in Year R to Year 6  <a href="#">BOOK NOW   South Coast Sports Academy</a>   Scan QR code to book
	<b>Southern England Karate Federation</b> Offering 'Sport Karate' from 3:30pm – 4:30pm for children in Year 3 to Year 6.  Contact Sensei Collin on 07966 303585 to book. <a href="http://www.sekf.co.uk">http://www.sekf.co.uk</a>  
	<b>NJ Dance, New Forest</b>  Offering classes in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acrobatics</li> <li>• Ballet, Modern, Tap (Combined)</li> <li>• Musical Theatre</li> <li>• Street Dance</li> </ul> For children aged 3 years and above. Free Trials available in all classes - please kindly book via: <a href="https://app.classmanager.com/trials/nj-dance-new-forest?season_id=14">https://app.classmanager.com/trials/nj-dance-new-forest?season_id=14</a> <a href="http://www.njdancenewforest.com">www.njdancenewforest.com</a> <a href="mailto:njoydance@sky.com">njoydance@sky.com</a> 07739 847124 
Tuesday	<b>Shining Lights Performing Arts Academy</b> Offering drama, games, team exercises and performance opportunities from 3:30pm to 4:15pm for children in Year 3 to Year 6.  Scan the QR code to book <a href="mailto:info@shininglightsperformingartsacademy.com">info@shininglightsperformingartsacademy.com</a>  
	<b>Bournemouth Gymnastics Club</b> Contact Cathy Woodland on 07547 733874 Please Note; there is a considerable waiting list for this club. 
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Wednesday	<p><b>South Coast Sports Academy</b>  Offering classes in:  Football  Rugby  Multi-sports  For Children in Year 1 to Year 6</p> <p><a href="#">BOOK NOW   South Coast Sports Academy</a>  Scan QR code to book</p>  
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Thursday	<p><b>Zest Dance</b>  Offering afterschool dance club to children in Year 3 to Year 6 and private lessons.</p> <p>Contact <a href="http://www.zest-dance.co.uk">http://www.zest-dance.co.uk</a> to book</p>  <p><b>Bournemouth Gymnastics Club</b>  Contact Cathy Woodland on 07547733874  Please Note; there is a considerable waiting list for this club.</p>  <p><b>Samba</b>  3:30pm – 4:30pm for children in Year 3 to Year 6.  Please book a place via the school office. Places are limited.  £32.50 (10 session) running from 21.9.2023 - 30.11.2023</p> 
Friday	<p><b>Titan Sports Academy</b>  Offering Tag Rugby for Year 1 – Year 6 from 3:30pm – 4:30pm.</p> <p><a href="http://www.titansportsacademy.co.uk/bookings">http://www.titansportsacademy.co.uk/bookings</a>  <a href="mailto:rugby.titans.tsa@gmail.com">rugby.titans.tsa@gmail.com</a> 07877 781271</p>  <p><b>NJ Dance, New Forest</b>  Offering classes in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acrobatics</li> <li>• Ballet, Modern, Tap (Combined)</li> <li>• Musical Theatre</li> <li>• Street Dance</li> </ul> <p>For children aged 3 years and above.  Free Trials available in all classes - please kindly book via: <a href="https://app.classmanager.com/trials/nj-dance-new-forest?season_id=14">https://app.classmanager.com/trials/nj-dance-new-forest?season_id=14</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.njdancenewforest.com">www.njdancenewforest.com</a>  <a href="mailto:njoydance@sky.com">njoydance@sky.com</a> 07739 847124</p> 