



**Ashurst CE Aided Primary School
Home-School Partnership - Newsletter
AUTUMN TERM 2017
4th September**



To be read in conjunction with

'THE HEADTEACHER'S PREVIEW OF 2017-2018'

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: Cody Swaffer-Harris, Cyneburh France, Daisy Crowe, Dylan Mullett, Joshua Leathers, Katie Kilham, Lola Harrison, Myla Collyer and Otis Goring.

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 - led by parent volunteer, Mr Marshall.

We hope all families enjoyed their summer vacations and are looking forward to all that is planned for 2017-2018, starting in September with the annual SPONSORED WALKS and the FAPS FAMILY BARN DANCE (FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER).

- **8th SEPTEMBER: Y3&4 SPONSORED WALK**
- **15th SEPTEMBER: Y5&6 SPONSORED WALK**
- **20th SEPTEMBER: FS, Y1 & Y2 SPONSORED WALK**

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

- **AUTUMN TERM TOPICS**

This term Y1 & Y2 are studying: 'FAMILIES, FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS' and 'FIRE & DRAGONS' Y3 & Y4 are studying 'THE ROMANS, Y5 & Y6 are studying 'THE GREEKS'.

- **Y3 & Y4 VISIT TO FISHBOURNE ROMAN PALACE**

As part of their topic work, pupils in Y3 & Y4 are to visit FISHBOURNE ROMAN PALACE on **OCTOBER 17TH**. A letter, seeking permission and

providing details of date, costs, transport etc, will be sent home very shortly.

- **Y5&6 RESIDENTIAL VISITS TO SWANAGE 2017-2018**

Due to class numbers, and the logistics involved in number of minibuses, private vehicles and staff required to cover in school and on the visit/s, this academic year school has arranged for Y5 pupils to undertake the week's residential visit from 25-29th September 2017 and for Y6 pupils from June 25th -29th 2018, both with Mrs Pockett and myself, at this stage.

- **HOMEWORK**

A paper copy of the school's **HOMEWORK POLICY** from 2015 was sent home to **ALL FAMILIES** at the beginning of 2016-2017. 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 18th** and times of teachers' weekly 'Homework Surgeries', will be available from Ms Simpson and Mrs Sansbury, shortly.

- **PE/GYMNASTICS/GAMES**

Lessons for pupils from **Y1-Y6**, at **Dalesdown**, begin, weather dependent, towards the **middle of October**. The Parent/ Carer Noticeboard in the playground **AND website** will provide weekly reminders of: venue, day, times and respective classes/groups.

- **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 22ND**, two school '**OPEN MORNINGS**' this half term, on **5th OCTOBER** and **12th OCTOBER**, for parents of FS pupils to observe and discuss FS/Early Years practices with classteacher, Mrs Pockett. There will be a third morning, after half term, on **17th NOVEMBER**, for Mrs Pockett to

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 18th OCTOBER** and **TUESDAY 31st OCTOBER** to report on individual pupil progress this term. A letter home with more details will be sent nearer the time.

- **SENIOR PUPILS 7-A-Side FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**

The school looks forward to entering a team for this annual competition held at St, Peter's Primary School, Henfield, when the fixture date is known.

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER, NOVEMBER FOR INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS** tba
- **FUND RAISING: £1.00 'BBC CHILDREN IN NEED' NON-UNIFORM DAY IS FRIDAY 17TH 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**

Pupils are very proud of their school 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. Many thanks for your support.

- **FOR SCHOOL UNIFORM & SWEATSHIRT ORDERS**

Online orders can be placed at www.first4uniform.com

or direct from the shop at:

First4uniforms 32 North Road, Lancing, BN15 9AB

Tel: 01903 751181

FAPS

We hope **NEW PARENTS** will join us for the first **FULL FAPS MEETING** of 2017-2018 shortly, date to be advised.

- **INSET DAYS (School Closures)**

The school will be closed for in-service training this term on:

FRIDAY 13th OCTOBER AND FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER. For the

other dates of **School INSET 2017-2018**, 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 8th 2017.

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 2017-2018!

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**. 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 2017

INSET DAYS: FRIDAY 13th OCTOBER
AND FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

HALF TERM: 23th OCTOBER - 27th OCTOBER

Family Church Services
2nd Sunday please St James's website

Meet the Friends of APS (FAPS) September	tba
Y5 Swanage Residential Visit Parents Information Meeting 2:45 - 3:00pm	7 th September
Y3/4 Downslink Sponsored Walk	tba
Y5/6 Downslink Sponsored Walk	15 th September
Homework resumes	w/b 18 th September
FS, Y1 & Y2 Locality Sponsored Walk	20 th September
Phonics Session YR Parents 9 - 10:15am	22 nd September
Y5 Residential Visit to Swanage	25 th to 29 th September
FAPS Family Barn Dance, Priors Byne Farm	29 th September
Foundation Stage Parent 'OPEN MORNINGS' 9-10:30am <i>Mrs Ixer to contact respective parents</i>	5 th & 12 th October
Harvest Festival Family Church Service <i>(School uniform for pupils please)</i>	8 th October
INSET DAY	13 th October
Open Afternoon 2:30 -4:15pm	16 th October

Y3/Y4 Fishbourne Roman Palace Visit 17th October

Parents Consultation Afternoon/Evenings 18th & 31st October

HALF TERM

Parents Consultation Afternoon/Evening 31st October

INSET DAY 3rd November

Y3/Y4 Remembrance Day Assembly for invited guests, in school tba

Remembrance Day Church Service, St James' Church 12th November

YR Parents ELG Reporting 17th November
Mrs Ixer to contact respective parents

BBC Children in Need - Non school uniform Day 17th November

Full Governing Body Meeting 7.30pm 28th November

Christmas Production tba

Christingle Service - weather dependant 8th December

Open Afternoon & Y5/Y6 Christmas Fundraising 11th December

Christmas Party 12th December

Christmas Story Mrs Croft in school for pupils 13th December

Reception Nativity Play - for all parents 15th December

Junior Team Football Match, Henfield tba

Individual School Photographs tba

FAPS Meeting (All welcome) tba

Y5/6 Cookery Shoreham College tba

ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2017 - 2018

Autumn Term 2017

4th September - 20th December 2017

Half Term: 23rd October -27th October 2017

Spring Term 2018

4th January - 29th March 2018

Half Term: 12th February - 16th February 2018

Summer Term 2018

16th April - 26th July 2018

Half Term: 28th May - 1st June 2018

INSET DAYS

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Friday 13th October & Friday 3rd November

SPRING TERM 2018

Monday 19th March 2018

SUMMER TERM 2018

Thursday 5th & Friday 6th July 2018



**ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY
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**Y1 & Y2 AFTER SCHOOL
FOOTBALL CLUB**

AUTUMN TERM 2017

THURSDAYS 3.15PM - 4PM

Y1 - Y2

Please would interested parents complete and sign the attached permission slip below and return to school by Monday 18th September. Thank you.

CLUB DATES:

21st & 28th September

5th & 19th October

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th November

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I/We give permission for.....

Please print name clearly

to join the Y1-Y2 Autumn Term 2017 Football Club.

Signed.....



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**KS2 AFTER SCHOOL
FOOTBALL CLUB**

AUTUMN TERM 2017

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CHESS CLUB

AUTUMN TERM 2017

TUESDAYS 3.30 - 4.15pm

Y3 - Y6

Please would interested parents complete and sign the attached permission slip and return it to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

There will be the occasional lunchtime Chess Club this term.

19th September
3rd, 10th & 17th October
7th, 14th, 21st & 28th November



**CHESS CLUB
AUTUMN TERM 2017**

We/I give permission for

to join the **AFTER SCHOOL CHESS CLUB**.

Signed: