



**ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL
HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP
NEWSLETTER
SPRING TERM 2018**



**4th January
INSET DAY MARCH 19TH 2018**

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Welcome back to school in 2018! We hope you all had a joyous Christmas and a very happy New Year! Thank you kindly for the many greeting cards and lovely Christmas gifts we all received.

Up until yesterday evening at 7:30pm, there was no news from Mrs Sansbury of the arrival of Master Sansbury. School looks forward to updating you on any news as it is received.

END OF AUTUMN TERM 2017

The school's Christmas Production of '**PUSS IN BOOTS**' was considered **another big ASHURST SUCCESS** with more than **£590.00** being raised by pupils for their chosen charity '**CHESTNUT TREE HOUSE**' - **for which, many thanks to all concerned** - and in the region of **£200.00** towards **school funds** in the selling of DVDs to families of the matinee/evening performances produced by Governor, Mr Middleton. Thank you, Mr Middleton.

We thank **FAPs** members for their tremendous support during the Autumn term: for meeting all expenses in producing '**PUSS IN BOOTS**', for organising the children's '**Lucky Dip**' after each matinee, the wonderful **presents from Father Christmas** at the children's Christmas Party, for organising another **AMAZING 'Christmas Hamper Raffle'** and for continuing to help towards final payments **for the SCHOOL ROOF PROJECT 2015**.

We thank pupils in **Y5&6** for organising their annual **Christmas Charity Bazaar** which raised an incredible **£351.55** for '**CANCER RESEARCH UK**' and was hugely supported by everyone on the day.

The school is very fortunate to enjoy incredible support from all of its families, not only at Christmas time but throughout the year. **HOWEVER**, this Christmas, thanks to parent Miss Gibson who organised it, and

everyone who supported it, the WONDERFUL Christmas Concert, 'THE VOICE OF CHRISTMAS', at St Andrew's Church in Steyning on 21ST December, raised an AMAZING £2,700.00 for the school. A big THANK YOU to ALL concerned, especially to MISS GIBSON AND HER 'VOICES'.

We thank all who completed and returned their 'TERMLY EVALUATION FORMS', available on the last 'OPEN AFTERNOON' of the Autumn term. Your COMMENTS are always shared with staff in school and with governors - usually at their full meeting at the beginning of the following term.

SPRING TERM 2018

School is very much looking forward to this term, in which many exciting learning opportunities are planned for all pupils once again, despite the on-going challenges faced by all schools in reductions to their respective school funding. As always, Ashurst welcomes conversations with anyone able to help in this way.

REMINDER OF TEACHING ARRANGEMENTS, for the most part, with the maternity leave of up to one year of Mrs Sansbury:

MRS POCKETT: YR, 1&2

MRS SMITH: Y3&4 PLUS SCHOOL RE/ART

MISS SIMPSON: Y5&6 PLUS SCHOOL PE/GAMES Y1-4 and on-going 'INTERVENTION PROGRAMME'.

MRS WILLIAMS: Y6 MORNINGS TUESDAY - THURSDAY

MISS KELSEY: TA, mainly in the INFANT CLASS and always under the direction of MRS POCKETT

MUSIC: MRS HARWELL, ALL CLASSES WEEKLY

FRENCH: MRS SCADDING-HUNT, ALL CLASSES WEEKLY

COMPUTING: MRS HEDLEY, ALL CLASSES WEEKLY

PE/GAMES: Y5&6 MISS MILES

SWIMMING: MISS MILES Y1-Y6

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS: 6TH MARCH & 15TH MARCH 2018, 4.00 PM - 6.00 PM. Normally, school does not have these formal opportunities in the Spring term but, because of the changes above, we thought these individual sessions, later in the Spring term, would be welcomed by all concerned as invaluable in enabling all pupils' on-going progress to be considered and evaluated.

- **TOPICS**

This term, pupils in **Y5 & Y6** are studying '**REACHING FOR THE PEAKS**', pupils in **Y3 & Y4** are studying '**MAGNIFICENT METALS**' and **infant pupils** are learning all about '**CHANGE DETECTIVES**' and '**IMPORTANT PEOPLE**'.

- **'GOVERNORS IN SCHOOL' FOCUS:**

Governors will be in school throughout this Spring term, formally observing and monitoring again according to the *priorities* identified in the school's Improvement Plans 2017-2018. They will be talking to pupils and staff, studying pupils' work and reporting back to the FGB on their findings. Governors will continue to *evaluate* the school's Collective Worship, Assemblies and RE lessons as part of their impact on the school's distinctive Christian character.

- **'SHARING ASSEMBLIES'**

Normally, these are held for the parents of each class in the Spring term annually but, due to changes in teachers and classes this term, we look forward to inviting parents to respective '**SHARING ASSEMBLIES**', based on topics this term, in the **SUMMER TERM**.

- **END OF TERM 'OPEN AFTERNOONS'** for **ALL PARENTS** are on **MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY** and **MONDAY 26TH MARCH** from **2.30pm - 4.00pm**

- **HOMEWORK**

Y3-Y5 pupils will be undertaking their annual *extended* **HOMEWORK PROJECT**, starting **before half term**. Respective teachers will be writing to you with details and guidance. The **weekly KS2 'Homework Surgeries'**, offering on-going and individual support will be with: Mrs Smith **TUESDAY** afternoons 3:30-3:45pm and Miss Simpson **FRIDAY** afternoons from 3.30-3:45pm. Pupils in **Y2** continue to have set *homework* this term, now organised by Mrs Pockett.

- **PUPILS' 'ANNUAL REVIEW'**

The '**Pupils' Voice**' assemblies this term will feature, once again, an *Annual Review* of '**School Rules on Acceptable/Non-Acceptable Behaviour**' and upper juniors **reporting back** to everyone on '**Pupils' Evaluations of Ashurst Primary in 2016-2017**'.

- Another **Y5&Y6 COOKERY DAY** at **Shoreham College** with **Mrs Young** is planned for later this term. More details home nearer the time.
- **Y6 SWANAGE VISIT JUNE 2018:** Following the school's letter to all Y6 families before Christmas, we look forward to receiving: deposits, insurance and health forms back in School Office by the end of January, please. Meanwhile, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Ixer. Thank you.

- **RE & CHRISTIANITY WITH MRS CROFT**

We look forward to parent, Mrs Croft, joining us once again in school for 'THE EASTER STORY' later this term.

- The **ASHURST MUSIC FESTIVAL** is on **FRIDAY 23rd MARCH 2018** at 2.00pm and the '**CHANCTONBURY MUSIC FESTIVAL**' for **Y5&Y6 pupils** at Steyning Grammar School once again, is on **TUESDAY 27TH MARCH** at 6.30pm.

- **BUMBLES' GARDEN PROJECT DAYS**

The school is looking forward to discussing ideas for the design and preparation of Bumbles' Garden for a rich and colourful Summer 2018.

- **PE & GAMES:**

PE & GAMES lessons at Dalesdown on Wednesdays resume on **JANUARY 10TH** with Y5&6.

IN-SCHOOL TIME, Y6 'BIKEABILITY PROGRAMME' AT 'THE TOWERS' IS WEEK BEGINNING FEBRUARY 26TH 2018. MORE DETAILS LATER.

- **SWIMMING LESSONS Y1-Y6**

DATES & CLASSES for the first half of the Spring term, were forwarded to those concerned before school closed for Christmas. Later classes and dates are to be forwarded very shortly. Due to the short nature of this Spring term, infant specialist swimming sessions at The Towers will now take place IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE SUMMER TERM.

JUST A REMINDER: Learning to SWIM is a statutory requirement of the National Curriculum and, in keeping with other schools within the Chanctonbury Group of Schools, those pupils not able to participate in swimming lessons will need a medical note.

- **TAG RUGBY:** the school will be entering a team of pupils from Y5&Y6 for this year's Annual **RUGBY TOURNAMENT** in Horsham, when the date is known.

- **CHESS & FOOTBALL CLUBS** - Chess Club resumes on **Tuesday 16th JANUARY** and Football Clubs on **Thursday 18th JANUARY**. For the other Spring term dates, please see the attached sheet. Horsham Leisurelink Coaches will be taking KS2 pupils for after school Football and Ms Simpson KS1 pupils, for the most part.

Ashurst CHESS TEAM is due to play its FIRST & SECOND ROUND COUNTY CHESS COMPETITION GAMES 2017-2018 THIS TERM.

- **ASHURST PARISH MAGAZINE SPRING 2018**

The school's contribution to the Spring edition of the Parish magazine will be produced by **pupils in Y6 again this term.**

- School is very much looking forward to meeting with **FATHER MARK on 8th January**, to discuss the programme for Collective Worship this term and Family Services at St James' Church, including **Mothering Sunday** and Easter.
- For dates of **FAMILY SERVICES at St JAMES' CHURCH** this term, including **Mothering Sunday**, please see the attached sheet.

We look forward to a busy and enjoyable Spring term and to hearing from you via School Office this term, due to all school commitments, should you have any concerns/queries regarding your child's education and well-being in school.

Meanwhile, kind regards,

Mrs J. A Williams, Headteacher.

ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS & CONTACT ARRANGEMENTS/SCHOOL CLOSURES

In the event of 'school closure' at the start of the day, members of the school staff will endeavour to contact all parents personally at home to inform them.

In the event of 'school closure', when children have already registered, members of the school staff will endeavour to contact all parents personally, to collect their children.

Children will not be allowed home with other parents/adults, unless the school has received personal notification/confirmation of this by the parent of the children concerned.

Please ensure that all details of your phone/contact numbers, held by the school, are up-to date. THANK YOU.

Broadcasts of school closures in our area can be heard on

BBC SUSSEX (based in Brighton)

ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL DATES FOR SPRING TERM 2018

4th January - 29th March 2018

HALF TERM: 12th - 16th February (inclusive)

INSET DAY 19th March 2018

Family Church Services

Family Church Service 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30 am.

Please see St. James' Church website for further information on service dates.

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/ashurst-st-james/>

Family Church Service, St. James' Church Ashurst 10:30am	14 th January
Y5 Wednesday Masterclass Groups SGS 4-5pm	w/b 17 th January
Y5/6 Cookery, Shoreham College	tba
Y3-Y5 Homework Project	w/b 29 th January
OPEN AFTERNOON 2:30 - 4:00pm	5 th February
Full Governors Meeting 6:30 - 8:00pm	6 th February

HALF TERM

'Bikeability', The Towers Convent School Y6 Pupils	26 th February - 1 st March
Headteachers' Diocesan Conference	1 st March
Y5 Choral Day Christ's Hospital School	2 nd March
YR Parents' Morning	9 th March
School's Mothering Sunday Church Service, St. James' Church 10:30am	11 th March
Parents' Consultation evenings 4-6pm	6 th & 15 th March
INSET DAY	19 th March
Full Governors Meeting 6:30 - 8:00pm	20 th March
Ashurst Music Festival (2pm)	23 rd March
OPEN AFTERNOON 2:30 - 4:00pm	26 th March
Chanctonbury Schools' Music Festival (6.30pm) SGS	27 th March
The Easter Story with Mrs Croft	28 th March
Y5 Citizenship Horsham	28 th March
Horsham Tag Rugby Tournament Team of Y5/Y6 (pm)	tba

SWIMMING SPRING TERM 2018

Y5/Y6 pupils: PACKED LUNCH & MID MORNING SNACK REQUIRED

MONDAY 15th JANUARY 2018

MONDAY 22nd JANUARY

MONDAY 29th JANUARY

11:40 - 12:40pm all sessions

Y3 pupils: PACKED LUNCH & MID MORNING SNACK REQUIRED

MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2018

MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY

MONDAY 12th MARCH

11:40 - 12:40pm all sessions

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Football Club (Y1 - Y2)

3:15 - 4:00pm

18th & 25th January

1st, 8th & 22nd February

1st, 8th & 22nd March

Football Club (Y3 - Y6)

3:15 - 4:15pm

18th & 25th January

1st, 8th & 22nd February

1st, 8th & 22nd March

Chess Club (Y3 - Y6)

3:30 - 4:15pm

16th, 23rd January,

6th, 20th & 27th February,

13th & 20th March

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

Spring Term 2018

4th January - 29th March 2018
Half Term: 12th - 16th February

Summer Term 2018

16th April - 24th July 2018
Half Term: 28th May - 1st June

INSET DAYS

Spring Term 2018

Monday 19th March

Summer Term 2018

Thursday 5th & Friday 6th July