

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Families,

As we come to the end of a very busy term, we would like to thank you for all your support. We hope you enjoyed the wonderful nativity and KS2 performances as much as the children and staff did; it was such a delight to see the children shine and share their talents with everyone. The Christmas Bazaar was a great success with almost £300 raised for charity, and thank you too for your generosity in providing delicious and healthy food for the children's Christmas Party. There are some complete packets of crisps and snacks remaining and we intend to add these to your donations to The Wholesome Warehouse from Children in Need Day and aim to deliver them early next week in time for their Christmas food boxes.

Future Plans:

Thank you to FAPS for their fundraising this term which has enabled us to purchase additional resources and equipment for the school. Our main project in the future is to construct a safe covered area for our younger pupils to further extend the learning opportunities that we provide. This is quite a large project for us and, although we will be submitting our bid to the Diocese, we are keen to make sure that we have a really bespoke learning area.

Surprise Event:

I would like to thank all of those who were involved in the planning, subterfuge and preparation for what I thought was the FAPS Vintage Tea Party on Friday 5th December. I truly had no idea when I arrived that there was anything else planned and to see so many of you, past staff, governors, pupils, families and people from the village gathered to celebrate my 30 years at Ashurst was amazing. And yes, I did cry when I realised that my two children, my granddaughter and my husband were all there and were party to it too! It is both a privilege and a joy to be part of this wonderful school and I really do look forward to coming each day. Thank you again - your cards, comments and gifts have meant so much.

KS2 PE at the Village Hall:

Following the success of last year's PE sessions, we are delighted that we have been able to book the village hall to increase our children's dance and gym opportunities for PE. As last year, if you have children in KS2 would you please drop them off at the Village Hall

' Achieving Together with Love, Hope and Joy '

from 8.15am on the following Tuesdays: 13.1.26, 20.1.26, 27.1.26, 3.2.26 and 10.2.26. Staff will walk the children back up to school following their sessions.

Music Tuition

Mr Smith continues to give private flute and saxophone lessons in school on Monday afternoons and has spaces available. If you would like more information, please contact the school office.

After school clubs

Thank you to those of you who have already signed up; for the first half of the spring term we are offering Textile club and Watercolour/art club on Tuesdays, Dance & Drama club and Puzzle club on Wednesdays, Sports club on Thursdays and Construction club on Fridays. All of these run from 3.30-4.15pm and we appreciate your prompt collection afterwards. **The after-school clubs do not run the first or last weeks of term.**

Requests for Absence from School

Thank you for ensuring that your recent requests for absence from school, including late arrivals and early departures due to medical/ dental appointments have been accompanied by an absence request form (these are available to download from our website or paper copies are available from the school office).

Emergency Fire Evacuation Procedures

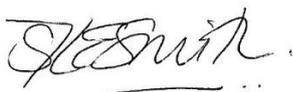
We are delighted to report that our Emergency and Fire Evacuation Procedure practices have gone very smoothly, and all children responded promptly and calmly.

Safeguarding

As always, should you have any concerns regarding your child/children, please contact the school as soon as possible in order for matters to be quickly and effectively resolved. Should you have any safeguarding concerns please contact the DSL team: Mrs Smith, Mrs Welstead and Mrs Sansbury direct or via DSL@ashurstcofe-pri.w-sussex.sch.uk.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and hope that this information proves helpful.

Kindest regards,



Mrs S Smith
Headteacher

Uniform requirements for Academic Year 2025-2026

We ask that all children wear the Ashurst school uniform every day. The requirements have remained the same and have not changed for over 7 years. We are very proud of our school and ask for your support in maintaining the correct uniform.

If your child has a particular need which necessitates an adaptation or change to the school uniform listed below, please make an appointment to discuss this with Mrs Smith.

Please ensure that all items are named as already this term we are trying to identify the owners of several sweatshirts and hoodies. Whilst the children can sometimes identify their items by smelling them, staff do not share this skill!

Grey skirt, culottes or pinafore dress
Grey tailored trousers (long or short)
Green sweatshirt with school badge or green sweater/ cardigan (not their PE hoody).
White shirt/ blouse/polo shirt
White, black or grey socks
White, grey or green tights
Sensible shoes or sandals (not boots)
Green and white checked dress/checked 'playsuit'
Wellies, appropriately nametagged and stored on site for inclement weather

PE Kit:

Green or white shorts/skorts, white T-shirt with a round neck, white socks, trainers, green hoody and green joggers.
Trainers are preferred footwear as they are more substantial than black plimsoles. Leggings are not permitted, nor are joggers and shorts/skorts in other colours. We continue to ask that PE kits be worn to school on days that your child has PE, or is attending the after-school sports club.

After-school Dance & Drama Club is on Wednesday, Sports Club is on Thursday.

Our school uniform requests that children wear sensible school shoes or sandals. It does not include boots for any children, or trainers except for PE.

PE Kit:

Green, grey or white shorts/skorts, white T-shirt with a round neck, white socks, trainers, green hoody and green joggers. Green hoodies should not be worn during the rest of the week. Trainers are preferred footwear as they are more substantial than black plimsoles. Leggings are not permitted, nor are joggers and shorts/skorts in other colours. We continue to ask that PE kits be worn to school on days that your child has PE, or is attending the after-school sports or dance club.

PE: Mouse Class - Thursday & Friday, Squirrel Class - Thursday & Friday, Owl Class - Tuesday.

After-school Dance and drama Club is on Wednesday, Sports Club is on Thursday.

Jewellery/ hair wear

Jewellery should not be worn by children with the exception of stud earrings which should be removed or covered with tape for PE.

Hairbands/scrunchies are to be green, white, grey, black, navy or brown. Children's hair should be completely tied up once it is long enough to do so and this applies to both boys and girls.

Ashurst CE Aided Primary School Dates for your Diary 2025-2026

First Half Spring Term	Monday 5 th January - Friday 13 th February
Half term	Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February
Second Half Spring Term	Tuesday 23 rd February - Friday 27 th March
First Half Summer Term	Tuesday 14 th April - Friday 22 nd May
Half term	Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May
Second Half Summer Term	Monday 1 st June - Tuesday 21 st July
INSET DAYS	Monday 23 rd February 2026, Monday 13 th April 2026 and Wednesday 22 nd July 2026.

Family Service St James' Church Ashurst 10.30am	Sunday 11 th January
KS2 PE session @Asurst Village Hall drop off from 8.15am	Tuesday 13 th January
Mouse class visit to Sealife Centre	Tuesday 13 th January
Y5Y6 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 16 th January
KS2 PE session @Asurst Village Hall drop off from 8.15am	Tuesday 20 th January
Y5Y6 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 23 rd January
KS2 PE session @Asurst Village Hall drop off from 8.15am	Tuesday 27 th January
Swanage information for parents of Owl class 6pm	Wednesday 28 th January
Y5Y6 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 30 th January
Wellbeing Day 2	Monday 2 nd February
KS2 PE session @Asurst Village Hall drop off from 8.15am	Tuesday 3 rd February
Y3Y4 visit to Haslemere Museum	Thursday 5 th February
Y5Y6 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 6 th February
Y3Y4 Dodgeball Tournament @ The Bridge Horsham 4-6pm team to be decided	Friday 6 th February
Family Service St James' Church Ashurst 10.30am	Sunday 8 th February
Celebration Assembly 3.00pm - all welcome	Friday 13 th February
Half term Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February	
INSET DAY	Monday 23 rd February
Y3 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 27 th February
Y3 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 6 th March
Family Service St James' Church Ashurst 10.30am	Sunday 8 th March
Y3 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 13 th March
Wellbeing Day 3	Monday 16 th March
Full Governing Body meeting 5.30pm	Thursday 19 th March
Red Nose Day	Friday 20 th March

Y3 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 20 th March
Spirituality Day 2	Wednesday 25 th March
Easter service in St James' Church Ashurst 2.45pm TBC	Wednesday 25 th March
Y3 Swimming packed Lunch required	Friday 27 th March
First day of the Summer term	Tuesday 14 th April

Extra-Curricular Activities

Watercolour/Art Club Y5-Y6 Tuesday 3.30-4.15pm

13 th 20 th 27 th	January
3 rd 10 th 24 th	February
3 rd 10 th 17 th	March

Textile Club for Y2-Y6 3.30-4.15pm

13 th 20 th 27 th	January
3 rd 10 th	February

Dance/Drama Club Y3-Y6 Wednesday 3.30-4.15pm

14 th 21 st (NO club 28 th)	January
4 th 11 th 25 th	February
4 th 11 th 18 th	March

Puzzle Club Y3-Y6 Wednesday 3.30-4.15pm

14 th 21 st 28 th	January
4 th 11 th 25 th	February
4 th 11 th 18 th	March

Sports Club Y1-Y6 Thursday 3.30-4.15pm

15 th 22 nd 29 th	January
5 th 12 th 26 th	February
5 th 12 th 19 th	March

Construction Club Y1-Y6 Friday 3.30-4.15pm

16 th 23 rd 30 th	January
6 th 13 th	February

Gardening Club for Y2-Y6 Tuesday 3.30-4.15pm

24 th	February
3 rd 10 th 17 th	March

Easter Craft Club for Y2-Y6 Friday 3.30-4.15pm

27 th	February
6 th 13 th 20 th	March