



ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



A warm welcome back to the new academic year to all families, especially those of new EYFS children: Arthur and Cassius, and new Year 1 pupil George. And a very special welcome to Ashurst CE Aided Primary School to new teachers in Y5/6 Mrs Turner, who is Mrs Sansbury's maternity cover, Mrs Andrews will be joining EY's/KS1 and Mrs Uff who joins Y3/4 for three afternoons a week.

We thank staff and all of those who have worked hard preparing school for the new academic year, including the school cleaners from Enviro.

We hope all families are safe and well and are looking forward to all that is planned for 2020-2021, starting in September with the Annual Sponsored Walks:

- Tuesday 8th September: EY's and KS1
 - Tuesday 15th September: KS2 (Please note change of date from Wed 16th)
- More details - including sponsor forms out today.

Autumn Term Topics

This term EY's/KS1 are studying: 'Are we there yet?', Year 3 and 4 are studying: 'Forgotten Cities' and Year 5 and 6 are studying: 'Invaders & Settlers'.

Homework

A paper copy of the school's homework policy is to be sent home at the beginning of this term. The policy contains advice and guidance on how to support children's learning 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 14th and times of teacher's weekly 'Homework Surgeries', will be available from Mrs Turner, Mrs Smith and Mrs Clarke shortly.

PE / Games / Swimming

Weekly PE lessons for children in school or on the school field with specialist Horsham Leisurelink PE coaches, including Mr Ford, begin on Thursday 10th September. They will also be teaching specialist PE here on Thursday afternoons as part of the school's After-School PE/Sport programme throughout the academic year.

School will be up-dating parents on swimming and gymnastics in line with DFE guidance when more information is available.



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Masterclasses

The school is awaiting updates from Steyning Grammar School regarding the possibility of these after-school classes for senior children.

Early Years Children

There will be an open morning including Phonics from 9am-10am in school with Mrs Clarke on September 24th when parents of EY's children can observe and discuss EY's practices with class teacher. There will be an opportunity on Thursday 21st October to meet with Mrs Clarke to discuss and report individual children's progress to respective parents during the EY's / KS1 parent evening.

KS2 Parent Consultations

Teachers look forward to meeting with parents / carers on Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th November to report on individual children's progress this term. A letter home with more details will be sent nearer this time.

It is hoped that Chess Club will start again and school will keep parents updated.

School 'Equipment' - including: Coats, Reading wallets and PE kits.

The school very much appreciates parents support in ensuring that all children have the necessary items and equipment (clearly marked with the pupil's name) in school every day.

Uniform

We are all proud of our school and we would like to remind you that watches and small 'stud' earrings should be the only accessories worn. Tattoos and nail varnish are not allowed, long hair should always be tied up for both boys and girls. Please see the uniform area of the website for the required items. School uniform and sweatshirts can be ordered via the link on the parent area.

FAPS (Friends of Ashurst Primary School)

We hope new parents will join us for the first full FAPS meeting of 2020-2021 shortly, date to be advised.

Website

The school website is the place to find the latest information, including Return to School Risk Assessments and regular updates and guidance from the Department for Education and the Local Authority on the current Covid-19 situation. Please visit the site regularly.

*Website address: <http://www.ashurstcofe-pri.w-sussex.sch.uk>



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Family Service at St James' Ashurst

Please see the church website for the latest information. Family services are usually held on the second Sunday of each month at 10:30am to which all are welcome.

We are hopeful that the school Harvest Festival Service for all families will be held at St.James', Ashurst on 11th October 2020. Further information nearer the time.

As always, should you have any concerns regarding your child/children, please contact the school, via School Office, as soon as possible in order that matters may be quickly and effectively resolved.

Should you have any Safeguarding concerns please contact the DSL team, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Hedley & Mrs Smith direct or via DSL@ashurstcofe-pri.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Meanwhile, best wishes to everyone for a happy and successful 2020-2021.

Kindest regards,

Mrs T Clarke and Mrs S Smith, Co-Headteachers



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Important 'HAPPY and SAFE'

A Reminder on Children's Daily Welfare and Well Being

- in keeping with the local and national guidelines/directives, for the most part.

Welfare and Concerns

If, at any time, parents see or hear anything untoward regarding any child's safety and/or wellbeing, please let the school know immediately. Designated Safeguarding Leads at the school are Mrs Clarke, Mrs Hedley & Mrs Smith who can be contacted via School Office, alternatively email: DSL@ashurstcofe-pri.w-sussex.sch.uk

Emergency Contact Numbers

Please could 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

Always inform the school of any alternative arrangements for children being collected at the end of the school day, particularly at the moment when collection times are staggered.

Registration

In the event of children arriving at school after 8.55am registration and/or needing to be collected from school before the arranged collection time, parents/carers must come to the School House entrance in order to sign in/out and drop off or collect children.

Medication

All medication for children, and instructions for its use, must be given by parents to the School Office for recording and appropriate storage. School must be updated immediately please if and when circumstances/conditions change. This includes inhalers for asthma sufferers. For medical information forms please see the school's website and or contact School Office.

Injuries

Children who suffer 'minor' head injuries during the school day receive written notification from the school, on the day, for parent's information. The parents of those children are also informed by respective class teachers at the end of the day.

Coats in school

Children are required to have coats in school every day - regardless of the weather.



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Pupils' safety

Please would all parents and carers continue to use the junior gate, 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.

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Please Note: All invited events will be subject to Covid-19 guidelines at the time

Meet the Friends of APS (FAPS) September	tba
Homework resumes	w/b 14 th September
EY's/KS1 Sponsored walk	9 th September
KS2 Sponsored walk	15 th September
Early Years Open Morning 9-10:30am (Parents to be contacted by Mrs Ixer)	24 th September
INSET DAY	5 th October
Afternoon Visits for Prospective Parents	8 th October
Harvest Art Exhibition 2.30pm - 3.30pm <i>to be held in school</i>	9 th October
Harvest Festival Family Church Service, 1030am St.James' Ashurst (School uniform for pupils please)	11 th October
Full Governing Body Meeting 5pm	14 th October
Open Afternoon 2.30pm - 4pm	19 th October
Parents Consultation Afternoon/Evening EY's/KS1 (Parents to be contacted by Mrs Ixer)	21 st October

HALF TERM

Parents Consultation Afternoon/Evening KS2 (Parents to be contacted by Mrs Ixer)	3 rd &5 th November
Afternoon Visits for Prospective Parents	10 th November
Y3/Y4 Remembrance Day Assembly, in school for invited guests	11 th November
Remembrance Day Church Service, St James' Church 10.30am	tbc
BBC Children in Need - Non-school uniform Day	13 th November
INSET DAY	30 th November
Christmas Production	tba
School Photographer	tba
Full Governing Body Meeting 5pm	9 th December
Christingle Service	tba
Open Afternoon & Y5/6 Christmas Fundraising 2:30-4pm	14 th December
Christmas party	15 th December
Infant Nativity for parents 9.15am <i>in school</i>	17 th December



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DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Thursday 3rd September - Friday 18th December 2020

Half Term: 26th - 30th October 2020

SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 4th January 2021 - Thursday 1st April 2021

Half Term: 15th - 19th February 2021

SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 19th April - Friday 23^d July 2021

Half Term: 31st May - 4TH June 2021

INSET DAYS

AUTUMN TERM 2020

5th October 2020 & 30th November 2020

SPRING TERM 2021

22nd February 2021

SUMMER TERM 2021

1st & 2nd July 2021

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

SPORTS CLUB (Y1 - Y2) 3:15 - 4:00pm

10th, 17th, 24th September

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd October

12th, 19th, 26th November

SPORTS CLUB (Y3/4 & - Y5/6) 3:15 - 4:15

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