



# Ashley Hill News



16<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

With this term flying by, I've included some exciting news and important information to keep you updated.

## Reading Workshops

We hope those of you who were able to join us had an informative time during last week's reading workshop. We sincerely hope that it helped you gain a more detailed understanding of how reading is taught at Ashley Hill, and what you can do to support your child(ren) at home. We're always keen to hear your feedback on workshops such as this – feel free to email any comments through to the school's email address.

## Eva's Fundraiser

Earlier in the term, Eva Macaulay (Year 3) came up with the great idea of selling some toys and games she no longer required to raise money for Rebecca House. I am delighted to announce that Eva raised £73.15 – a fantastic achievement which she can be very proud of. We have invited a representative into school so that Eva can present a cheque during assembly. Well done Eva!

## Uniform, Sports Wear & Trainers

I am always impressed to see how smartly dressed our children are when they attend school. I sincerely hope that all pupils at Ashley Hill feel a sense of pride when they wear their uniform and represent the school. I also hope they enjoy representing their House for our upcoming Sports Days (24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> May – please see the Diary Dates section for further information).

Please could all parents ensure that the correct house colour T-shirt is worn for all PE sessions, including Sports Day.

A final plea regarding what your child wears with regard to footwear. We appreciate the challenges everyone faces in providing appropriate, comfortable and reasonably priced shoes. Our only request, in accordance with our uniform policy, is that you ensure the shoes your child wears are completely black in colour.

## Emailing School Staff

A polite reminder that all emails to staff members should be directed via the school's main inbox ([ashleyhillenquiries@sch.im](mailto:ashleyhillenquiries@sch.im)). This email address is more regularly monitored and should provide you with a relatively speedy response.

## Front Car Park

A further reminder that the front car park is for *staff, visitors and disabled persons only*. If you do have a disabled pass and use the front car park, please drive safely up the lane.

## Sports Days

We hope that both Sports Days will go ahead next week. We will look to make a prompt start at 1:45pm to avoid running over at the end. In the event of poor weather a decision will be made by 10 am on the day. Please avoid phoning school to check – we will send an email out to all parents. As always, a postponement will be made if the enjoyment and safety of the children is in jeopardy.

## School Team Sports Kits

With a number of sports events going on this term, we would appreciate all school kits being returned as soon after events as possible.

## Alice In Wonderland

Earlier this month, all children had the pleasure of watching M & M Theatre Production's performance of Alice In Wonderland. It's fair to say that the children thoroughly enjoyed the show and we thank all of you who made donations, which helped us to fund the cost. We are also grateful to the Friends for contributing a significant amount towards this.

## Skipping Workshop

We're delighted to have hosted a skipping workshop this week. The workshop went fantastically well, and it's been particularly pleasing to see lots of children skipping during break and lunchtimes.

## Class Photos

The children have received order forms for class photos. The proofs are on display in the classrooms. Please send all orders directly to the school office (not to your child's class teacher), by no later than Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

## Cricket & Handball

This week, some of our Year 5 & 6 children have had the opportunity to take part in National Cricket & Handball Festivals. On Monday and Wednesday this week, our boys and girls have taken part in respective cricket events, whilst this Thursday sees 22 Year 5 children take to the NSC to take part in a Handball tournament, run by students from University College IOM. It is particularly pleasing to see so many children representing the school in such a positive way and showing plenty of sporting talent along the way!

**Mr Peter Lewis**  
Headteacher



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## Diary Dates

Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Key Stage 1 Sports Day (from 1:45pm)</li></ul>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Key Stage 2 Sports Day (from 1:45pm)</li><li>• Closing date for orders for school photos</li></ul>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bank Holiday.</li></ul>
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Last day in school.</li></ul>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School opens.</li><li>• Dinner money payable £62.35 (or £51.60 for Year 6 children who are visiting Kingswood).</li></ul>
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FOAHS Summer Fayre.</li></ul>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moving Up Day and reports collection – parents welcome to attend in the afternoon – details to follow.</li></ul>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tynwald Day.</li></ul>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 6 Leavers' Performance – 2pm</li></ul>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 6 Prize Giving – 1:45pm</li></ul>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Last day in school.</li></ul>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School opens.</li></ul>

## Clubs

Wednesday lunchtime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Out &amp; About Club – Reception</li><li>• Year 4 Football Club</li></ul>
Wednesday after school (until 4:30pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cricket – Years 5 &amp; 6</li></ul>
Thursday lunchtime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Choir</li></ul>
Thursday after school (until 4:30pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Handball – Years 5 &amp; 6</li></ul>
Friday lunchtime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lego Club and Sewing Club – Years 3, 4, 5 &amp; 6</li><li>• Rugby – Year 6</li></ul>
Friday after school (until 4:30pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Football – Year 6</li></ul>