

Ashley Hill News

Tuesday 22nd October 2024

Mark Your Calendar

Mon 28th Oct- Fri 1st November

Half-Term week

Mon 4th Nov

School open for children and staff

Year 6 Police Education session

Mon 11th Nov

Year 5 Police Education session

Fri 15th Nov

Dress Down Day in lieu of FOAHS Rainbow Tombola

Mon 18th Nov

Year 4 Police Education session

Thu 21st Nov

Year 6 Victorian Day

Mon 25th Nov

Year 3 Police Education session

Wed 27th Nov

Individual Photos

Mon 2nd Dec

Year 2 Police Education session

Tue 3rd Dec

Year 5&6 Dress Rehearsal

Wed 4th Dec

Year 6 Police Treat

Year 3&4 Dress Rehearsal (am)

Year 1&2 Dress Rehearsal (pm)

Thu 5th Dec

Reception Dress Rehearsal

FOAHS Movie Night

It's hard to believe we've reached the end of the first half term already! There's no doubt it's been a busy time but an incredibly positive and rewarding start to the new academic year. We're looking forward to a couple of exciting events as we conclude this half term. I know how much the children are looking forward to the Hop Tu Na disco on Thursday - thanks, in advance, to our FOAHS committee for putting on such a great event. We're also looking forward to the children dressing in bright colours on Friday in aid of 'Sight Matters'. Thank you, again in advance, for your kind contributions to this charitable event.

School trips

I am sure you are aware that we are currently facing challenges in transporting children on school trips. In fact, issues with transportation have led to the cancellation of two trips so far this academic year. As you know, we value the importance of trips, recognising that they play an essential role in supporting our curriculum.

On occasion, this may lead to us reaching out to seek your support in transporting children to and from a venue. We are always extremely grateful for parents/carers willing to support us in this way. Without your support, we simply wouldn't be able to run so many school trips.

Should you be willing to transport children in your vehicle, we would be grateful if you could complete the document attached and return it to us in school. With your consent, we will keep this document in a locked cabinet in school to use if/when you are able to help us on school trips (rather than us seeking the documentation each time we run a trip). Paper copies of this document can be found in the school office if you are unable to print your own copy.

Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all parents and carers for meeting with your child's class teacher this week. I know not all sessions have taken place, but we appreciate your engagement with these important meetings. We hope you find them informative and helpful in understanding how your child has settled into their new class.

Swimming Session Help!

Whilst Tuesday afternoon sessions are running well for Key Stage 2, we would welcome any support that can be offered. If you are free on a Tuesday afternoon and would be willing to help us at poolside, we would be most grateful. This may involve leading small groups or to support current staff. Volunteers do not need any experience in coaching swimming, they will be supported by an experienced member of staff.

Police Education sessions

You will note from the Calendar tab that some classes have a Police Education session during next half term. These sessions provide an ideal

opportunity for our colleagues in the Police to provide a familiar face to our young people and give them consistent messages about matters appropriate to them, including 'Bullying versus Banter' (Year 5 & 6), 'Safe Play' (Year 2) and 'Meet The Police' (Reception).

School Council

Last Thursday, 17th October, children from Year 1 to Year 5 stood for election to our School Council. I'd like to say well done to all those who prepared speeches and spoke so articulately in front of their class mates. This takes courage, and I have no doubt that it'll be an experience that helps them in the future!

Congratulations to the following children, who have been elected by their peers to represent them in weekly meetings. We look forward, in the weeks to come, to see the impact our new School Council has on our school!

Year 1: Doona & Gabby

Year 2: Jude & Rory

Year 3: Alfie & Bohan

Year 4: Edith & Bobby

Year 5: Callum & Hetty

Year 6: Ben, Cara, Jacob, Sophie & Tristan

Morning clubs after half-term

There will be a change to the clubs offered after the half term break. Each **Wednesday**, the club will be for **Year 2 & 3** to develop their skills in **Tag Rugby**. On **Friday** morning, the club will be offered to **Year 4 & 5** - this is a Sports Skills led by our iCueAcademy coach.

If your child is interested in joining these clubs, please reserve their place by emailing our enquiries address. Places in these clubs are reserved on a first-come-first-served basis.

Christmas Dates

Though our Christmas events are a while away, I know you will appreciate knowing some important dates as soon as possible, in order to make arrangements to attend. Dress rehearsals can be found in the calendar tab, but below you can find the dates of our shows:

Monday 9th December

Year 1/2 (Morning)

Year 3/4 (Afternoon)

Tuesday 10th December

Year 5/6 (Morning)

Reception (Afternoon)

Wednesday 11th December

Reception (Morning)

Year 1/2 (Afternoon)

Thursday 12th December

Year 3/4 (Morning)

Year 5/6 (Afternoon)