

Ashley Hill News

Wednesday 29th May 2024

Mark Your Calendar

Thu 30th May

Sports Day
KS2 - Morning
Reception/KS1 - Afternoon

Fri 31st May

School Closed for pupils -
INSET

Mon 3rd - Fri 7th June

Half term break

Mon 10th June

School reopens

Ashley Hill's Got Talent
Auditions

Fri 14th June

Dress Down Day in lieu
of Summer Fair

Tue 18th June

Year 5 & 6 Netball
festival

Thu 20th June

Onchan District
Commissioners Eastern
District Sports Event

Fri 21st June

Rotary Stars Assembly

Thu 27th June

Ashley Hill's Got Talent
FOAHS Summer Disco!

Fri 28th June

IOM Cricket Association
sessions - Year 5 & 6

Thu 4th July

Summer Fair (straight
after school day)

The sun is finally shining and it's been lovely to see all classes accessing the field space for learning activities. Whilst the weather may be improving, we ask all pupils to come to school prepared for all conditions, including a light coat in the event of rain and also sun lotion and a cap for warmer conditions. Please ensure your child brings in a water bottle every day. As always, thank you for your support with these requests.

As we approach the TT break, we've been sending out regular reminders to the children to stay safe during these busy times. You'll note that our Year 5 children had a week of Cycling Proficiency last week. Congratulations to all the children who achieved Level 1 and/or Level 2. Children who have achieved Level 2 standard are now ready, with your consent, to cycle to and from school, should they wish to.

A polite reminder to all cyclists that they should dismount their bicycle prior to entering the school grounds and walk it to the designated bike shelter. We would appreciate you reiterating this to your child, should they decide to cycle to school.

Clubs after the TT break

Our Wednesday breakfast club will remain the same after the holiday; current Year 5s and 6s who attend this club should continue to attend. There is space in this club though, so please email us on our enquiries inbox to secure a place.

Our Friday Sports Club will no longer be for Year 1. After the TT break, **Reception** children are invited to take part in this club. The club starts at 8.10am and children are expected to arrive in sports kit ready to take part. Should you wish your child to take part in this club, please email the enquiries inbox to reserve their space. Places are on a first-come-first-served basis.

Hi-Vis jackets

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr & Mrs McGovern and Mr & Mrs Teare for kindly providing Hi-Vis jackets for our Year 6 buddies. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated by us all!

Summer Fair & Dress Down Day

I'm sure you will all be looking forward to our Summer Fair, scheduled for Thursday 4th July. Preparations are underway to make it a really enjoyable event and a great fundraiser for the school. To support this event, we have arranged a Dress Down Day on Friday 14th June (the first Friday back after half term).

The FOAHS would be most grateful if you could donate a bottle (sealed and in date) in lieu of dressing down. In addition, we would welcome any donations of teddy bears to use in the Fair. Should you have any you are willing to donate (clean and in good condition, of any shape and size), please drop them into the school office. Thank you for your support with this event.

Onchan Secret Gardens

We were delighted to see our school garden take centre stage in the Onchan Secret Gardens event. There's no doubt that the uplift to the garden space has had a huge impact on our outdoor environment and it will be something we continue to invest in in the future. Huge thank you to our gardening club, led by Mrs Carcas, and to all families who are kindly volunteering their time. It was noted, by people participating in the Secret Gardens event, what a lovely space this is.

Key Stage 2 Public Speaking

Last week we enjoyed listening to the finalists in our Key Stage 2 Public Speaking contest in the main hall. The standard of speeches was incredibly high and all participants can be proud of how they performed. We know it will be an experience that will hold them in good stead for the future! Particular congratulations go to David Leece (1st), Ellie Thomas (2nd) and Holly Gordon (3rd).

Front Car Park

I am disappointed to have to write this after including it in a number of recent newsletters. We continue to experience a high volume of traffic through our front car park, an area reserved for staff, visitors, disabled access and the emergency services only. The front car park does not, unfortunately, have the capacity to accommodate anyone else. In recent times we have had staff cars damaged and a number of near misses involving children running to a parent's car. It is clear that messages within newsletters do not suffice.

As a result, I have taken the decision to lock the front gates to the staff car park from 8.30am to enable all staff to get into the building and reopened again at 3.50pm. If you are a disabled badge user we ask you to kindly inform us and our site manager will arrange to open the gates for you on a daily basis. Whilst I appreciate that Ashley Hill is not the easiest place to park at, there should be sufficient space in our top car park and surrounding roads. Please be considerate to local residents when you are using any designated parking spots. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.