

Ashley Hill News

Wednesday 1st May 2024

Mark Your Calendar

Fri 26th Apr

Dress Down Day in aid of Rebecca House

Mon 6th May

Bank Holiday

Tue 7th - Fri 10th May

Year 6 Venture Centre trip

Tuesday 14th May

Year 6 Crucial Crew

Wed 15th May

Year 6 Snaefell trip

Thu 16th May

Andy Warn Music Showcase (whole school)

Fri 17th May

Author visit - Peter Murray

Mon 20th - Fri 24th May

Year 5 Cycle Training

Tue 21st May

Key Stage 2 Public Speaking Competition

Mon 27th May

Bank Holiday

Tue 28th May

Year 5/6 Cricket Festival

Thu 30th May

Sports Day
KS2 - Morning
Reception/KS1 - Afternoon

Fri 31st May

School Closed - INSET

As the Summer Term continues, I'm pleased to bring you some updates and events to look forward to. You'll note from the Calendar tab that we're in for an exciting but extremely busy half term, particularly for our Year 6s who have a number of events to look forward to as they enjoy their final term at Ashley Hill.

I'd like to start by sending the usual reminder about preparations for a glorious Manx Summer! Please make sure your child comes to school with a water bottle and hat, and we would be grateful if you could administer sun lotion at the start of the school day.

Relationships and Sex Education

Ashley Hill is committed to ensuring our students receive key information which enables them to understand the emotional, social, and physical aspects of growing up. These themes are explored through Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) which forms part of the larger PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) curriculum and school culture. RSE aims to help keep children and young people safe by working with parents and carers to provide the information, skills and values needed to make informed choices, and to enjoy safe and healthy relationships throughout their lives. This includes learning about emotional wellbeing, mutual respect, treating others with kindness, as well as learning about the physical, social and emotional changes that happen to young people as they grow.

We are writing to advise you that the RSE curriculum will be recommencing during the summer term and will continue to build throughout the following academic year with ongoing support from the Department of Education, Sport and Culture. A centralised [PSHE website](#) has been created and is continuing to be developed in order to give you access to information on RSE and additional resources for guidance.

We understand that decisions regarding your child's education are personal and often reflect individual family values and beliefs. While we value the opportunity to help children develop using the advisory curriculum, we respect the right of parents and carers to make decisions in the best interest of their child.

Should you have any questions or concerns, we ask that you contact us through our enquiries mailbox and we will be more than happy to discuss the content with you further.

We are committed to working in partnership with you to ensure that your child receives a broad and balanced curriculum, and we appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

PE Kit and Uniform

A polite reminder that all children should have appropriate kit for PE sessions. This includes a House colour T-shirt and appropriate footwear for outdoor and indoor use. This is particularly important in the lead up to Sports Day on Thursday 30th May.

I'd also like to send out a reminder about appropriate footwear. Shoes must be all black and suitable for

general wear in school. With conditions more conducive to using the field space, it is essential that children have alternative clothing and footwear to access this area. Thank you for your support with these reminders/requests.

Ashley Hill's Got Talent Auditions & Public Speaking Competition!

This annual event, led by our School Council, is due to take place on Thursday 27th June. Should your child wish to take part in this event, we have scheduled our auditions for **Monday 10th June** (first Monday back after the TT half term). To enter the audition, participants should collect a letter from the school office, returning it with all names of the participants entering, and the type of act they are performing (ie. Singing, dancing, comedy etc). This is a wonderful event that showcases the amazing talents of our children, so we'd be delighted to see as many entries as possible!

Our Key Stage 2 children are currently preparing for a Public Speaking competition, where selected individuals from each class will be put forward for a 'Final' in our school hall on Tuesday 21st May. Children will be using the next couple of weeks to practice their speeches and we welcome any support you can offer at home so children are prepared to deliver their speech to their class mates.

Timings & Parking

I would like to send a polite reminder about our timings and expectations at the start of the school day.

Our doors open at 08:50, at which point children are welcome to enter the building and settle in to the school day. Formal registration, including dinner choices, will commence no later than 09:00; if any child is not in school by this point they will be marked as 'Late' and should enter the school via the front office, 'signing in' with Sally so she can ensure lunch choices are accurately presented to our kitchen staff.

In the event of particularly poor weather, our doors will open from 08:40 and children are welcome to come into our main hall to sit and wait until they head to their class at 08:50.

The start of the school day is an important time. It ensures key administrative tasks and essential learning opportunities take place. It is also imperative that children embed sound habits from an early age. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

A reminder that the front car park is for staff, visitors and disabled access only.

Hi-Vis jackets

As you know, our older children often take on extra responsibilities during the school day, such as buddying younger children. To carry out these roles, they wear Hi-Vis jackets, so we can recognise the jobs they are undertaking. These Hi-Vis jackets are becoming rather worn and tatty and we would welcome any contributions any local companies would consider making, should they have any Hi-Vis jackets that they no longer use. Thank you!