

Ashley Hill News

Wednesday 4th September 2024

Mark Your Calendar

Fri 6th September

First iCue breakfast club
(Year 5/6)

Tue 10th September

First Key Stage 2
Swimming session

Wed 11th September

Year 6 First Aid Training

Wed 18th September

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Mon 23rd September

FOAHS AGM (3.45pm)

Wed 25th September

Year 3 Wildlife Park trip

**Thu 26th September
& Fri 3rd October**

Year 6 Junior
Achievement

Fri 27th September

Isle Listen workshops -
Key Stage 2

Wed 9th October

Flu Immunisations

Tue 15th October

Year 5 Ard Whallan trip

Mon 21st October

Year 3 Onchan
Methodist Church trip

Wed 23rd October

Year 5s STEMfest trip

**Mon 28th Oct- Fri 1st
November**

Half-Term week

A very warm welcome back to everyone for the start of the 2024-25 academic year. I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Summer and everyone is refreshed and ready for the term ahead? A particularly warm welcome to new families joining Ashley Hill this year. I am sure everyone will make you feel at home in our school and, as always, please get in touch if there's any support you need.

The term ahead looks to be a busy one; please look at the calendar tab and keep an eye on email updates to be aware of events throughout the term.

Clubs

Our morning clubs remain on the same days this year (Wednesday and Friday) and commence this term with the following year groups:

Wednesday

led by Manx Sport & Recreation
Year 3 & 4 children - Hockey
start date: Wed 11th September

Friday

led by iCueAcademy
Year 5 & 6 - Multi-Sports
start date: Fri 6th September

Both breakfast clubs start at 8.10am on these days and children should attend ready to take part - they should bring their uniform in a named bag to get changed into at the end of the session. If your child is in one of the year groups mentioned above, and wishes to take part in a club, **please email the school enquiries address giving your child's name and their intention to take part in the club.** Allocation of places in each club is on a first-come-first-served basis and numbers are restricted.

Friends of Ashley Hill School

I am pleased to confirm that the FOAHS have arranged their Annual General Meeting for Monday 23rd September. As you know, the FOAHS raise considerable funds for the school to invest in exciting opportunities for all children. We are grateful to the committee and all volunteers for putting on so many exciting events throughout the academic year. We anticipate this will continue into this academic year but, as always, the work of the FOAHS requires your support. Whether you are interested in joining our FOAHS committee, volunteering to support different events, or simply to find out more about what the FOAHS do, please join us at 3.45pm in the school staff room on the 23rd.

Swimming

A polite reminder that next Tuesday, 10th September, sees our first swimming session for Key Stage 2 children. I have attached the Primary School Swimming Policy and Guidelines to support your understanding of these sessions. In accordance with these guidelines, swimming kit/costume must be tight fitting - any child not adhering to the kit requirements will not be able to enter the pool. If you have any questions about

these swimming sessions, don't hesitate to get in touch with us in school.

Mobile Phones

Attached to this newsletter is our school Mobile Phone Policy which includes a consent form for any child bringing a mobile phone onto the school premises. You will note from the consent form that we require you to confirm a justifiable reason for your child to bring their device into school. A reminder that mobile phones must be handed into the school office at the start of the school day and can only be collected once children have been dismissed from their class.

Whilst on the topic of mobile phones, I would like to remind you all of the 'Safer Schools' application/website. This is a fantastic resource to support you and your child with appropriate use of devices and, in particular, online applications.

Uniform requirements

We are always impressed with how smart children are as they attend school. Full details of our uniform expectations can be found at our website on the '[School Uniform](#)' page but I would like to put out a polite reminder that school shoes must be all black and PE T-shirts must be in your child's House colour (football shirts are prohibited for PE sessions). A reminder that all uniform and kit should be labelled to avoid loss. Thank you for your support with this.

Members of our FOAHS committee continue to support the school by running a uniform shop. We have plenty available, including branded jumpers, polo shirts grey trousers, skirts, shorts & pinafores and summer dresses. Available in all sizes (Ages:3-4/5-6/7-8/9-10 & 11+). A minimum donation of £1 is requested for these items, which can be found at the top of the stairs in KS2.

Rainy Days

We hope for some fine weather during these late summer weeks however, when the weather is particularly poor, children are welcome to access the main hall from 8.45am (or the small hall if there is a sports club on!). Once the children are in the school building they will be supervised by a member of staff so parents need not stay.

Additionally, we would be most grateful if you could ensure your child brings in a coat every day. Please ensure the coat is labelled with your child's name! Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Snacks, Allergies & Drinks

A polite reminder to all parents and carers preparing snacks and packed lunches for their child on a daily basis. Snacks must only be fruit and/or vegetables, and nut products should not be included within lunchboxes due to the number of children we have in school with a nut allergy. Children must have their own reusable bottle in school and can only drink water from these bottles. We are fortunate to have a number of water fountains on site which the children are welcome to use regularly! Thank you for your cooperation with both these requests.