

Ashley Hill News

Wednesday 27th September 2023

Mark Your Calendar

Thu 28th September
Individual School Photos

Fri 29th September
FOAHS Dress Down Day

Mon 2nd October
Year 5 Aviation Museum trip

Tue 3rd October
FOAHS AGM - 6pm
(Staff room)

Fri 6th October
Year 6 Football fixtures

Wed 11th & Thu 12th October
Year 6 Junior Achievement

Mon 16th October
Key Stage 2 Teacher Meetings

Tuesday 17th October
Reception & Key Stage 1 Teacher Meetings

Fri 20th October
Key Stage 2 Isle Listen Workshop sessions

Mon 23rd - Fri 27th October
Half-Term week

It's been a pleasure to see children so engaged in their learning since we have returned to school. As always, this time of the academic year is extremely busy, so I hope the information in this newsletter, including the dates in the calendar section, support you to organise the weeks and months ahead.

Teacher Meetings

Teacher Meetings have been set aside for Monday 16th (Key Stage 2) and Tuesday 17th (Reception & Key Stage 1). These meetings present an opportunity for you to speak to your child's class teacher to find out how they have settled in to their new class.

To sign up for a slot, please log into your Arbor account and select a convenient 'Guardian Consultation'. The Arbor portal will be open **from Monday 2nd October at 9am** and will close on **Monday 9th October at 4pm**.

Should you have any issues signing up for a meeting, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us in school. If the timings are not convenient for you, please email us via the enquiries mailbox, and we will do our best to accommodate you at an alternative time.

Wasps

Many of you will be aware that a wasps nest had been found in the forest area at the bottom of the field. We were sorry to see several children receive some nasty stings last week but pleased that they have all recovered with no long lasting consequences and I am thankful to colleagues for dealing with this situation so professionally. I am pleased to inform you that pest control have visited the site and rehused the nest off our grounds. As always, please be mindful of nests if you use our forest area outside of school hours.

Friends of Ashley Hill School Association

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the FOAHS have had to postpone their AGM from this Friday, moving it to the Tuesday 3rd October, at 6pm in the school staff room. As you know, the FOAHS carry out wonderful work to raise much needed funds and provide exciting opportunities for all children. All are welcome to attend this AGM to find out what the

committee has achieved and consider targets moving forward.

Flu Vaccination

The School Nursing Team will be coming in on Wednesday 1st November to administer flu vaccinations to children. A polite reminder that, in order for your child to receive a vaccination, you must provide us with your consent. Please refer to an email sent on 14th September (from Arbor) directing you to a link to provide this consent.

Raincoats etc

As we enter the wetter months, please could I ask you to ensure your child brings a waterproof coat with them each day. Within reason, we are keen to utilise our outdoor space in most conditions so it is essential that they are able to wear this item and that it is named to ensure it finds its way back to the right owner if it's mislaid. A polite reminder that, if your child wishes to access the field space during these months, they must have alternative footwear (ideally wellies) and a change of clothes due to the wetter conditions.

Christmas

Whilst this is a long way off, I wanted to give you all an indication of some of the dates set as I know many of you need significant notice to book time off work. Please find below our schedule for Christmas events.

Dress rehearsals - Thursday 30th November
Mon 4th Dec: 9.30am - Year 3/4 performance
2pm - Year 5/6 performance
Tue 5th Dec: 9.30am - Year 1/2 performance
2pm - Reception performance
Wed 6th Dec: 9.30am - Reception performance
2pm - Year 3/4 performance
Thu 7th Dec: 9.30am - Year 5/6 performance
2pm - Year 1/2 performance

11th Dec: PM - Whole School concert at St Peter's Church
18th Dec: Key Stage 2 Christmas Party
19th Dec: Rec/Key Stage 1 Christmas Party

As mentioned, releasing these dates at this stage is to help you organise yourself during what will be a busy time. More details, including how to get tickets, will be provided much closer to the time.