



Letters sent home this week...

- Year 3
- Roman Day

Do remember all letters home are available on our website <http://ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/letters>

Access All Ages - Building Connections

On Tuesday nine year 5 pupils made the first of our monthly visits to Chestnut Court care home in New Milton. This is part of a year-long project entitled 'Access All Ages' aimed to bring schools and care home residents together to enrich the lives of both groups. Our pupils were wonderful! They engaged with the residents and chatted for an hour on the subject of 'Summer Holidays'. The aim is also to boost confidence whilst learning and interacting with older people. Future topics will include 'Harvest Festival' and 'War Time Memories', plus creative activities. Pupils who took part are; Jack, Jack, Lily, Rhiannon, Vinnie, Oscar, Yazmine, Susie, Chloe.

Year 7 Admissions

It has come to our attention that Hampshire Admissions have in error failed to add Highcliffe School as an available choice for Hampshire residents. Highcliffe have asked us to clarify that **Hampshire residents can still choose Highcliffe School as their preferred secondary school.** They ask parents to be patient whilst Hampshire Admissions rectify their mistake, which they inform us may take a few days. If you have already felt obliged to choose another school online when your preference was for Highcliffe, you will be able to change this shortly.

School Trips

Your contribution is essential towards supporting our trips. As a school we can only ask for a voluntary contribution, if we don't receive sufficient contributions to cover the cost of the trips they may need to be cancelled. For the following up and coming trips, Bovington Tank Museum, Butser Farm and Bournemouth Synagogue the school has received just over a quarter of contributions in.

Deadline dates are outlined on individual letters that have been sent home in previous weeks. All letters can be found on the school website <http://ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/letters/> or if you require a hard copy please see the school office.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

We are thrilled to announce that we have two new Parent Governors who were elected last week. Mrs Carla O'Riordan who has children in Years 5 and 6 and Mrs Joanne Evans who has a child in Year 3 are now the parent representatives on the governing body. We very much look forward to working with them.



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Please remember that Ashley Junior School values are: **Aspiration, Resilience, Respect and Responsibility.** As adults we are all role models to the children in school and should not underestimate the impact of how we present ourselves. All school staff want the very best for your children and are willing and keen to work with parents/carers in a respectful way. Thank you for working with us in this manner.

'Every School Day Counts'

Attendance winners this week are :

Kestrel 97.80%

Merlin 97.70%

Maths Achievers! Every week in this newsletter we feature the children who have passed a Maths Passport this week. Congratulations to.....

Bronze	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Vesper	Kiara	Jack	
Jack	Amelie	Ella	
Alfie	Amelia		
Olivia	Cora		
Sophie	Owen		
Monika	Abbie		



High flyer awards are given every week in celebration assembly to recognise outstanding learning or behaviour.



Kestrel Jenson

Wren Maxine

Kingfisher Amy

Skylark Brody

Eagle Ollie

Barn Owl Yazmine

Merlin Charlie

Osprey Erin

Hawk Charlotte

Robin Leon



Ashley Family Hub - Open every Tuesday in term time 9:00am - 11:00am at Ashley Baptist Church. Come along and chat with experienced members of staff from Ashley Junior and Ashley Infant School. The Citizen Advice Bureau (CAB) will be present every week to offer support.



Farewell and Good Luck Mrs. Blake

Mrs. Blake will be leaving us for a while as she goes off on maternity leave. She has contributed so much this term and we are going to miss her very much. We wish her and her husband good luck and we can't wait to see mini-Blake very soon. Mrs. Blake will return in the Summer Term.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

New events will be marked in red:

Marwell Zoo Day Trip - Robin Class
 Ashley Baptist Church visit Year 5
 Bovington Tank Museum Day Trip - Year 6
 Evening Marque Event
 Arts Week
 Butser Farm Day Trip - Year 4
 Show Case for Arts Week
 Last Day of Term

Half Term

Back to school
 Open morning for current Year 2
 Year 5 Bournemouth Synagogue Day Trip
 Year 6 Remembrance Assembly
 Flu Vaccination (All year groups)
 Year 3 Roman Day (at school)
 Year 4 Production (pre-school siblings may attend)
 Year 4 Production
 Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
 Music Concert All welcome
 Whole School visit to Ashley Baptist Church
 Last day of term

Christmas Holidays

Don't forget that all the latest dates can be found on the school calendar on our website

- <http://ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/calendar/>

Tuesday 8th October	
Tuesday 8th October	10:00am- 11:30am
Thursday 17th October	
Saturday 19th October	
Monday 21st - Friday 25th October	
Wednesday 23rd October	
Thursday 24th October	3:30pm - 5:00pm
Friday 25th October	
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	
Monday 4th November	
Tuesday 5th November	9:30am – 11:00am
Tuesday 5th November	
Monday 11th November	10:00am – 11:15am
Tuesday 12th November	
Thursday 14th November	
Wednesday 11th December	2:00pm - 3:00pm
Wednesday 11th December	6:00pm - 7:00pm
Wednesday 18th December	
Wednesday 18th December	3:30pm - 4:30pm
Thursday 19th December	
school finishes at 1:30pm	
Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January	



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SAFETY - SAFETY - E-SAFETY - SAFETY - SAFETY

As a school the safety of our pupils is of paramount importance. Collectively we have a responsibility to ensure our whole school community is safe and free from harm. Often that can be difficult especially in the complex online world we all live in and we must strive to work together to ensure we achieve our aims.

My advice is simple. Please ensure that you do monitor your child's internet usage and engage with your child about the games and apps that they are using. To assist you in this I have signed up to a suite of training resources for parents, carers and teachers. You can access and register for free at the following address: <https://lms.nationalonlinesafety.com/school/AshleyJS>

Please ensure that you watch the videos and download the resources that are available to you, these range from Youtube to Fortnite and include Like Online, TikTok and many many more. One of which is "7 Conversation Topics"; a handy guide that will enable you to ask pertinent questions of your child about their online activities. Also, please look at the age ratings which are very important. I think you might be surprised how few online social media sites are recommended for our children's age ranges.

Please also visit my e-safety page on our website where there are many helpful tips and useful pieces of information including a monthly National Online Safety Video. I update this at least once a week. This week for instance I am focusing on LootBoxes and Skin Betting. Much is written in the media about online gaming, gambling and "skin" betting. These terms can be confusing as they mean different things in different contexts. Online gaming has historically meant gambling websites with cards, slot machines and roulette. More recently, as we are discussing here, online gaming has also come to mean video games you play over the internet. In this guide, we discuss what parents and carers need to know about in-game purchases such as loot boxes, and the dangers that surround "skin" betting. Plus 8 Things to know about Kids Youtube. Did you know for instance that although children of all ages often watch YouTube content directly via the website or main YouTube app, YouTube itself states that the only place children should be watching its videos is in the YouTube Kids app.

Please check out my e-safety page - why not take a look this weekend?

<http://ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/e-safety-for-parents/>

I thank you in advance for your continued vigilance and as always please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any help or advice.

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