



Letters/email home this week...

Year 3
Science day
Year 6
Bovington Tank
Whole School
Remote learning

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

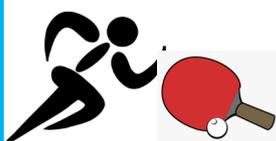
Whole School Attendance this week

96.8%

Well done everybody!

CLUBS ARE BACK!

Mr. Thew will be running some clubs after half term. Numbers will have to be limited and we have chosen activities that enable social distancing. Look out for a text prompt on Monday 2nd November!



This really has been an extraordinary half term. I should imagine that, like the staff, the children are fairly exhausted. There has had to be so many adjustments and staff have had to be particularly agile and flexible to ensure we stayed within the guidance, kept safe and also had as fabulous a learning experience as possible. Teaching styles and methods have had to change significantly alongside classroom layouts and organisation.

However, despite all this, the children have achieved well and have worked very hard. We had visits from both the English and Maths Advisers from the Local Authority this week and both were very impressed with our standards and the readiness for learning evident in the classrooms.

There were a couple of pieces of exceptional writing from two of our children in year 6 that, literally, moved the English Adviser to tears because she was so thrilled and moved by them. Here is an extract from Freya's:

The askew lockers were brutally damaged—some on the floor like lifeless soldiers after a heroic battle. The chaotic hallway was cluttered with torn up bits of homework and crumpled pieces of paper and amongst it all sat a curled-up, frightened boy, shocked by what he had done. Adjacent to him was a notice board hanging off the cracked, dry and ancient walls, covered thick with dust.



Isn't it wonderful? We'll share some more next time. We hope that your children can enjoy a well earned rest and be ready for the many challenges coming their way in the next half term.

Remote Learning if in Isolation

Thank you to those of you who attempted to access the remote learning and completed our short questionnaire. It has proved to be an extremely useful exercise. The learning wasn't the key element of this—we wanted to find out how easy it was to access it. We only had 38 responses but they were very helpful and enabled us to see potential difficulties.

1. How easy was it to log on to your child's Google Classroom account ?

[More Details](#)

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|--------------------|----|
| ● Easy | 27 |
| ● Not easy | 7 |
| ● Could not log on | 4 |



Though most were easily able to log on and most comments were very positive—"a great move forward." - we want to ensure

that everyone is comfortable with it. Mr. Woodhead (parent) has very kindly created a guide for parents to help with the logging on. **We would like you to have another go at logging on over half term.** If you didn't have a problem then you can ignore the letter being sent to you. We are determined to get things right, be prepared as possible and provide the best learning experience we can. The exercise is particularly beneficial if you fill in the questionnaire or let us know how it was for you. Thank you in advance.

Hampshire County Council has asked us to share the following important public health message with you all:

Coronavirus infections are continuing to rise, and Hampshire is on 'Medium' COVID alert level. **We need your help to stop the spread of the virus**, so please continue following national public health guidance this half term.

Remember 'hands, face, space' and the Rule of 6: which means no large gatherings indoors or outdoors.

Keep Hampshire SAFE
Remember:

Have a safe half-term

Rule of Six

Hands, Face, Space

Current alert level in Hampshire: **Medium**

New dinner menu and meal price

From November a two course meal will cost
£2.50

The link to the new menu is below

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/HC3S/Picture-menu-November2020-A4.pdf>

Water Bottles

**Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school. Please remember also that we only want them to drink water in the classroom.
Thank you.**



P.E. Uniform

We wish we had thought of coming to school in P.E. kit years ago! It means that children are ready and we can have more learning. However, a couple of things:

- **The school sweatshirt must be worn over the top of the P.E. T-shirt**
- **Tracksuit bottoms are fine to come to school in BUT put them over the top of black shorts. Tracksuit bottoms are cumbersome in a P.E. lesson and the children really do overheat!**



WATCH OUT FOR THE YEAR 6 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE THAT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH GOOGLE MEET ON NOVEMBER 11th

If your child is in Year 6

Application for Secondary School is due by 31st October

If you haven't yet applied click the link to the Hampshire admissions website.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>



Ashley Junior School

STAR READER

Wren
Isabella

Kestrel
Bonnie

Starling
Hollie

Kingfisher
Evie

Skylark
Alice

Barn Owl
Jayzack

Eagle
Vesper

Osprey
Chloe

Merlin
Lily

Robin
Toprak



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Wren
Chloe

Kestrel
Paige

Starling
Logan

Kingfisher
Meisha

Skylark
Ben

Barn Owl
Harvey

Eagle
Maia

Osprey
Emily

Merlin
Evie

Robin
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HIGH FLYER

Wren
Josh

Kestrel
Elliott

Starling
Ki

Kingfisher
Lewis

Skylark
Christopher

Barn Owl
Lily-May

Eagle
Maria

Osprey
Sirin

Merlin
Ella

Robin
Sarah



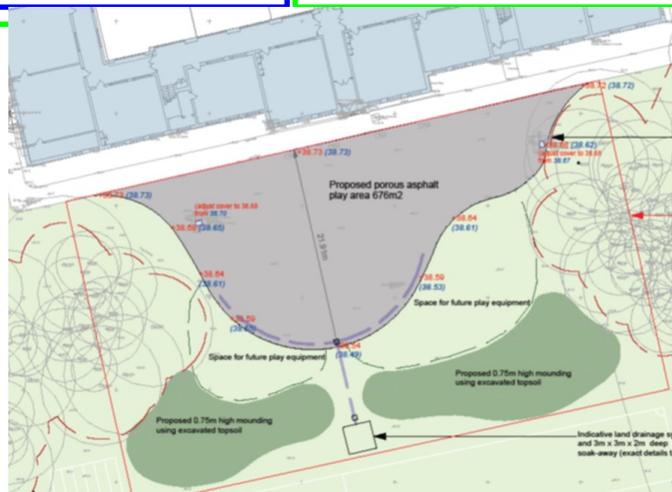
TOP DOODLERS



Wren
Maths Aliou
Spelling Freya
Kestrel
Maths Alex
Spelling Bonnie
Starling
Maths Logan
Spelling Isabelle
Kingfisher
Maths Meisha
Spelling April
Skylark
Maths Mieszko
Spelling Harrison
Barn Owl
Maths Joshua
Spelling Imogen
Eagle
Maths Drew
Spelling Rebecca
Osprey
Maths Sirin
Spelling Elliot
Merlin
Maths Vinnie
Spelling Paige
Robin
Maths Charlie
Spelling Milo

Landscape Project

The planning application for our new playground is about to be submitted. We have waited almost two years to get to this stage and we are very excited! Surrounding the perimeter will be nearly £60,000 worth of climbing apparatus that the governors have agreed to, which will be stunning, challenging and offer lots of exercise and activity. There will also be quiet seated areas. The existing playground will become a hard court sports area. This is all paid for through the sale of the caretaker's house.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

BECAUSE OF CHANGING GUIDANCE AND REGULATION OF COVID 19, THESE MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR FORMAT

Don't forget that all the latest dates can be found on the school calendar on our website - <http://ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/calendar/>

Friday 23rd October

Last day of term

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October Half Term

November

Monday 2nd November

Back to school

Wednesday 11th November

Year 6 Remembrance Service 10:30am

Friday 13th November

Flu Vaccination