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Summer Term Bulletin

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have a had a good week. It has been a lovely week at Ash Hill; we have been treated to both a Year 1 and Year 4 class assembly, the cricket team represented our school wonderfully in London and we got to meet our new Reception children and families at the New Starters meeting on Tuesday!

Walking Home Arrangements
A reminder that if your child walks home, the expectation is that they walk home immediately. Children must not meet parents/carers part way, come back onto the school site to find their adult or stop off on their journey home. This has always been our expectation, and it is in place as a safeguarding measure. We have unfortunately had numerous occasions where parents/carers have been unaware of where children are, or children have returned to school as their adult is not where they expected them to be. When we release your child at the end of the day without an adult, we are trusting that the arrangements you have agreed with them are safe. If we find that they are not safe and not meeting our expectations, we will need to request that you collect your child at the end of the day. Primary school pupils are still young, learning life skills and they need clear and robust arrangements to keep them safe if unsupervised. We allow pupils to walk home as part of teaching them our school value of responsibility, but we can only allow this is we are happy that the arrangements are safe.

Transition Afternoon
I wrote to you this week about our staffing for September 2022, and I know the children are really excited about moving up! A reminder that we will be holding our transition afternoon next Tuesday. The children will be going to their new classes and meeting their new teacher and support staff. They will be doing some 'getting to know you' activities. We will also hold our usual Meet the Teacher afternoons in the autumn term to allow parents to meet their child's teacher too.

Jubilee Sports Days
We are holding our sports days next week, and this is also a chance to see your child's learning about the queen's platinum jubilee! We will have an exhibition set up for viewing on the day. We will also be having our picnic at the end of the sports day events, which we hope you will stay for. This will be jubilee themed, and we look forward to celebrating with you!

Royal Reading Challenge
A reminder that children should be reading at home every day. This is so important - pupils' reading skills will only improve if they have lots and lots of practice, and strong reading skills are essential for allowing pupils to access the rest of the curriculum. The children have been participating in the Royal Reading Challenge this half term as an extra incentive, and those pupils who complete the challenge will receive their certificate in assembly at the end of the year, so please do encourage them to get reading!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes
Mrs Manning
Headteacher

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Attendance W/c 20/06/22

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Reception	93.8	2
Year 1	84.3	1
Year 2	95.4	0
Year 3	95.0	5
Year 4	94.3	2
Year 5	89.7	2
Year 6	91.4	0

100%	Excellent
96 – 99.9%	Good
90 – 95.9%	Needs to improve
89.9% or less	Really needs to improve

Community Mindedness Tokens

Year 1	36
Year 2	42
Year 3	36
Year 4	48
Year 5	62
Year 6	67

Coming Up...

Date	Event
29/06/22	Year 1 class assembly - 2.30pm
12/07/222	Year 2 class assembly - 2.30pm
23/06/22	Year 3 class assembly—2.30pm
01/07/22	Year 4 class assembly—2.30pm
06/07/22	Year 5 class assembly - 2.30pm
20/07/22	Year 6 Leavers assembly - 1.15pm
12/07/22 & 14/07/22	Upper School (Years 4, 5 & 6) - School Summer Production
05/07/22 & 06/07/22	Transition days
06/07/22	Nursery & Reception Sports Day 9.30am
08/07/22	Years 1—6 Sports Day
12/07/22	Reception—Vision Screening
20/07/22	School closes for Summer Break
21/07/22	Extra Leave Day
	INSET DAYS—2022/2023 02/09/22 05/09/22 04/01/2023 17/04/2023 21/07/2023
06/09/2022	Back to school (Autumn Term)

Letters this week ...

- Sports day arrangements & timings
- Water safety lesson (Year 3s)
- Scooter safety (Nursery)
- Upper school Summer Production (Years 4, 5 & 6)
- New classes for September
- Forest School—Year 1 Group 2 date change

This Week in School...

Nursery:
Nursery have had a busy week continuing to think about the 1980s! They have explored past toys and have compared them with toys they play with now. A popular toy was a 1980s phone on wheels. The children had fun chatting with their friends on these phones and then made their own phones using the junk modelling. We also thought about popular movies, especially ET. Here, we read Aliens love Underpants and children had a go at creating their own aliens using salt dough.

Reception:

The children in Reception class have enjoyed learning our new story this week 'Rumble in the Jungle'. They have been learning to tell the story by doing actions and using a story map. The children listened to jungle animal sounds and then explored the classroom to find each animal – writing the animals name when they found it. They also looked at pictures of a jungle and listened to the sounds of a jungle and thought of words to describe what they could see, hear, smell and feel. The children have also been continuing to practice the correct formation of their letters – using the rhymes to help them. In maths this week, the children have been looking at one more and one less, have been using Numicon to work out which 2 numbers can combine to make 10 and have been sharing between two to find a half.

Phonics Link - https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/TjXPitW5/nKXX8Jc1

Year 1

This week year one have been diving deep into the 90s! In English, we really enjoyed learning all about the Spice Girls, and wrote a fact file about them. In Maths, we have started learning to tell time to the O' Clock. We have been so resilient because this was very tricky! On Wednesday, we had our class assembly and had a fantastic time showing off all of our learning that we did as part of our 'Dream Big' project around what jobs we could do when we're older. We also had a very special guest from the National Literacy Trust! On Friday, we had our 90s dress up day and all looked AMAZING. To top the week off, we learned some famous dances from the 90s, including the Macarena!

Year 2

Year 2 have had an exciting and interesting week completing their Jubilee Project! They have learnt about the artist Henry Matisse, one of the artists who has their work displayed at the Tate in London (which opened in the year 2000!) They have also been learning about the advent of iPods and Furbys! It's been quite a nostalgic trip down memory lane for some of the teachers! Meanwhile in English, the children are continuing their learning about journey tales. It's been great to read some of their writing and to see the progress they have made this year. In Maths, the children are busy learning about mass and different ways to read scales and weights.

Year 3

In Year 3 we have enjoyed completing our Jubilee Project this week; we have learnt about the Queen's Silver Jubilee, Beryl Gilroy (London's first Black headteacher) and stunt kites! But more importantly, we now know the moves to Night Fever! When we aren't dancing to those 70s classics, we manage to squeeze in time for some Maths, English and Reading. Our current class book is The Boy at the Back of the Class and we are loving reading it! In English, we are preparing to write our own speech independently. In Maths, we are learning how to read different scales and tell the weights of different objects in kilograms and grams.

Year 4:

Year 4: We have had a brilliant week in Year 4, practising for our class assembly and learning songs for the Upper School production. We can't wait for you to see us! In English, we have written our own adventure stories using Ryan and Raya, the twin spies. In Maths, we started a new unit: shape. This week, we have started by looking at types of angles. Our Jubilee project work is also done, we look forward to sharing this with you on Sport's Day. Finally, we are very excited about our school trip to the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre on Wednesday 6th July!

Year 5

It's been a busy week in Year 5! We've innovated our own writing based of the Icarus model text. We've written about some modern-day warning tales. In maths, we've finished our topic on properties of shape and have started learning about position and direction, plotting coordinates using our x and y-axis. During science, we've continued studying properties of materials and have considered reversible and irreversible changes. Can your child remember why mixing oil and water is a reversible change? We've also been busy preparing for our class assembly as well as the end-of-year production. From Year 5- have a great weekend!

Year 6:

Year 6 have been very busy this week practising the performance! In addition, they have been completing their music festival planning in Maths and have finally found out how much profit they'll make. In writing they have researched, planned and written their own information text about a forgotten beast from the past. Ask your child which beast they have written about. Furthermore, they have been working hard to prepare for our jubilee celebrations on sports day! They have also learned to ask each other's ages in Spanish. I hope they have a lovely, restful weekend and continue to practice learning their lines!

Update from Mr Bell.....

A busy sporting week with a Year 1 Football Tournament as well as an U11 Hardball T20 Cricket match. Our Year 1's attended a tournament at Cressex Astro with 7 other schools competing. Unfortunately we had 6 footballers from Year 1 absent who were attending, reducing Ash Hill down to 1 team. Nevertheless our bunch had an awesome time! A considerable amount was learnt during this event from how to conduct ourselves after a match has finished or a goal scored through to how to play together in a team when opponents are making it tricky for you. Throughout the morning there were numerous wonderful moments from awesome tackling (Ajay, Malachi) to fantastic goals scored (Keshav, Kye), just a few to mention!

Our U11 Boys Cricket Team attended Lyndhurst Prep School to play a T20 Hardball Cricket match on Wednesday this week. This was our teams first ever time playing this format. Our 11 handled and coped with the game so well - Ajay, our captain, won the toss and elected to bowl first. Lyndhurst scored 78/7 with our wickets coming from Ajay, Manish & Isaac. Our group thoroughly enjoyed our fielding experience with 8 children bowling over the 20 overs. Onto batting, Ajay was super unlucky as a ball in the first over popped up which he snicked and the wicket keeper caught but handled the situation superbly and supported the team continuously throughout. Saboor, from Year 4, also put on a great performance lasting a while batting before being bowled however I was so impressed with all our batsmen. Manish scored 33 and hit the only 6 in the match, with Abdullah scoring three 4's on the bounce nearly winning the game. We fell 10 runs short scoring 68 all out. An awesome experience and I hope this has given a real good taste of proper cricket, showing how enjoyable the game is.

Your PTA needs you!

We really do need to recruit some new members, whether that be regulars on the committee or just occasional helpers.

If you think you would like to join our friendly group then please contact us at **foah@ashhillprimary.co.uk**