

Ashby Hill Top Primary School

Newsletter

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Friday 16th June 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely, sunny few weeks we have had in school! The children have coped brilliantly in the heat and teachers have taken learning outside whenever possible. Thank you to parents who have ensured that the children have water in school, hats to wear and are sun creamed ready for the day!

With the summer holiday on the horizon we are doing all that we can in school to help prepare the children for the next academic year. Staff have been meeting to hand over information about the children, such as their strengths, medical, academic and more personal information. We work hard to ensure that your child's new classteacher has all of the information that they need to give your child the best start possible. Class teachers are really looking forward to meeting their new classes on move up morning in the next few weeks.

End of year reports

End of year reports will come home on **Thursday 29th June**. There will be a reply slip for you to confirm receipt and make comments on your child's report.

Tuesday 4th July

5.00pm to 6.00pm Open Evening

A drop-in session where you and your child can come back into school to visit their new classroom and meet their new teacher. There will be examples of activities and experiences that your child can look forward to during the year ahead. You can arrive at any time between 5 and 6pm to have a quick look and a chat!

Tuesday 4th July

Your child will spend half an hour in their new classroom with their new teacher and classmates. They will have the chance to find out about each other, experience their new environment and share a story together. Your child will bring home a letter from their new teacher to share with you.

3.40 pm EYFS to Y1 Transition meeting

A quick meeting to inform and prepare parents about any changes between EYFS and joining their new Y1/2 class.

4.40 pm Y2 to Y3 Transition meeting

A quick meeting to inform and prepare parents of children going into Y3 about any changes they will need to be aware of.



Move up Day – Wednesday 5th July

Your child will come into school as normal and be registered by their current class teacher. At 9.15 a.m. the children will be taken to their new classroom to spend the day becoming familiar with new staff, their environment and friends. Staff have planned a range of fun activities that are going to whet the appetite of the children so that they are excited about the prospect of returning to this class at the end of August! The children will return to their current class before the end of the school day and they will be brought out by their current class teacher in their usual way.

Staff Changes

At the end of this term we will be sad to say goodbye to two members of our teaching staff. Miss Payne has been with us for a year, teaching in Year 3/4. She has secured a new post at Congerstone Primary School and will be beginning this new chapter after the summer. She will be missed at Hill Top but we know that she will be a fantastic asset to her new school.

Mrs Hoults who has been teaching one day a week in Year 5/6 will be leaving us to spend more time with her young family. I'd like to thank her for her hard work over the last few years here at Ashby Hill Top.

After the summer we are pleased to say that Mrs Barnes will be returning to 5 days a week in Year 5/6

Miss Brierley (who left us last year to move out of the area) will be re-joining the team teaching in Year 3/4. We are all excited to welcome her back to Hill Top.

Class teachers for the next academic year:

Phase	Teaching Staff
EYFS	Mrs D Dexter Miss Spratt
Year One & Two	Mrs L Woolcock Miss J Beesley Miss E Frances and Mrs J Finlayson
Year Three & Four	Mrs L Fisher and Mrs K Froggatt Miss H Brierley Mrs L Poxon and Mrs J McAuliffe
Year Five & Six	Mrs B Barnes Mrs R Newham Mrs C Levis and Miss A Smallwood

Area Athletics at Saffron Lane

Well done to all of the children who took part in this year's Area Athletics championships at Saffron Lane Stadium in Leicester last week. The children showed excellent sportsmanship, were brilliantly behaved and performed to the best of their abilities. Well done to all of the children and to the staff who gave up the time to take the children to the event and the parents who came to cheer the children on! Good work Team Hill Top! A big thank you to Mrs McMahon for not only being part of organising the whole event, but for helping to prepare our team of excellent sports people.



Sporting Achievements

What a great sporting few weeks we've had! The year 4/5 boys football team were victorious in the semi-final of the Rose Bowl football competition. It was a very close competitive match between Hill Top and Willesley. Yesterday the boys were sadly beaten in the final, but second place in a big competition is an amazing achievement and we are proud of you.

Our Quad Kids teams competed in the NWLSSP Quad Kids event. Well done to everyone with your times and distances as well as supporting each other with great team spirit. We congratulate our year Year 3/4 team who took third place.



Our girl's football teams played Moira School on Tuesday evening. Unfortunately, they were beaten in both games, but as always they represented us well and did us proud.

School Uniform

I know that as the summer gets nearer, families start thinking about purchasing new school uniform. Please remember our uniform policy is:

- Green Ashby Hill Top Primary School sweatshirt/cardigan with logo (or plain green sweatshirt/cardigan without logo)
- White polo shirt with/without logo or green polo shirt with/without logo or a white shirt
- Grey trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore (no black)
- White/grey/black socks or grey/black/green tights
- A green checked summer dress may be worn in the summer months



Please name all items, including shoes and coats, to ensure lost items can be identified and quickly returned to their owner!

Footwear

Children should wear black **shoes** for school or black boots in the winter. (If in doubt please speak to us before purchasing footwear.)

PE Uniform:

PE kits are essential and should be named and stored in a named PE Bag. A school PE bag can be purchased from our uniform suppliers.

Indoor

- ✓ White school logo PE shirt (or plain white T-Shirt)
- ✓ Optional plain black T-shirt (no logos, no writing) for year 5 and 6 children.
- ✓ Green or black shorts
- ✓ Plimsolls



Outdoor

- ✓ White school logo PE shirt (or plain white T-Shirt)
- ✓ Optional plain black T-shirt (no logos, no writing) for year 5 and 6 children.
- ✓ Black shorts/track suit/jogging bottoms/leggings with black sweatshirt/hoodie. Slogan, logo and picture free please.
- ✓ Trainers

We are happy for your child to wear 'skins' for PE in the colder months, but please do not wear them under uniform on non-PE days.

Children will continue to be asked to come to school in their outdoor PE kit on outdoor PE days- parents might want to consider this when purchasing uniform. In the next few weeks, parents of children in current year 5, will receive a letter via email about the option of purchasing a year 6 hoodie that can be worn on PE days.

Ashby Hill Top Swimming Survey- for next year's Year 5 children

Reminder to Year 5 parents- please complete this survey to help us to understand your child's swimming ability. The survey will close on Friday 23rd June. <https://forms.office.com/e/hc0NHPGpfm>

Friends of Hill Top

Thank you for arranging the wonderful Rainbow Run, it was fabulous to see so many multi-coloured smiles! Your hard work and organisation is very much appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact school.

Regards,



Sylvie Newman
Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates		
21/22/23/June	Year 3 and 4 Ashby Castle visits	During the school day.
26 June	KS1 Rosliston Trip	All day
28 June	Sounds Start Concert SP class – parents welcome	2.45
28 June	Friends of Hill Top Summer cake sale	After school
29 June	End of Year Reports out to parents	
30 June	Non uniform day for Ashby Food Bank – an email has been sent to you about this.	All day
4 July	Open Evening to meet new teachers and see new classrooms	5.00pm to 6.00pm
5 July	Year 6 transition days to secondary schools	All day
5 July	Move up day for EYFS to year 5	All day
6 July	Year 6 transition days to secondary schools	All day
7 July	EYFS celebration day	All day



7 July	Year 6 Camp Day	All day
11 July	Year 6 Leavers event	Evening (time TBC)
12 July	Last day of the school year	3.25pm
Summer Break- have a wonderful Summer!		
29 August	School reopens to children in Year 1-Year 6	
31 August	School reopens to children in EYFS (part time timetable)	
8 September	Friends of Hill top AGM	p.m.