

# Newsletter

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Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now three weeks into the new term and all of our new children have settled into school routines so well. Our new foundation children are enjoying coming to school and are already busy with their 'learning jobs' in the classroom!

## Parents Evening

This year parents evening will take place on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October**, (EYFS will have an additional parents evening on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**). the meetings will take place in school and you will also be able to look at your children's

books. A short 'Settling in Report' will be sent home on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October this will be discussed during the parents evening. You will be sent more information about how to book your appointment shortly. We are hoping that 100% of parents will attend and we are excited to share the children's learning with you!



## Are you entitled to Free School Meals?

Children of families in receipt of certain benefits may be eligible for additional funding – Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) - which we can use to provide free school milk and lunches for your child. Support with paying for school trips and other educational activities can be offered by the SLT for pupils in receipt of this funding. Even if you don't wish to take advantage of any of these, school can still claim much needed funding for those who are eligible. Under current rules the funding lasts for 6 years, even if your circumstances change in that time. If you have not already

applied, or if your circumstances have changed recently, we would encourage you to check eligibility and apply online. Please contact the school office for more details.

## EYFS parents (2025 intake) Open Evening

Do you have a child who is due to start school in September 2025? Choosing your child's school is an important decision. This evening is aimed at giving new parents as much information as possible in order to help them make the right decision. Our Open Evening will take place on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 6.30pm**.

There will be a short presentation in the hall, followed by a chance to tour our amazing EYFS classroom and talk informally to staff. We will be advertising this event locally, but if you or someone you know is interested in attending, they can book a place by contacting the school office.

**Vacancies- We still need a lunchtime supervisor to join our team? Are you available at lunchtimes every day? Are you looking for part time work?**

**LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR**  
**Monday to Friday 11.55am to 1.05pm**

You will need to help, support and play alongside children aged 4 to 11 outside during their lunchtime break. Patience, enjoyment of children's company, a very positive outlook and lots of common sense are essential!

**Dogs**

Please may I remind you that we do not allow any dogs on site, even when they are being carried. Many children are afraid of animals or have allergies and all dogs, however well trained, can be unpredictable in certain situations. For these reasons we also kindly ask you to be considerate with your dog at the school gates. If you need to tie them onto the school railings, please do so as far away. If waiting for your child outside the school gates, please wait away from the entrance gates. **Thank you to those of you who wait over the road with your dog.**



**Attendance**

Attendance has been very good so far this term. Thank you for your help in making sure that your children attend school and arrive on time. Punctuality is really important. Gates open at 8.45am and **close at 9.00am**. Children arriving after that time will need to enter via the office. Many classes undertake important learning first thing in the morning whilst the children are bright and fresh and it can be unsettling for children who arrive late. If your child is unable to attend school, it is vitally important that you inform us of this and let us know *why*, before 9.00am on the day of absence. Please email [office@ashbyhilltop.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@ashbyhilltop.leics.sch.uk) or call the school, giving your child's name, class and a brief reason for absence. Please also arrive promptly to collect your child(ren) at 3.25pm.

**Harvest**

We are really looking forward to joining together this year to celebrate Harvest. This year's celebration will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October in the school hall. To ensure that we can accommodate all of the children's parents, there will be two assemblies as follows:

<b>9.10am</b>	<b>Red and Yellow merit teams</b>
<b>9.55am</b>	<b>Blue and Green merit teams</b>



We will be collecting tinned goods, dried foods and other non-perishables to donate to the Ashby Food Bank. Their current wish list is for tinned vegetables, small jars of coffee, jam, squash, pot noodles or similar, larger size nappies, soap, deodorant and washing tablets. Donations should be brought to school at the beginning of the day on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

**Apply for a School Place – Primary/Secondary**

It is fast approaching the time when Year 6 parents need to apply for their secondary school places. To assist you in this, the feeder secondary schools will have open evenings over the coming weeks – details on their websites. The deadline for applying for a Secondary School place is **31st October 2024**.

The deadline for applying for a Primary School place is **15th January 2025**. For both applications, the simplest way is online at: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions>

If you need any further information, please contact the Admissions team on [admissions@leics.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@leics.gov.uk) or 0116 305 6684.

If you have any questions about this or anything else, please telephone school or email [office@ashbyhilltop.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@ashbyhilltop.leics.sch.uk)

Regards,



Sylvie Newman  
Executive Headteacher



## 2024-2025 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below dates for this academic year- we have tried to include as much information as possible here! This information will be added to the bi-weekly newsletter and will also be available on the school website. **New dates will be added in green!**



<b>17 Sept</b>	Norfolk Residential meeting for parents	3.40pm
<b>26 Sept</b>	European day of languages	All day
<b>2 Oct</b>	New EYFS parents 2025 intake Open Evening	6.30pm to 7.30pm
<b>Date to be rearranged</b>	EYFS phonic workshops for parents – more details to follow	2pm
<b>9 Oct</b>	Harvest Festival	am
<b>9 Oct</b>	Friends of Hill Top – BINGO	5 – 6.30 pm
<b>10 Oct</b>	Settling in reports sent home	
<b>11 Oct</b>	Y5/6 trip to Museum of Justice	
<b>14 Oct</b>	Parents Evening face to face	3.30pm to 7.00pm
<b>15 Oct</b>	Parents Evening face to face <b>EYFS ONLY</b>	3.30pm to 7.00pm
<b>17 Oct</b>	Parents Evening face to face	3.30pm to 7.00pm
<b>18 Oct</b>	School closes for half term	3.25pm
<b>October Half term</b>		
<b>28 Oct</b>	School reopens	8.45am
<b>28 Oct – 1 Nov</b>	Y6 Norfolk Residential	
<b>31 Oct</b>	Viking workshop Year 3/4	All day
<b>5 Nov</b>	Individual school photos - if your child has outdoor PE, please send them in school uniform and bring PE kit to school.	am
<b>11 Nov</b>	Anti-Bullying Week	
<b>11 Nov</b>	Remembrance Day	
<b>12 Nov</b>	Odd Sock Day- children can come to school wearing Odd Socks with their uniforms!	
<b>28 Nov</b>	Friends of Hill Top – Christmas Wreath Making	7pm – 9 pm
<b>30 Nov</b>	School Open morning for 25-26 intake	am
<b>9 Dec</b>	Flu vaccines (EYFS – Year 6)	am
<b>10 Dec</b>	Whole school pantomime	2pm
<b>11 Dec</b>	Friends of Hill Top – Christmas Fair	3.30 pm – 5.15 pm

<b>13 Dec</b>	EYFS Christmas Celebration	9.15am
<b>Wb 16 Dec</b>	Key Stage 1 nativity	
<b>17 Dec</b>	Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol concert- Holy Trinity Church	6.00pm
<b>19 Dec</b>	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Party	pm
<b>20 Dec</b>	School closes for Christmas	3.25pm
<b>Christmas Break</b>		
<b>6 Jan</b>	School reopens for children	8.45am
<b>9 Jan</b>	EYFS parents maths workshop	2pm
<b>15 Jan</b>	Multiplication check parents meeting Year 4 parents	3.35pm
<b>20 Jan</b>	Year 6 SATs meeting for parents	5pm
<b>6 Feb</b>	Online safety day	
<b>7 Feb</b>	Mid-Year reports sent home	
<b>10 Feb</b>	Parents Evening face to face	3.30pm to 7.00pm
<b>13 Feb</b>	Parents Evening face to face	3.30pm to 7.00pm
<b>14 Feb</b>	EYFS parents coffee morning	am
<b>14 Feb</b>	School closes for half term	3.25pm
<b>February Half term</b>		
<b>24 Feb</b>	School reopens for children	8.45am
<b>26 Feb</b>	Year 1 Phonics Meeting for parents	3.40pm
<b>6 March</b>	World Book Day	All day
<b>11 April</b>	School closes for Easter	3.25pm
<b>Easter Break</b>		
<b>28 April</b>	School reopens for children	8.45am
<b>30 April-1 May</b>	Y4 Beaumanor Residential	
<b>5 May</b>	School closed for Bank Holiday	All day
<b>12 May</b>	Year 6 SATS week	
<b>16 May</b>	Y6 Camp Day	
<b>22 May</b>	EYFS Art Gallery for parents	pm
<b>23 May</b>	School closes for half term	3.25pm
<b>May Half term</b>		
<b>2 June</b>	School reopens for children	8.45am
<b>2 June</b>	Year 4 Multiplication check window	
<b>4 June</b>	Sports Day	am
<b>9 June</b>	Year 1 phonics check week begins	
<b>TBC</b>	Saffron Lane- NWLSSP sporting event, selected KS2 children TBC	
<b>18 June</b>	Reserve Date for Sports Day- in case of wet weather	
<b>26 June</b>	End of Year Reports out to parents	
<b>27 June</b>	EYFS Celebration Day	
<b>1 July</b>	Open Evening to meet new teacher and view classroom	4-5pm
<b>2 July</b>	In school move up morning EYFS to Year 5	All day
<b>8 July</b>	Last day of the school year	
<b>Summer Break- have a wonderful Summer!</b>		
<b>26 August</b>	School reopens for children	8.45am