

Ashby Hill Top Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

New EYFS parents (2024 intake) Open Evening

Do you have a child who is due to start school in September 2024? 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 **Tuesday 3rd October at 6.30pm**. There will be a chance to tour our amazing EYFS base 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.



Harvest Festival 2023

We are really looking forward to joining together this year to celebrate Harvest. This year's celebration will take place on Wednesday 11th October in the school hall. To ensure that we can accommodate all of the children's parents, there will be two assemblies as follows.

9.10am	Red and Yellow merit teams
9.45am	Blue and Green merit teams



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 11th October.

Parents Evening

This year parents evening will take place on Monday 9th October and Thursday 12th 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 Friday 6th October- this will be discussed during the parents evening. You will be sent more information about how to book your appointment shortly.

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 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.

Any absence (including lateness) affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence can seriously affect their learning. Ensuring your child's regular attendance at school is your legal responsibility and permitting absence from school without a good reason is an offence in law.

School Uniform

It is our priority to ensure that school uniform is of low cost and that parents are able to access second hand uniform. We aim to ensure that our uniform is accessible to all in the following ways:

- Parents may opt for their children to wear plain or logo/branded uniform. Plain uniform is available from all supermarkets and other suppliers at a low cost.
- Logo/branded uniform can be purchased from our two suppliers, at a low cost.
- The FoHT hold a small stock of second-hand uniform in all sizes. Parents should speak to the office or their child's class teacher at any time.
- Pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium funding are offered support with uniform costs. Parents should contact Miss Middleton via slt@ashbyhilltop.leics.sch.uk at any time.
- We encourage families to pass uniform down through siblings and friends.

Please see our suppliers below, for uniform with our logo on, however it is not a requirement for children to wear branded uniform. As such, uniform can be purchased from any supermarket at a low cost.

Ashby Schoolwear in Ashby <https://www.ashbyschoolwear.co.uk/>

Apply for a School Place Secondary

It is fast approaching the time when Year 6 parents need to apply for secondary school places for their children. To assist you in this, the feeder secondary schools (Ivanhoe School, Ashby School, Ibstock Community College Information concerning these schools is available from the individual establishments) will hold open evenings over the next few weeks.



I want to stress the importance of **applying for three schools**. Some children in the past, have been left without a secondary school place on offer day as parents had only listed one school. Secondary admissions closing date is 31st October, and national offer date 1st March (*or next working day*).

Primary

The deadline for applying for a Primary School place is **15th January 2024**.

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 have any questions, please phone school or email office@ashbyhilltop.leics.sch.uk

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sylvie Newman'.

Sylvie Newman
Executive Headteacher

Dates for the Autumn Term 2023

Date	Event	Time
26 September	EYFS parents phonics workshop	2.15pm
27 September	Norfolk meeting to parents	3.30 – 4pm
3 October	New parents open evening for children starting in autumn 2024	6.30pm
4 October	Yr 5/6 tag rugby festival	To be confirmed
9 October	Parents evening	To be confirmed
11 October	Harvest festival	am
12 October	Parents evening	To be confirmed
	Half term	
23 October	Year 6 Norfolk residential	Full week
23 October	Year 3/4 Roman Day	All day in school
2 November	Flu vaccinations - information to follow	During school day
13 December	KS2 Christmas Concert	evening
15 December	EYFS Christmas Celebration	am
WB 18 Dec	KS1 nativity week	To be confirmed