



NEW ASH GREEN SCHOOL NEWS



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APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our Newsletter for April 2024.

It is incredible to see that Term 5 is well under way and has already included some fantastic events at the school. We began the term with our Roundwood Spring Hat Parade, which as you can see below, was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved. The school has also been delighted to offer its pupils the opportunity to take part in our new music Rock Steady workshops, further details of which are included in this newsletter. During this term, the children have continued to excel in a wide range of sporting activities as well, which as you will read this, has made the school very proud. As we head further into the remaining part of the year, there will be an increasing number of other events taking place, especially as we move into the summer months, so please do continue to refer to further dates in the diary, which are at the foot of this newsletter. Kind regards, Mrs C.A Cain, Headteacher



Some of the Children from the Roundwood Spring Hat Parade at the Start of the Term

**A Further Reminder of the Forthcoming
Class Assemblies, Trips and Other Events**



We are very pleased to be able to confirm the following events, which are taking place during Term 5 & 6:

**Class Assemblies for Term 5 and 6 2024
Thursday at 10.00-10.30am**

Date	Class
2 nd May 2024	R3 - Reception
9 th May 2024	R5 - Year 1
23 rd May 2024	R4 - Reception
13 th June 2024 *	R2 - Year 2

* = Please note this is a new date.



**Another Reminder of the Forthcoming
Class Trips in Year Groups**

Date	Year	Trip
Tues 7 th May 2024	Year 1	Chatham Dockyards
Wed 8 th May 2024	Year R	Wingham Wildlife
Wed 12 th June 2024	Year 4	Horton Kirby Rivers
Tues 18 th June 2024	Year 2	Hever Castle
Wed 19 th June 2024	Year 6	Imperial War Museum

Upcoming PTA and School Events

Please find below dates of our PTA and school events due to take place in Terms 5 and 6:

Father's Day Event:

- **Tuesday, 11th June:**
Father's Day Presents



Discos, Year 6 Production & Prom:

- **Tuesday 21st May:**
Bramleyham & Year 5 Disco from 5pm-6:30pm.
- **Tuesday 16th July:**
Year 6 Production from 6pm-8pm.
- **Thursday 18th July:**
Year 6 Prom - from 6pm-8pm.
- **Tuesday 23rd July:**
Leavers' Assembly - from 10am-10:30am

Funds Raised from PTA Events

Thank you for raising the following funds from the recent events organised by the PTA:

- Roundwood Spring Disco = **£430**
- Last Non-Uniform Day for Term 4 = **£262**

**Thank you to our PTA, once again,
for the organisation of these events.**

**Another Reminder for our
After School Sports Club for Term 5:**

We would like to remind all parents and carers of the following clubs, which are taking place this term:

- **Years 1 & 2 After School Football Club:**
The first session for this year group started on Tuesday, 30th April and will continue for 10 weeks (excluding the May half term), finishing on Tuesday, 9th July 2024.
- **Years 3 & 4 After School History Club:**
Please be reminded that for just this week only, this club will not be taking place on Thursday, 2nd May. This club will resume the following week.
- **Years 5 & 6 After School Netball Club:**
This club will start again on Thursday 2nd May for those children who currently attend.

If you were not able to secure a place for your child for any of these after school clubs, then please notify the school office so we can add their name on a waiting list.

Local Events for the May Half Term



SPRING FAMILY WORKSHOP SUNDAYS in the Hever Castle Think Tank

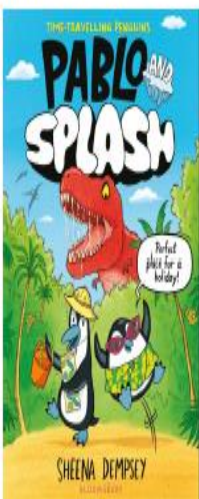
Fabulous childrens authors will be bringing their books to life with fun activities and interesting exclusive facts. With the opportunity to meet rebels and royalty from history, time travelling penguins and big bad wolf scientists these events are perfect for inquisitive children asking big questions!
 Each author will be available to chat after the workshop and will be signing copies of their books which will be available to buy at the events.



Big Bad Wolf Investigates Fairy Tales
 Fact-checking your favourite stories with SCIENCE!
 Catherine Cawthorne
 Sun 28 Apr 2pm



The Time Machine Next Door: Rebellions and Super Boots and Rule Breakers and Kiwi Keepers
 Iszi Lawrence Sun 5 May 2pm



Pablo and Splash
 Sheena Dempsey
 Sun 12 May, 2pm



ALL TICKETS £14.20

These events are taking place indoors and include the opportunity to visit Hever Castle gardens following the afternoon events. TICKETS ARE LIMITED.

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West Hill Life Ltd



After School Club

at New Ash Green Primary School

for **Holiday Club** information please see our website

After School Club includes

- A healthy supper
- Crafts
- Movies
- Board Games
- Team Games
- Badminton
- Table Tennis
- Homework
- 3.30pm-6pm
- £17.50 per day

The clubs also offer a variety of both indoor and outdoor activities (weather permitting). Delivered by qualified accredited staff who are DBS checked, safeguarding and paediatric first aid trained.

If you are interested please follow the links below or head to our website to register



Booking & Registration Link:
westhilllifchildcare.kidsclubhq.co.uk

For more information please contact us on
 Email: westhillchildcare@gmail.com Tel: 01322 278677
 Website: westhilllifeld.co.uk



OFSTED REGISTERED WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS

Well-Being: Supporting the School Community

Reminder: Online Parent and Carers Workshops, from the Emotional Well-Being Team (EWT)

Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

**Introduction To
Understanding Autism**
Monday 13th May 10.30-12.30pm



Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams
Medway Emotional Support Teams

*Workshop
timings
change from
term to term

Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

**Supporting Your Child with
Worries & Fears**
Thursday 23rd May 5.30-7.30pm



Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams
Medway Emotional Support Teams

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Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in year 5 and 6

**Helping Your Child Move
to Secondary School**
Wednesday 12th June 10-12pm



Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams
Medway Emotional Support Teams

Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

**Understanding ADHD in
Children**
Thursday 27th June 5.30-7.30pm



Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams
Medway Emotional Support Teams

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term to term

Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children about to start primary school

**Supporting Your Child with
Starting Primary School**
Tuesday 9th July 12.30-2.30pm



Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams
Medway Emotional Support Teams

Please refer to previous communication regarding these workshops for details on how to join these events.

THE EDUCATION PEOPLE

We would like to remind all parents and carers that The Education People will be delivering further training and information sessions for families of children with SEND.

The aims for the training are to:

- **build** parental confidence in what is on offer to support children and young people with SEND in mainstream schools.
- **answer** questions that you may have about the offer.
- **develop** your knowledge of how the Mainstream Core Standards are being used in schools to support your children.

The next free training, which will be delivered virtually via Zoom, is on **Thursday 9th July 2024, 10am to Midday**. Please see further information, including the links for booking, on the attached leaflet. Please also let the school know if you require any support with accessing this course, or have any further questions.





New Ash Green Primary School: Key Sporting Achievements for April 2024



The school has continued its fantastic start to the term with all the various sporting events that have taken place, as you will see below. Very well done everyone!



Last term, we were very pleased to be able to arrange for our Reception children to take part in **CycleMe Tots**, an early cycling proficiency course, lasting for 6 weeks at the school. The children made excellent progress riding a bike and were very proud of themselves. They also learnt how to stay safe whilst riding a bike.

On Thursday 18th April, our Year 6 Netball Team visited Fawkham Primary for a netball match. Our team played brilliantly, with two fantastic goals scored by **Alfred** and **Quinn (H1)**. For most of the team, this was their first time representing the school for netball. Well done to **Oscar (H2)** for being voted **Player of the Match** by the team at Fawkham. A huge well done to our brilliant team!





New Ash Green Primary School: Key Sporting Achievements for April 2024



On **Thursday 25th April**, our school hosted a **Cross Country Competition**. Children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in individual races. All of our athletes did amazingly well, with New Ash Green Primary School being placed **2nd in the competition overall**. A huge well done to **Nico (B1)** and **Tony (B3)** for winning **1st places in their races**. Congratulations also to **Freddy (H4)** and **Maisie (H2)** for winning **2nd place in their races**. Finally, well done also to **Jessica (H1)** for winning **3rd place in her race**. We are so proud of all of our runners.
Well done New Ash Green Primary School!





Rock Steady Music Workshop at New Ash Green Primary School!

We are delighted to be able announce that Rock Steady Music came to visit our school to inspire us about playing instruments from a rock band. We enjoyed a whole school assembly learning about the key instruments and then the children took part in workshops where some of them were able to have a go! Following this incredible visit, the school has now formed 5 bands who will begin their musical journey together in Term 5. We are excited for these pupils ranging from Reception to Year 6 who will be learning, composing and performing songs together on their chosen musical instrument. We look forward to seeing the rock performance at the end!

We still have spaces in some of our bands, so if your child would like to join one of them, then please ask them to speak to their class teacher. Thank you.



Mock Election Held at New Ash Green Primary School

At the end of Term 4, our Year 6 children held a mock election, linked to our Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) learning. The children formed into groups and created their own political parties and manifestos. Year 5 and 6 children voted for their favourite party with the winning party leader being **Jack, (H1)** with the **Better Britain Party!** Very well done Jack and to everyone else involved in this very topical subject.



ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES - APRIL 2024

R3 - Reception Shining Stars	R4 - Reception The Dolphins	R5 - Year 1 The Buccaneers	R6 - Year 1 The Earth Explorers	R1 - Year 2 The Chrononauts	R2 - Year 2 Planet Protectors
91%	94%	94%	94%	93%	98%

B1 - Year 3 The Antarctic Adventurers	B2 - Year 3 The Perceptive Pharaohs	B3 - Year 4 The Chameleons	B4 - Year 4 The Asgardians
95%	99%	96%	93%

H3 - Year 5 The Titans	H4 - Year 5 The Olympians	H1 - Year 6 The Sherlocks	H2 - Year 6 The Churchills
95%	91%	88%	97%

Next Parents and Carers' Well-Being Group Meeting

The date for our next Well-Being Group Meeting from **9:15am to 10:15am** will be confirmed very soon. Please do keep a look out for this notification.

Next Family Focus Group Meeting

We are pleased to confirm the next Family Focus Group Meeting to support parents and carers with children who have ASD or ADHD will be taking place from **9:10am to 10:30am** on: **Monday, 10th June 2024**. This meeting will continue to be supported by Donna Meadley from 'We Are Beams'. We look forward to seeing you there.

The teacher whose class achieved the highest attendance level for the month of **April 2024** is once again,
Mr Jordan - B2 Class, Year 3
who will be given **£50** to spend on new books for his classroom

WELL DONE, ONCE AGAIN, TO B2 CLASS!

Diary Dates for Remainder of Term 5: 2023/2024

TERM 5 Date	Time	Event
Thursday 2 nd May	10:00am	R3 Class Assembly - R3 Parents and Carers Welcome
Monday 6 th May	School Closed	May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 th May	All Day	Year 1 Class Trip to Chatham Dockyards
Wednesday 8 th May	All Day	Reception Class Trip Wingham Wildlife
Thursday 9 th May	10:00am	R5 Class Assembly, R5 Parents and Carers Welcome
Tuesday 21 st May	5pm-6:30pm	Bramleyham and Year 5 Disco
Thursday 23 rd May	10:00am	R4 Class Assembly - R4 Parents and Carers Welcome
Friday 24 th May	Last Day of Term	Last Day of Term 5 (Non-uniform Day - £1 Please for the PTA)

Diary Dates for Start of Term 6: 2023/2024

TERM 6 Date	Time	Event
Monday 3 rd June	School Closed	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 4 th June	-	Start of Term 6
Tuesday 11 th June	Morning	Father's Day Presents - Further information to follow
Wednesday 12 th June	All Day	Year 4 Class Trip to Horton Kirby Rivers
Thursday 13 th June	10:00am	R2 Class Assembly - R2 Parents and Carers Welcome
Tuesday 18 th June	All Day	Year 2 Class Trip to Hever Castle
Wednesday 19 th June	All Day	Year 6 Class Trip to Imperial War Museum
Thursday 27 th June	9:00am	Foundation Workshop - Transition into Year 1, Main Hall only

Academic Term Dates for Remainder of 2023/2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

Term 5	Monday 15 th April - Friday 24 th May
Bank Holidays	Monday 6 th May and 27 th May
HALF TERM	Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May
INSET DAY	Monday 3 rd June
Term 6	Tuesday 4 th June - Tuesday 23 rd July



New Academic Term Dates for 2024/2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

INSET DAYS	Monday 2 nd September and Tuesday 3 rd September
Term 1	Wednesday 4 th September - Friday 25 th October
HALF TERM	Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November
Term 2	Monday 4 th November - Friday 20 th December
CHRISTMAS BREAK	Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January

SPRING TERM 2025

INSET DAYS	Monday 6 th and Tuesday 7 th January
Term 3	Wednesday 8 th January - Friday 14 th February
HALF TERM	Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February
Term 4	Monday 24 th February - Friday 4 th April
Bank Holidays	Good Friday 18 th April and Easter Monday 21 st April
EASTER BREAK	Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April

SUMMER TERM 2025

Term 5	Tuesday 22 nd April - Friday 23 rd May
Bank Holidays	Monday 5 th May and Monday 26 th May
HALF TERM	Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May
INSET DAY	Monday 2 nd June
Term 6	Tuesday 3 rd June - Tuesday 22 nd July

