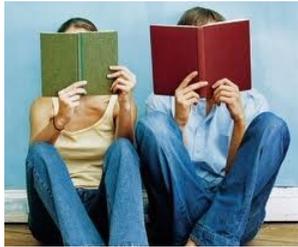


Parents' Evenings

There is a "Meet the teacher" evening in September, held in the year 3 classrooms. The Parents' Evenings in November and February are held in the school hall. You will be allocated a ten minute time slot to meet your child's class teacher. It's worth getting there early so you can find your child's tray and take a look at their work before talking with the teacher.



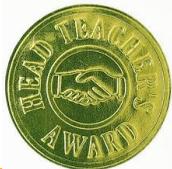
Achievements

Ashfield celebrates children's achievements in lots of ways.

Classes often have their own table points systems and merit marks, teacher award stickers and "pupil of the day" or "star of the week" awards.

There is an Achievements Assembly every Friday where children are nominated by staff and their peers for a Headteacher's award, which is presented in the assembly so that the whole school can congratulate them. Children who receive a Headteacher's award also have their name entered into a special book, displayed in the front entrance for all our visitors to see.

Special achievements are also mentioned in the school newsletter. We also like to celebrate children's out of school achievements too.



School Rules!

The School rules are simple:

Be safe

Work hard and allow others to work

Be kind to each other

Respect property



Behaviour

At the end of each week, Ashfield staff say "thank you" to the children for keeping our school rules with 30 minutes of reward time.

If rules are broken, children are reminded and given an orange warning card. This will be followed by a blue card if the behaviour persists. If a blue card is issued, this means 5 minutes of reward time is lost. This time can usually be redeemed and the child will be reminded how they should modify their behaviour to earn their reward time back.

The school also celebrates good behaviour with our Friday achievements assembly, good behaviour stickers and Headteacher awards.



Ashfield Junior School



Inspiring Today's Child for Tomorrow

New to Year 3

**Guide for Parents
by
Ashfield Parents**

We've been "new" too and know that there's so much for the school to tell you and so much for you to think about!

This short guide will tell you all the things the school might forget to tell you.

Useful Contacts

Parent Governors:

Doreen Thorne

sons William in year 4 and James in year 6

Glynnis Issa

son George in year 6

Mandy Hall

son Jack in year 7

Gareth Jones

son Oliver in year 5

Tanya Matthiason

son Alex in year 6

Parent Focus Group Representatives:

Year 3

Parent Reps will be sought in September

Year 4

Sam Rutter & Mel Stares

Year 5

Shelley Hamilton & Jane Donald

Year 6

Heidi Ashworth

Equipment

Ashfield provides an equipment list but this is worth remembering:

Trainers are an important item in the School equipment List
Children wear them for play-time as well as PE



Sticky-back Plastic

A necessity for covering books at the beginning of the year.



Snack & Chat

At Ashfield we have "Snack & Chat" 10 minutes before playtime. This is a dedicated speaking & listening time during which the children can eat a healthy snack to keep them going through the morning.

Juniors are not provided with fruit and vegetables by the school, instead, you will need to provide a healthy snack separate from your child's packed lunch. This might include: a piece of fruit or vegetable, occasionally a cereal bar or yoghurt. As the children get older, they may need something more substantial such as a small sandwich or a wrap. Ashfield asks parents to be aware of food labelling and avoid products with sugar as one of the first three ingredients on the list.



Messages for the Teacher

Now the children are older, we try to make them more independent and bring their own messages to their teacher.

If you want to draw the class teacher's attention to something such as changes of arrangements for collection at the end of the day, your child having a worry or a sleepless night... just write a quick note for your child to hand to their teacher.

If you think that an important message might not get through, give the School Office a quick call so staff can pass on the message. Please try to avoid the busiest times such as first thing in the morning or between 3.00 and 3.30pm

It's amazing just how quickly the children grow up and become very reliable "postmen" and message takers!

Beginnings & Ends of Days

The school gate opens at 8.30am but School starts at 8:50am. The children should enter through the top gate. We encourage you to drop them off in the waiting area and allow them to walk up the path independently, where they will be met in the playground.

At the end of the day you can:

- come up to the playground to wait for your child (the teachers bring them from the classroom onto the slop leading past year 4 and up to the playground)
- Arrange with your child where you will meet them. At first this might be the waiting area by the top gate, but as children get older and more confident, many parents choose to allow their child to:
 - Walk up to the big tree between here and Merry Hill
 - Walk up to Merry Hill
 - Walk down to the corner to meet by the bench
 - Walk down to the Golf Club

We always give this instructions to the children:

"If the person you are expecting to meet isn't where you were expecting to meet them, come straight back to school".

If you have a child at Merry Hill, please collect them first and then come down to Ashfield to meet your older child. The teachers stay with the children until parents arrive. If time is going by or it's getting chilly or is wet, children will be taken to wait in the entrance.

Newsletters & Reminders

You won't get one every week. These come out usually on a Friday every two or three weeks.

Mrs Culley, the School Secretary, sends out "Friday Reminders" by email every week, to remind you of events that are coming up.