

# Ashfield Junior School

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### Summer Uniform

The Spring weather has been very mixed – from temperatures in the mid-twenties last week to frost this morning. While we like all the children to be in their summer uniform by the end of May, they need to come prepared for chilly playtimes and lunchtimes. They really do need a jacket or coat in school. A reminder of the Ashfield summer uniform is available on the website.

I would ask parents to be particularly cautious about their choice of school shoes for the summer term. Some light sandals may look very pretty with the yellow summer dresses, but are really too flimsy for school wear. Children should **not** wear open toed sandals – their toes need more protection; and long socks or ankle socks must always be worn. Trainer socks are **not** part of school uniform. They have a nasty habit of slipping down and causing blisters. Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name so that we can return lost property.

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### Secondary Transfer News

Our Year 6 children have now received their allocated secondary schools back in March. 53% of our children were allocated their first ranked school – which is considerably lower than last year. While there are always changes between now and July, because children will remain on continued interest lists for higher ranked schools, it seems that both Bushey Meads School and Queens' were very popular schools with our families this year – we are sending over a third of our Year 6 cohort to Bushey Meads and a quarter to Queens'.

I am holding a secondary transfer meeting for parents of children in Year 5 at 3.30pm on 17<sup>th</sup> May so that I can explain the process and registering for the Consortium test.

### SATS Week

SATS week is nearly upon us. Our Year 6 children will be taking their tests in the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> May. The timetable is at the end of the letter. We are offering a free breakfast club for the Year 6 children that week. If you have a child in Year 6 and have not yet sent back your reply slip, the deadline is this Friday.

Assessment week for children in Years 3, 4 and 5 is in the week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> June. Please avoid routine medical appointments that week.

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### Upcoming Events

#### May 9

Year 4 visit to Hazard Alley

#### May 16

2.00-3.00pm

Social Media Course for parents of children in years 5 & 6

#### May 17

3.30pm Secondary

Transfer Meeting for Year 5 parents

#### May 22

Year 5 trip to Kew Gardens

**Half term week 28<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June**

#### June 4

INSET Day –school closed to children

#### June 8

Year 3 trip to the British Museum

#### June 11

3.30pm –School Journey Meeting for Year 5 parents and children

#### June 13

Immerse Theatre presentations for Science Day

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SATS WEEK TIMETABLE	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	English Papers 1 & 2 – Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	English Paper 3 - Reading
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths Papers 1 & 2 – Arithmetic and Reasoning
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths Paper 3 - Reasoning

In addition, Ashfield has been selected to do the science sampling tests this year. Up to 5 children will be selected to sit the test by the Standards and Testing Agency. The school has no say in which children will be selected and we are only given the names of the children shortly before the test. The children never find out their individual result – the data is used to enable the Standards and Testing Agency to make judgements about children’s knowledge and understanding of the Key Stage 2 science curriculum across the country.

### **Staffing News**

Ashfield said goodbye to Miss Prout at the end of the Spring Term. She had a passion for teaching music and ran the school choir. She covered teacher PPA across Years 3, 4 and 5. Miss Prout left to be able to spend more time pursuing her other passion, which is counselling – she completes her training shortly. This term we are very pleased to welcome Mrs Gordon back on a part time basis. She will teach throughout the school covering PPA and staff non-contact time, as well as some additional “supply” days.

### **Congratulations to Jessica!**

Jessica in 3A has raised over £200 for the Prince’s Trust in sponsorship by having all her hair cut off to make a real hair wig for someone going through medication causing hair loss. I am very proud to hear that our children can be so thoughtful and show compassion for others. Well done Jessica! And thank you to all her Ashfield friends and families who supported her so generously.