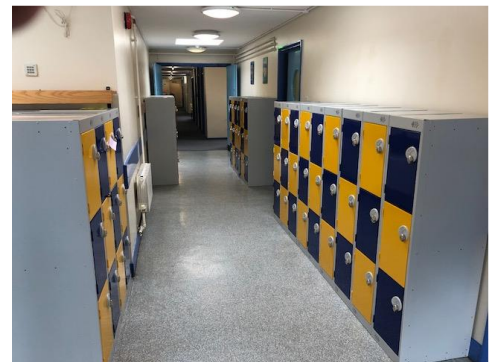




West Ashtead Primary School

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- 1. Lockers** The much awaited lockers finally arrived during half term and they look very smart. Already the corridors look much tidier. We have left some pegs up so that children can hang up wet coats on rainy days. On the Year 5 and 6 corridor these pegs are over radiators, which will also help the coats to dry.



The lockers for Years 5 and 6 (middle photo) are larger than those for Years 2 (on the right) and 3 & 4 (on the left), to reflect the larger amount of kit they bring to school

It was always the intention to buy sufficient lockers for 9 classes, from Year 2 to Year 6, even though currently we have 10 classes. This is because after next year, when our 'bulge' year leaves us we will go down from 12 to 11 classes in the school. If we bought lockers for 10 classes, which would leave us in a year's time with around 30 more than we need, so we have bought sufficient for our long term need. This does mean one upper junior class will not have lockers this term and next year and that is Miss Hart's Year 5 class. There is no particular reason for this except that being located at the end of the corridor it seemed to make better sense to choose this class than one located mid-way along the corridor. I am sorry if children in 5H this term or next year are disappointed by this decision.

- 2. Musical Afternoon** On Thursday afternoon, starting at 2pm, we will be holding a music concert. With so many children learning to play musical instruments we want to give some of them the chance to perform in front of an audience. You are very welcome to join us for this event, which will last around 1 hour at most. We are keen for more children to learn to play instruments and we can arrange lessons in most instruments during the school day. We are particularly keen for children to learn brass and string instruments, as these groups are very underrepresented in the school currently. If you think your child might be interested in learning an instrument, please contact the school office and we can tell you how to arrange lessons.

3. Infant Sports Day Just before half term we held this year's Infants sports day. The children were put into mixed age teams and they took part in a carousel of activities. Everyone joined in and I hope they all enjoyed themselves.



- 4. Junior Sports Day** Our Junior sports day is this Friday, 15th June and it will take a similar format to last year. This means that the children can come to school dressed in PE kit or wearing a T shirt or other suitable top in their House colour. If they do not have a suitable top in the House colour, wearing something like a badge or a band in the colour will be fine.

For your information the colours are: Earth- Green Water- Blue Fire –Orange (**NOT** red).

They will spend the morning on a carousel of activities in mixed age house teams. After a picnic lunch, they will take part in an inter house athletics competition in the afternoon.

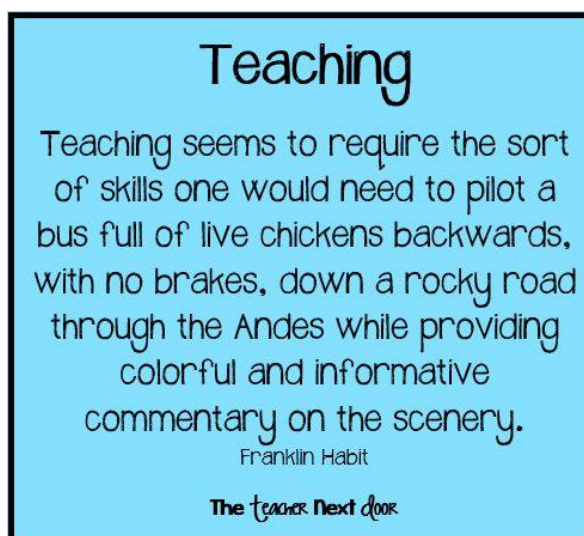
You are very welcome to join us for lunch on the grass at the back of the school from 12pm. Please come into school through the side gate by Robins class. The athletics will start around 1pm and we hope to be finished by 3:30pm as normal.

The children will be sitting inside the circular athletics track and it would be appreciated if parents could stay on the outside. Also, please do not stand along the finish line as this is off putting for the children. Children will not be allowed to keep crossing the track to see their parents, so we would be grateful if you would not encourage them to do this or keep crossing the track yourself to supply them with food or drink. As long as they have a water bottle, they will be fine.

- 5. End of term events** Apart from sports day there are a number of events planned for the final weeks of the term. Most are for our Year 6 leavers as we want them to enjoy their final weeks at Primary School.
- i. Year 5 and 6 show** Following on from the successful Infants' play at Christmas and Year 3 and 4 play at Easter, now it is the turn of Years 5 and 6. They are putting on "Bugsy Malone". They will be performing it at 7pm on Wednesday, 27th and Thursday, 28th June. Everyone is welcome to watch. There are no tickets, just come on your preferred evening. The show lasts about 1½ hours so if you are picking up children afterwards, please come for 8:40pm. Please note that all children in Years 5 and 6 are needed on both evenings.
 - ii. Leavers presentation** Following the success of last year's event the children in Year 6 will be putting together a presentation celebrating their time at West Ashted and thinking about the move to secondary school. Families of children in Year 6 are welcome to join us on Tuesday, 17th July at 7pm. The event will last about 1½ hours.
 - iii. Leavers Day** In the past the Year 6 parents organised an outing for all of the children in Year 6. Last year I brought this 'in-house' and added some extra bits to it. This seemed to work well so it will be repeated. On 18th July the children in Year 6 will be going to The Spectrum in Guildford for a day of activities. Then they will be going home to get 'glammed up' before returning to school for a barbeque and disco. On the following day, the last day of term, they are welcome to bring in shirts or notebooks to collect signatures, in what has become the traditional way. I hope that these events will make leaving the school more memorable and enjoyable for the children and their parents. Attendance is not an automatic right, however, and it is dependent on the children behaving well in school for the remainder of the term.
- 6. Moving up day** Wednesday, 4th July is our moving up day. Most of Year 6 will be visiting their secondary schools and all of the children at West Ashted will spend the day with their new teachers in their new classrooms for next year. I will be writing to you on Monday, 2nd July to tell you who your child's teacher will be next year. At this stage, I can confirm only Miss Smith is leaving but some teachers are moving to different year groups.

7. **Parents Survey** if you have not had a chance, please do complete the Parent Survey, which was sent out by Mrs Love last week.

And finally...



Have a good week.

Rob Hart

***** Please remember to check the school website for details of upcoming events, contact information, uniform etc. *****