



## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents,

Half term is upon us already and September a distant memory. We are well and truly back into the rhythms of school life. From our smallest children settling into 'big school' to our pupil leaders being elected, to all the children in between, new challenges are being faced and relished.

Outside the classroom these include drama workshops, the re-introduction of Upper School Football fixtures against Danesfield, closely contested, with one win and one loss and the School Council which has been elected and had their first meeting. In it they have arranged dates for the all important cake sales and chosen a charity 'Kidscape' to support. They also have discussed a range of ideas and initiatives put forward by their classmates ranging from the probable, the possible and the impossible – but we can all dream. They along with Miss Brown, PSHE lead and School Council Co-ordinator, will work hard to achieve some of the more probable and possible suggestions.

On 6<sup>th</sup> October Rev Elis from St Mary's Osterley came to lead our Harvest Assembly. He gave us lots to consider as to why giving and sharing are so important. Thank you for your donations which were sent to the St Paul's Food Bank in Hounslow, by pupils in Year 4 doing the Junior Award Scheme (JASS) and gratefully received. As a school we have the satisfaction of knowing that collectively we have made a difference to people's lives.

Also on the theme of giving, Mufti Day was a fun way to end this half term. Your gold coin donations are going to Shooting Star Children's Hospice in Hampton. This is a cause Ashton House has supported since they opened in 2005 – with only 8% of their funding coming from the government, they offer a range of facilities for life limited children and their families.

The PTA has re – energised after an enforced period of quiet with a brilliant evening at Spooks and Spells. Always our most popular event, it was so good to see families enjoying their first one, others fully in the swing of it all and past pupils returning to join in the fun. There was plenty to do, the school looked suitably scary and the costumes and make up were fantastic. Sorry – *fangtastic!* Thank you PTA.

Whether at home or away I wish you a very Happy Half Term.

Angela Stewart

### Diary Dates

Half Term 18th –29th October

Year 1 School Trip 5th November

PTA Meeting 10th November

Remembrance Day 11th November

Parents Evenings LS & US  
24th and 25th November

LS Christmas Show 7th December

US Trip to Richmond Theatre  
8th December

LS Trip to Polka Theatre  
10th December

PTA Christmas Disco 10th December

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas  
Lunch  
13th December

Pre-Prep Christmas Party  
14th December

Carol Service 15th December

Term Ends

Pupils back to school 6th January

**More dates for parents are  
available via the Parent's Portal.**

<https://portal.ashtonhouse.com>

## House Captains



Burlington  
Sebastian & Dillan



Eversley  
Saira & Shreya



Thornbury  
Oliver & Rajvir



Witham  
Angel & Esam

## Head Boy and Head Girl

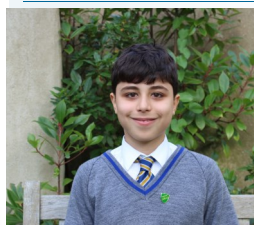


"....My name is Sebastian.  
I have always wanted to be head boy ever since I joined in Year 2.  
I am a reliable, trustworthy and a positive thinking student. I want to help others and bring the best out of them.  
I am a keen listener and would love to hear your ideas to make the school better.  
I look forward to working with you and staff to bring your ideas to life."

"....I'm Armaani the girl with a special date of birth.  
It has always been a dream of mine to become the Head Girl of Ashton House.  
As a head girl I can be that friend to you all. I will make sure that everyone's ideas are heard and respected.  
I am great listener and communicator who strives to complete any task I have been given."  
Armaani is also a member of school council.



## Deputy Head Boy and Girl



"....I'm Esam.  
I'm kind, patient, cooperative, trustworthy and most of all fun loving."



"....I am Shreya.  
I will put my best foot forward and put my best efforts for my school."

**School Council**  
*Congratulations to the successful candidates from Years 1-6!  
Well done!*







## Flu Immunisation

*Reception—Year 6*



## Flu Vaccination Catch up Clinic

**By appointment  
only**

### **Venue:**

Heston Health  
Centre  
25 Cranford Lane  
Heston  
TW5 9ER

### **Clinic Dates:**

22<sup>nd</sup> October  
(3.00pm-4.30pm)  
5<sup>th</sup> November  
(3.00pm-4.30pm)  
12<sup>th</sup> November  
(3.00pm-4.15pm)  
10<sup>th</sup> December  
(3.00pm-4.45pm)  
17<sup>th</sup> December  
(3.00pm-4.45pm)

To book an  
appointment please  
call Hounslow  
School Aged  
Immunisation Team  
on:

0203 691 1013 /  
07769791614 /  
07769881766

# Letter from Foodbank

Dear Ms Quigley,

## DONATIONS TO THE FOODBANK

We wanted to say a very big thank you to all the **pupils, parents and staff at Ashton House School** for their fantastic Harvest donations to the foodbank! We would also like to thank everyone who was involved in organising the collection and delivering it to our St Paul's location last week.

The foodbank team greatly appreciates the school's encouraging support for the work we do with local people and families experiencing financial hardship - it would not be possible for us to continue doing this without donations from schools, churches, businesses and individuals within our local community.

This has been particularly true over the last 18 months, when we have seen a huge increase in the number of people needing food parcels. Last year we opened a second foodbank at our Good Shepherd location, so we could provide further access to food parcels for vulnerable people at what continues to be a very difficult time for many in our community.

With our thanks and very best wishes,

*Avril Gearing*

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Foodbank Coordinator



## Harvest Festival

*With Rev Elis*





## Letter from a former student

Hello Mrs Frampton,

I hope your first week has gone really well with your new year and they are all settling in great! I miss Ashton House so much that I wish I could be there for even a second. Unfortunately, St Catherine's term dates are exactly the same as Ashton's so I can't find a date when I can visit. Even if I can't have a full day, Drake, Angelica and I will always attend the school events! I will 100% be coming for Spooks and Spells (obviously dressed up). St Catherine's is such a welcoming school and I love it here. Although it has only been a week, I have made so many friends and I've had so much fun! Academically I'm doing well, I have managed to get into Set 1 for my subjects which is a huge relief but it means I will have to keep focused and stay on track - with a bit of fun then and now.

I've seen Madame Oderda a couple of times, which feels very reassuring, knowing there is someone there who I really trust. I miss Year 6 and all the teachers and students so much that I wish I could have just another year.

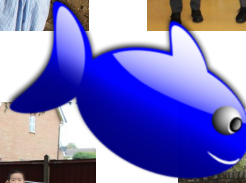
I will ALWAYS keep in touch because I just can't let Ashton House go; it has always been apart of me. It's affected my parents a lot (not doing the school run for 13 years!) but we are all gradually adapting to the new challenges and I'm so excited for a reunion! I can't wait to see you and all the teachers and Spooks and Spells!

Thank you for all your help,  
teaching and support!

From Salma

## Half Term Fish Awards

*Fish of the Week*



## Achievements and Successes





## Ashton House v Danesfield Manor

On Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> October our footballers from year 3&4 played against a strong and physical Danesfield's Manor football team. There was some great football on display from both schools. Ashton House rounded the game off with a lovely team goal resulting in Alex playing



a lovely pass across the goal for Aaron S to tap home. Well done all!



*The 90 minutes are the most important*  
— Bobby Robson

Our years 5&6 footballers also played against Danesfield Prep on October 1st. The game was an end-to-end encounter with lots of shots by both teams and two very busy goalkeepers. The game was split into four quarters.

Ashton House narrowly lost out in the first two, winning the third and drawing in the fourth. The game was played with fantastic sportsmanship from both sides. Well done to all!

*Coach Charlie*





## Ashton House School

This afternoon Year 1 entered a Toy Museum and explored soft toys, action figures/dolls and push-pull toys through time.

They also invented their own toy in the Invention Room. Can you guess which toy they are re-enacting?

*Mrs Nawaz*



## Mufti Day

### Shooting Star Hospice

We have raised  
£170!

Thank you  
everybody for such  
a colourful day!





## Spooks and Spells

### On the Night.....

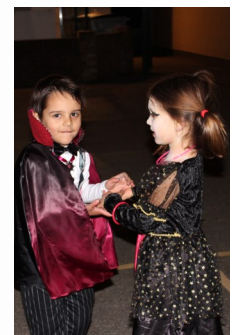
The children have been eagerly counting down the sleeps to one of the most popular events on the Ashton House School calendar – Spooks and Spells.

Thank you to our incredible PTA and all the parents, who helped support in creating such a wonderful and memorable event.

The children had fun exploring all the wonderful stalls and games, enjoyed yummy samosas and burgers, not to mention an essential visit to the sweet and treat stall!

The costumes this year looked amazing and it was lovely to see some parents getting into the 'spirit' of the event.

Make sure you check out all the spooktacular photos from the evening on social media.





## Parking

We invite our parents and carers to show respect to our local community and be mindful of the residents when parking along Eversley Crescent. We have received complaints from both residents and parents regarding inconsiderate parking which is unfair and pupils' safety is put at risk. We welcome your support in making sure we keep all members of our school community safe.

## Notice Board



**PLEASE DO NOT** PARK YOUR VEHICLE IN FRONT OF **ANY** OF THE SCHOOL GATES. THANK YOU.



**Ashton House  
School is a Nut  
Free Zone**

## WARNING

### Squid Game

Recently in the press there have been many reports of schools issuing warnings to parents about the negative impact that this Netflix programme and game, also available on Youtube and Tiktok, is having on young children. This has included children acting out this game at playtimes.

Whilst thankfully at Ashton House we have not had children re-enacting scenes from this show, we have had a child referencing watching it.

From a child safeguarding standpoint Squid Game with its violent content, sexual references and language is wholly unsuitable watching for age 11 and under. We would all agree that impressionable minds cannot distinguish between fantasy and reality and have to be protected. Keeping Children Safe in Education (2021) references the need to protect children from significant harm, both physical and emotional as well as ensuring they grow up in circumstances consistent with safe and effective care.

To this end I would like to remind you to maintain your parental control filtering at home and children only watch age appropriate content.

Thank you for your co-operation in this crucial matter.