

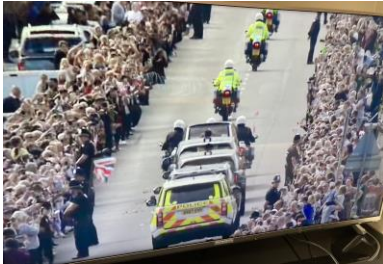


**Safeguarding hotspot**

When collecting children from KOOSA and after school clubs, please ensure that you have the code for the gate with you. KOOSA will have provided the code, and the after school club code is provided in the confirmation email.

Thank you for your support.

**The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II** 



We are so PROUD of our Ashford community. What a turnout for our Queen.



On 8 September 2022, Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms, and the oldest living and longest-reigning British monarch, died at the age of 96 at Balmoral Castle in Scotland.



The State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II took place at Westminster Abbey on Monday 19th September.



The Funeral Service paid tribute to The Queen's extraordinary reign, and her remarkable life of service as Head of State, Nation and Commonwealth.



Queen Elizabeth II is laid to rest at Windsor Castle.



It was lovely to see our superstar Daley F on the

6.00pm news! Well done Daley, you looked amazing!

**Living safely with COVID 19 and other respiratory infections**

Just a reminder about the guidance regarding Covid 19 and respiratory infections:

Ensure that any children and young people who have a high temperature and are unwell do not attend the education or childcare setting until they no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to attend.

Encourage all children with respiratory symptoms to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.

Advise children or young people with a positive COVID-19 test result to try to stay at home for 3 days after the day they took their test.

Advise all staff and students to follow the 'Living safely with COVID-19' and other respiratory infections guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-safely-with-respiratory-infections-including-covid-19>

**Christmas productions – forward notice**

To enable parents / carers to book time off work in

plenty of time, please see below the dates and times of the Christmas productions coming up in December:

### Reception

**7<sup>th</sup>** – Reception Christmas songs for parents of children in Dormouse Class and first half of Otter Class with surnames starting with A – M at 9.45am

**8<sup>th</sup>** – Reception Christmas songs for parents of children in Rabbit Class and second half of Otter Class with surnames starting with N – Z at 9.45am

### KS1 Nativity to parents at 9.45am:

**14<sup>th</sup>** – Badger and Deer parents

**15<sup>th</sup>** – Fox and Hedgehog parents

**16<sup>th</sup>** – Mole and Squirrel parents

### 15<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Choir Concert at 3.30pm

accompanied by refreshments. No additional KS2 performances will be held. If any KS2 child chooses to perform, they can attend choir (which will be free) after school, day to be confirmed.

Please note that all performances will be limited to **two parents / carers per child**.

### Try a School Lunch Day

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October we are holding a 'Try a School Lunch Day' for the KS1 children.

The menu for the **whole school** on this day will be:  
Ham and cheese pasta bake  
Or

Pizza swirls  
Both options are followed by a shortbread biscuit.

Your child is entitled to a Free School Meal if they are in Reception, Year 1 or 2.

On 6<sup>th</sup> October **ALL** children from these year groups will be able to try a school lunch, freshly prepared in our on-site kitchen. If your child usually brings a packed lunch they may still do so, but will also have the opportunity to sample our delicious school lunches.

### Considerate parking

Please park considerately in the surrounding area and do not block residents in their driveways or other parents in spaces.

Thank you for your support.

### Spelling Shed Updates

There have been some changes to Spelling Shed for this academic year. One change is the removal of the Look - Say - Cover - Write - Check sheets. Current research on how children learn to spell has shown that word study including discussing spelling patterns, morphological exploration and studying how letters combine to represent sounds and form words can have a bigger impact on spelling than the repetitive daily copying of wordlists. Teachers will assign word lists to each student so that they can practise them at home via the Spelling Shed online games. It is **very important** that your child has access to the Spelling

Shed games at home so they can practise their weekly spellings through playing the fun games. Printed lists will also go home alongside a spelling activity to complete at home.

The games can be accessed using the Spelling Shed app (at a cost) or using the free website **play.edshed.com**. Please do let your child's teacher know if you have any problems accessing EdShed.

Please note, this only applies to the children who have completed Phonics Phase 5.



**MAC – Making Attendance Count**  
**Whole School Attendance 95.8%**

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners last week being Dormouse Class with 99.5%.  
Congratulations to the Top Dog winner being Kingfisher Class with 99%.  
Fantastic!

### Dates to remember

#### INSET Days 2022/23

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

#### September

**29<sup>th</sup>** – Moorhen Class Assembly at 2.40pm (gates open at 2.30pm)

**29<sup>th</sup>** – EYFS & Year 1 Phonics Early Reading Workshop for parents at 3.30pm