

The Week Ahead

Headmasters' Letter

Whenever you are stuck in a conversation, the obvious way forward is to ask a question. This was my message to Year 8 and the assembled mass at Speech Day back in June. Asking questions is a vital skill in anyone's character. It shows you care about others (especially if you listen to the response and don't play *top trumps conversation!*) and it also allows you to find out things you didn't know about that person.

Having been put into the hot seat by Year 3 earlier in the week, I know the power of questioning rather well. It can be daunting being surrounded by a group of people all wanting to ask you questions; how bold and interesting the questions from Year 3 were! I was asked how many detentions I had at school, who was my favourite person I had ever worked with, lots of favourite-style questions and what would I have done had I not become a teacher.

Please encourage your children to ask questions at home; Year 3 parents beware...they are a very forthcoming and inquisitive bunch! Questioning is a life-skill and very much part of **Shaping My World** in terms of being **generous**, **adventurous**, **ingenious** and **curious**. And as we suggested to Year 3, always aim to ask insightful questions that demand more than single word answers, or yes and no. On match day, it's much more interesting to ask how the match went, how they played and what did they contribute rather than the bog-standard, 'did you win?' A decent question will surely warrant a decent response; it'll certainly solve any silent moments at home as well as getting the children off their devices...so long as you don't revert to Alexa for the answer!



Prep Boarding Taster Nights

The Prep Boarding House invites all day pupils from Years 3 to 8 for a free taster night. The taster evenings are designed for those pupils who are interested in either flexi boarding (2 or 3 nights per week) or weekly boarding (4-5 nights per week). To organise a taster night for your child, please email eddie.noel@ardingly.com

Week 4

Monday 23 September

Duty Form - 8W

13:30 - 17:00 H: Lancing College Tournament: U11A (a)
17:45 SW: v Great Walstead (Years 5-8) (h)

Tuesday 24 September

10:00 - 16:00 H: U13 IAPS Tournament at Hurst: 1st (a)
14:00 - 17:30 Year 6 Maths Challenge
19:15 Friends' committee meeting (G0)

Wednesday 25 September

14:00 H: Hurst Tournament: U11A (a)
14:00 H: v Brighton College: 5th, 6th (@ Stanley Deason)
14:15 H: v Brighton College: U11B, U11C, U11D, U11E, (h)
14:30 F: v Handcross Park: 5th, 6th, U11A, U11B, U11E, U11F, U9A, U9B (h); 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, U11C, U11D, U9C, U8A, U8B, U8C (a)
14:40 H: v Brighton College: 3rd, 4th (@ Stanley Deason)
15:00 H: v Brighton College: U9 & U8 Festival (h)
15:15 H: v Brighton College: 1st, 2nd (@ Stanley Deason)
18:00 - 20:00 Years 3 to 8 Meet the Tutor Evening (Under)

Thursday 26 September

14:00 - 17:20 Year 7 SS Taster Afternoon

Friday 27 September

08:30 Celebration Assembly
Year 5 trip to Bluebell Railway
09:00 Year 7 Parents' Coffee with the Headmaster
10:15 Pre-Prep Open Morning
10:25 Year 8 Cake Sale
13:30 XC: U9 & U8 Cross Country @ Seaford College
17:30 Informal Concert

Saturday 28 September

09:30 F: IAPS 6s: U13 @ Rokeby School

Sports Fixtures are available on the sports website www.ardinglysport.com

Parent Notices

Year 7 Parents' Study Skills Seminar:

Year 7 pupils will be attending a 'Study and Thinking Skills' seminar provided by Learning Performance. This will take place during the normal school day.

Parents are also invited to attend an evening seminar to find out about the techniques and strategies the children have been taught during the pupil workshops. This seminar will take place from 5.30pm - 6.30pm on 3rd October in the G classrooms.

THE VIEW

Ardingly Holiday Club (50 Week Provision)

We are pleased to announce that the Ardingly Holiday Club will be open during every holiday from October 2019. The only weeks that the club will not run will be the fortnight over Christmas when the College closes. This will allow 50 week provision to be available for Years 1-8 in conjunction with the already successful 50 week provision we run in our Nursery. Please see the attached flyer for the AHC in October half term and the first week of the Christmas holidays in December. Bookings can be made on the website. Please be aware that there will be limited places each day so book early to avoid disappointment.

Meet the Tutor Evening Yr 3-8 – Wednesday 25th September 18:00-20:00hrs, The Under

Spaces are still available for Meet The Tutor evening (please do not bring your children) taking place in the Under on 25th September from 18:00-20:00hrs. Please email charlie.tomlinson@ardingly.com with your child's name, class and the time slot you would prefer and these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Each appointment is for 5 minutes, if you have more than one child in Prep School please allow enough time between appointments to move to the other Tutor(s).

PE During Period 1 or 2

If your son or daughter has PE during period 1 or 2 they should arrive to school wearing their PE kit and bring school uniform to change into after their lesson. However, this does not apply to year 3 children who should arrive in uniform as normal.

Harvest Festival Assembly Monday 30th September (Pupil only event)

We will be holding our Harvest Festival during our school assembly time. This year we have decided to collect on behalf of Haywards Heath Food Bank. This is run by volunteers and provides short-term emergency food donations to people experiencing difficult circumstances in our local area. We are asking our pupils to bring in non-perishable items to help those people genuinely in need. Please could these be brought to the classrooms from Thursday in preparation for our Assembly on Monday. Watch out for announcements soon about 'Food Bank Friday'.

Drama News

There are some changes to the Year 5 and 6 Drama Class Shows that take place at the end of term. Please be aware of the following NEW times.

Monday 2nd Dec 4pm - Year 6 (DR2), 5pm – Year 6 (DR3)
Tuesday 3rd Dec 4pm - Class 5S, 5pm – Class 5P

Thursday 5th Dec 4pm – Class 5C, 5pm – Year 6 (DR1)
(NB: Your child will have on their timetable which Year 6 Drama group they are in).

Year 5 Bluebell Railway Trip – Friday 27th September

Please see the attached letter from Mr Spence with regard to the Year 5 trip to the Bluebell Railway.

LAMDA

If you have contacted Mrs Hayman about LAMDA lessons and have had no reply, could you please make sure that you have the correct email address. It is joanne.hayman@ardingly.com

Author Talk and Book Signing Yrs 7-8. Monday 30th September

The award winning author and novelist Nicky Singer will be visiting Ardingly to promote her latest YA novel *The Survival Game*. As always at these events copies of the book (in paperback) will be on sale for the children to have signed by the author. I am still awaiting confirmation of the price but I believe it will be in the region of £7.99. This cost will be charged to your end of term account as usual. We would ask parents to email the librarian, Denise Reed (denise.reed@ardingly.com) ONLY IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO PURCHASE A BOOK. If we do not hear from you we will presume you are happy for your child to purchase a book at the event if they so wish.

Sports Camps for the School Holidays Dates for 2019-2020

Please see the attached brochure for the dates and provision of Sports Camps during the Holidays.

Clubs

Drama Club

The Upper School Drama Club has now begun! All those that auditioned are in the show. Musical Rehearsals are every Wednesday after matches, in the music school until 5.30pm and Thursdays until 7.15pm. Pick up is on the bricks.

Dates for the Diary - Sat 18th January – Full day cast rehearsal at School. Feb 6-8th – The Show at the Chequer Mead Theatre. Tickets will be available AFTER HALF TERM.

Running & Swimming Clubs

Please be reminded that children should not attend both swimming and running club on the same day. If your child is in both swimming and running squads and you are unsure of which sessions to attend please contact Mr Nicholls ian.nicholls@ardingly.com. Please also be reminded that children attending running club should eat breakfast before coming to school.