



ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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NEWSLETTER 7

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Governor Vacancies

We currently have opportunities for new parent governors to join our governance team. If any parent/carer would like to express an interest in this role please contact the school office 01438 351090 and your details will be passed to The Chair of Governors, Mr W. Spicer. Mr W. Spicer will be very happy to outline the duties of the role and elections to the posts will be held as appropriate.

Nursery Admissions

Applying for a school Nursery place for 2020-2021 (For children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017).

Admissions for Nursery are now dealt with by the school.

For all enquiries relating to children being admitted into our Nursery, please contact the school office 01438 351090.

Our Admissions Application Form for children starting Nursery in September 2020 can be downloaded from our website or hardcopy available at the school office.

Our Nursery Admissions Policy is also on our website.

Applications for Nursery are now open – offers are made on a first come, first served basis. We offer 30 hours' provision in Nursery as well as 15 hours.

Reception Places –

We have a few spaces available for Reception. Please let family or friends know and they can contact the school office on 01438 351090 or admin@ashtree.herts.sch.uk if they are interested.



Harvest Festival



Thank you very much for your donations of produce. We were able to organise a wonderful Harvest assembly today. The children sang beautifully, my thanks to Mrs Clark for preparing them so well. 30 of our Y6 children delivered gifts to the residents of Silkin Court. The Stevenage Community Food Bank will be collecting all of the remaining items and we are very pleased to be able to support this local group. Well done everyone.

SEN Information Report and Core Provision Document

Teachers have now updated our SEN Information and Core Provision Documents on the school website. They are now open for consultation by our parent body. If you wish to comment, please do so by email or in writing via the school office by 4 November 2019.



Children in Need



On Friday 15 November we will be joining in with the national fundraising for Children in Need. At Ashtree School we always try to support this excellent charity and the life-changing work they facilitate. Please look out for further details in the next few weeks.

Y6 Secondary School Applications

I have been asked to remind our Y6 parents that the final deadline for Secondary School Applications is **Thursday 31 October 2019**.

Aldi Vouchers

The school has registered for this Aldi promotion; any stickers would be grateful received. **Closing date is 3 November 2019.**

KS2 MSA Vacancy

We have a full time vacancy in KS2 (6hrs 15mins per week 11.55-1.10 daily) term time only. Please contact the School Office for a Job Description and Application Form. Closing date is Tuesday 5 November with interviews to be held on Friday 8 November from 9.00am.

Bonfire Night Menu

There will be a menu change on **Tuesday 5 November**. The options on the day are as follows:

Red = Pizza Posh Dog, **Green** = Beany Banger Bake (v), both served with potato wedges and vegetables, Pudding = Toffee Apple Cake.

There will be no yellow option or blue option (jacket potato) on this day.



Poppy Appeal

We will be selling Poppies after the half-term. If your child would like to buy one, please bring in a donation to the appeal. We also have a box of Poppy merchandise which includes the following: Friendship Bracelets £1.00, Silicon Wristbands £1.00, Reflectors 50p and Zip Pull 50p, these can be purchased from the school office only. We will not be selling Snap Bands.

Guitar Lessons

If you are interested in guitar lessons, there are some places available. Lessons cost £77.00 per term. Please collect a form from the school office.

Our Executive Committee:

I am pleased to let you know that the Executive Committee of the School Council are the following pupils:

Chair: Enoch
Vice Chair: Jack
Secretary: Olivia
Eco-Rep: Anna

Parliament Representatives:

Y6 Enoch
Anna

Following class elections for Class Council Representatives, we held elections for our executive committee. The candidates wrote election statements and ballot papers were issued to the school council. Our candidates watched excitedly, and a little nervously, as the votes were counted. As a result, we now have a newly elected executive committee, who will run the school council and meet with Ms Kirwan to represent the views of the children of Ashtree School. Congratulations and well done to the candidates who took part in the election with enthusiasm, demonstrating an excellent democratic spirit.



Dinner Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Sunshines & Class 9



Attendance Cup



The winners for this week are Classes 3 & 4 with 99.6%.

No Effort Certificates today due to Harvest Festival Assembly.

Finally, just a reminder that **Friday 25 October** is an INSET day and school is closed to pupils.

E. Kirwan

Academic Year 2019/2020

Autumn Term 2019:

Monday 21 October	-	Parents Consultation Evening 5pm-7.30pm
Tuesday 22 October	-	Parents Consultation Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm
Friday 25 October	-	INSET Day 3 - school closed to children
Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November	-	Half Term
Friday 20 December	-	Last day of term - finish at 2.15pm

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6 January	-	First day of term
Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February	-	Half Term
Monday 24 February	-	INSET Day 4 - school closed to children
Friday 3 April	-	Last day of term - finish at 2.15pm
Monday 6 April – Friday 17 April	-	Half Term

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20 April	-	First day of term
Friday 8 May	-	BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May	-	Half Term
Friday 17 July	-	Last day of term - finish at 2.15pm
Monday 20 July	-	INSET Day 5 - school closed to children
Tuesday 21 July	-	Occasional Day - school closed to children

KS1 – Y2 Testing window is the whole month of May 2020.

KS1 – Y1 Phonics is 8 – 19 June 2020.

KS2 – Y4 Multiplication Test is 8 – 26 June 2020.

KS2 – Y6 11 – 15 May 2020.

Please ensure you do not book any family holidays during test times as they will be unauthorised.