



## NEWSLETTER 10

Dear Parent/Carer  
Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Well done to the following classes for the work I have seen them doing recently. Class 14 were working on their multiples and factors and steps to success. Reception Sunshines were working on their number bonds and recording their sums. Class 13 were using factors to simplify fractions and multiples to reach common denominations. Class 6 were using bead springs to 'think 10'. Class 11 were revising their timetables and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, 1000. Don't panic Class 8. I have a date to visit you too!



### Mini Olympics

Well done to Year 1 and Year 2 for taking part at the Leisure Centre. Pupils were excellent ambassadors for the school and enjoyed the sports on offer.

### Conversion to Academy Status

Governors have asked me to pass on the following up-date.

"We have had to postpone the consultation with parents and other stakeholders regarding our application to join the Herts for Learning Multi-Academy Trust, as there is an issue with the transfer of the lease that Hertfordshire County Council has to resolve. We are hoping that this will be done quickly and we will begin the consultation as soon as possible".



### Friends of Ashtree Winter Fayre – Saturday 25 November 12.00pm – 2.00pm



We will be running a decorated jar stall during the Winter Fayre. This is a very popular annual stall and each year pupils have responded marvellously to our request for decorated jam jars of goodies.

If children would like to provide a jar for the Winter Fayre, I am repeating instructions from last year's newsletter. Jars can be brought in to school right up to Friday 24 November and each jar will be gratefully received. I am happy to give a Headteacher sticker for every pupil who brings a jar in to school. For those of you who are not sure what decorated jars are, the following may help: take any used jar, clean it, decorate the outside using paint, materials, card etc. (possibly with a Christmas theme) and then put something lovely inside that another young person might enjoy having, eg. sweets, colouring pencils, tiny teddies, toy cars etc. These then go on to a Tombola style stall and are very popular with the children.

This year families can also have a go at 'Mad Science' during the Fayre.

### Winter Fayre Non-Uniform Day – 24 November

Children can come to school in their own clothes on Friday 24 November for a donation towards the Winter Fayre Tombola stalls. Children can donate the following items: chocolate, sweets and toiletries. These will be collected in the Classrooms.



### Christmas Performances



#### Reception/KS1 – "The Angels"

Monday 4 December:	10.00am
Tuesday 5 December:	2:00pm
Wednesday 6 December:	2:00pm

#### KS2 – Performing "Puss in Boots"

Monday 4 December:	1:30pm and 7:00pm
Tuesday 5 December:	7:00pm

#### Nursery - Performing "Nursery Rhyme Nativity"

Friday 8 December:	10:00am
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The schedule of performance times and ticket requests letters went out on Monday 13 November. Please can you complete the slip and return back to school by Monday 20 November at the latest. Extra tickets will be sent out on Friday 1 December.



### Data Protection

At this time of year we always need to consider the balance between allowing home video recordings and photographs at our Christmas performances, whilst ensuring the security and safety of all of our pupils. I have sought County Guidance on the matter and have decided that videos will be allowed but I must insist that this is done from the back of the hall in order not to disrupt the view of other parents. Unfortunately, the balcony area will not be available as the children will require this space. **Images taken must be for private use only and must not be put onto social media.** Our production programmes are of a general nature and will not include the full names of any child. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.



### Children in Need – “Spotacular” – Non-uniform day



Thank you for all of your support, we have had a fantastic day in school and we will let you know how much we have raised in due cause. I would like to thank the Friends of Ashtree for their donation of £150 for this cause.

### Kingswood Payment

Just a reminder, that the 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of £50.00 for Kingswood is due on 24 November.

### Stevenage Education Support Centre

Stevenage Support Centre have asked parents from Ashtree School to refrain from using their car-park when dropping and picking up your children. This car park is for parents/staff of the Support Centre only. We do not wish to lose their good will in allowing our trips / swimming coaches to use the car-park. Thank you.



### Dinner Money

£2.40 per day      £12.00 per week

**We have a number of people who continue to take dinners without payment. Please be reminded that dinners must be paid for in advance. Where a letter/text has been issued notifying that no further meals will be provided please ensure that you send your child in with a home packed lunch each day until the debt is cleared. Thank you.**



### Flu Immunisation

Please be aware the Flu Immunisation for Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be taking place on Monday 20 November.

If you missed the deadline but would still like your child to be vaccinated please telephone **01727 734026** to book a catch up appointment at one of the following clinics:

<b>Thursday 30 November 2017</b>	1-4pm	Dane Street , Southgate, Stevenage, Herts, SG1 1HB
<b>Friday 1 December 2017</b>	9am -1pm	Dane Street , Southgate, Stevenage, Herts, SG1 1HB



### Sport Fixtures

The girls won against Camps Hill 5-0. It was a fantastic game. Player of the Match goes to Katie-Ann G. for scoring on her Ashtree School football debut.

Another great performance from the girls, they won 3-0 away to Trotts Hill yesterday. Player of the Match goes to Millie R. for her excellent defensive effort.

**The boys’ next game is:** Friday 17 November 2017 - home match against The Giles School.

### Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are Sunshines & Class 10.

### Attendance Cup



The winners for this week are Classes 12 & 14 with 99%.

### Effort Cup



Congratulations to Jessica D. from Year 3.



## Diary Dates for Autumn Term



- Winter Fayre - Non Uniform Day - Friday 24 November
- Friends of Ashtree Winter Fayre - Saturday 25 November
- Rec/KS1** Christmas Performances - Monday 4 December, 10.00am
- Tuesday 5 December, 2.00pm
- Wednesday 6 December, 2.00pm
- KS2** Christmas Performances - Monday 4 December, 1.30pm & 7.00pm
- Tuesday 5 December, 7.00pm
- Nursery** Christmas Performance - Friday 8 December, 10.00am
- Last day of term - Tuesday 19 December at 2.15pm
  
- Spring Term 2018:**
- First day of term - Wednesday 3 January
- Half-term** - **Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February**
- Last day of term - Thursday 29 March at 2.15pm
  
- Summer Term 2018:**
- First day of term - Monday 16 April
- Y5 School Trip - Wednesday 25 April – British Schools Museum
- May Day** - **Monday 7 May - school closed to children**
- 14 – 18 May - KS2 SATS week (No holiday will be authorised during this week)
- Y4 School Trip - Tuesday 22 May – Warner Bros Studio – Harry Potter
- Half-term** - **Monday 28 May - Friday 1 June**
- 10 -15 June - Y6 Kingswood Trip – Isle of Wight
- 11 - 15 June - Y1 Phonics Test Week (No holiday will be authorised during this week)
- Y2 School Trip - Thursday 14 June – Roald Dahl Museum
- INSET Day 4** - **Friday 6 July – school closed to children**
- Last day of term - Friday 20 July at 2.15pm
- INSET Day 5** - **Monday 23 July – school closed to children**
- Occasional Days** - **Tuesday 24 July – Friday 27 July - school closed to children.**

**Please note: Key Stage 2 SATs week; 14 – 18 May 2018. The Y1 phonics test will be held during the week of 11 June. KS1 (Y2) SATs process will take place in May.**  
**Please ensure pupils do not book any family holidays during these times as they will be unauthorised.**

*E. Kirwan*