

ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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NEWSLETTER 11



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Thank you to Reception parents who attended the coffee morning on Tuesday with Lynne Scoresby and Mrs Janes. We have had very positive feedback about this session.



Children in Need

Well done everybody - we have raised

 £445.01p 

Data Collection Forms

It is very important that we have your correct details and emergency contacts. If you have not yet returned the Data Collection Form (*adding the nationality and county of birth*), can you please do so as soon as possible, in order that we can update our system. Thank you.



Christmas Dinner

We would like to invite all children to join us for a Christmas dinner on **Tuesday 20 December 2016**. This letter went out on Monday 21 November, please return the slip attached to it by Friday 2 December. If your child is in receipt of free school meal or universal school meal a slip must still be returned in order for the kitchen to be able to order the correct amount of food.



Friends of Ashtree Winter Fayre – Saturday 10 December – 12 – 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 into school right up to Friday 9th December 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.

Winter Fair Non-Uniform Day – 9 December

Children can come to school in their own clothes on Friday 9 December 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 - Performing "The Greatest Show on Earth"

Monday 5 December: 10.00am

Tuesday 6 December: 2:00pm

Wednesday 7 December: 2:00pm

KS2 – Performing "The Pied Piper"

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

Tuesday 6 December: 7:00pm

Nursery - Performing "Nursery Rhyme Nativity"

Friday 9 December: 10:00am and 2:00pm

Please can you complete the slip and return back to school by Friday 25 November at the latest. Extra tickets will be sent out on Thursday 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 the internet.** 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.

Arriving and Collecting for the KS2 Evening Performances

The Sparrow Drive gate will be open but you use this route at your own risk as the Junior playground is going to be used for parking. For all pupils and parents watching the performance, entrance will be via the **Junior playground door**. Pupils in Y4/5/6 will go to their normal classrooms. Pupils in Y3 will go down the corridor and will be met by their teachers in the Infant Hall.

At the end of the performance, parents of Y4 pupils will remain seated in the Junior Hall, the children will be brought to you. Y5/6 pupils can be collected by parents directly from their classes. Y3 pupils can be collected by parents from the Y1 classroom doors that open into the Infant Hall. Once pupils are collected by parents, you may then exit via the Junior Playground Door, Junior Dining Room door or the Infant Hall Door. For parents not watching the performance, but collecting at 8.15pm, entrance will be via the Junior Dining Room door for Y4/5/6 and by the Infant Hall door for Y3. Staff will, of course, only hand pupils over once the collecting adult is present.

Please do not put us in a difficult position by sending an older sibling to collect your child or by telling your child that they can walk home alone.

  **ADMITTANCE IS BY TICKET ONLY**  

Christmas Cards

I would like to remind you that if young people would like to give Christmas cards, we ask them to pass them to each other before or after school in the playgrounds. In this way pupils will know who have sent them cards, should there unfortunately be any less than seasonal greetings, as this has caused problems in past years. Nursery have their own Post-box within their setting.

Parent Reading Clubs

Due to the Christmas panto rehearsals there will be no reading clubs next week and the week after.

Sports Results

Netball


Ashtree played St Margaret's on Wednesday and unfortunately lost 16-0. They played as always with enthusiasm and they all came out stronger in the second half. They showed some much improved netball skills. My player of the match goes to Olivia Y. She listened to instructions positively and was a key player on the defensive circle edge and channelling the ball to our shooters.

Football

The boys' Football Tournament was last Friday, the boys played really well and came 2nd in the group. Unfortunately they lost 1-0 in the quarter final. Player of the tournament for his quick feet and close control goes to Ted D.

Boys' played Hillborough School, Luton this Thursday in a cup match. Despite dominating possession and playing some really good football, the boys lost 2-0. Player of the match for his work rate and attacking goes to Harrison F.

Finally, thank you to parents/carers who attended Nursery's Stay and Play on Tuesday. Also thank you to The Priory School for offering Year 4 the opportunity to meet the "Romans" on Thursday morning.

Dinnertime Behaviour Awards 
The winners for this week are Classes 4 & 11

Attendance Cup 
The winner for this week is Class 5 with 99%

Effort Cup 
Congratulations to Mitchell M. from Year 4

E. Kirwan