



NEWSLETTER 12

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Well done to Class 8 who were working very hard on their formal written methods of addition. I would also like to say well done to all the pupils and staff for their hard work in preparing for our performances. We are in for a real treat next week. Thank you to parents and carers for support with costumes and script learning.

Stevenage Education Support Centre

Due to a small number of parents still refusing to comply with my request in the last two weeks' newsletters I will now be joining the ESC staff on site to ensure that Parents / Carers of Ashtree Primary School do not drive onto their grounds. I will involve the police as necessary.



Friends of Ashtree Winter Fayre - Reported by Friends of Ashtree

The Friends of Ashtree would like to thank everyone for all their support in making the Winter Fayre such a success. The Fayre raised an incredible £1,438.25 and, thanks to the help of one of the parents at the school, we have managed to secure matched funding from Barclays Bank raising our total to £2,277.34. The winner of the most raffle tickets sold was Bailey A. from Rainbows with a massive 105 tickets sold, Well done Bailey. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped by making decorated jars, selling raffle tickets, bringing in tombola prizes and to those who helped set up, run and clear away stalls and much more. But most of all, a special thank you to all that came to the Fayre, without you all it couldn't have been the success it was.

Christmas Cards

I would like to remind you that if young pupils 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. Nursery has their own post-box within their setting.

Christmas Dinner

We would like to invite all children to join us for a Christmas Lunch on **Tuesday 19 December 2017**, please return the slip by Friday 8 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.



School Christmas Parties – Friday 15 December



Pupils can come to school wearing their party clothes. KS2 Classes (7-14) can bring in a small donation of party food. Class letters will be sent out nearer the time.

Reception and KS1 (3-6) will be sending out a separate letter with regards to party food. Many thanks.



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

Arriving and Collecting for the KS2 Evening Performances

Staff have asked me to request that all children in KS2 arrive in school between 6.30 and 6.40pm on Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 December. The evening performances start at 7.00pm and we anticipate that children will need to be collected by 8.15pm on both evenings.

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.



PE Kit

Thank you to everyone for making sure that your child has the correct kit of white t-shirt and green shorts. PE is equally as important in the curriculum as other subjects and we expect pupils to participate. At this time of the year when pupils do their games sessions outside, please ensure that an old pair of tracksuit bottoms and top, along with an old pair of trainers, are sent in to school with children. As our field gets wetter, pupils could get muddy during these sessions.

Y4 Swimming Lessons

Despite reminders we still have parents (who agreed to pay a voluntary donation for swimming lessons) who have not paid for the 1st half-term of Y4 lessons. The school is currently owed £300 for these lessons. We will have to take the outstanding monies from another curriculum budget if the balance is not cleared. We would welcome outstanding payment to the school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sport Fixtures

The boys played an away match against Camps Hill on Tuesday 28 November. The match finished 5-2 to Camps Hill. The boys' football team competed really well in an enjoyable game against Camps Hill. In a game that was closer than the score line suggests, the boys scored the goal of the match with a lovely passing move from their own half. Player of the Match goes to Freddie S. for his tireless dribbling and pinpoint through balls.

Good luck to the boys who are playing in a football Tournament this Friday 1 December at Stevenage Academy.

Netball

Ashtree played against Peartree in their final match for this term. They won 9-4 going into 2018 undefeated! A really composed Ashtree squad meant that from the first whistle they dominated the match throughout the court and displayed fantastic netball against local rivals!! Our shooters had to work really hard against Peartree's defence which were their strongest element to their team! Well done girls, a great result and I couldn't be prouder again! Player of the Match goes to Praise M. for her continued dominating presence on court! It was really hard to pick a coach's player this week, so I give it to the rest of the team for their continued improvement and as merit to their individual performances in this match!

Dinner Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Classes 6 & 10.

Attendance Cup

The winner for this week is Class 13 with 99%.

Effort Cup

Congratulations to Tilly G. from Year 2.



Diary Dates for Autumn Term



- 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.

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