

# ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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## NEWSLETTER 12

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. I'm pleased to inform you that both Miss Kiernan and Mrs Goode-Dooher are returning to work in January. Miss Kiernan will be teaching Class 12 on Mondays to Thursdays and Mr Appadoo will be teaching Class 12 on Fridays. I would like to take this opportunity thank Mr S Brown for all of his hard work with Class 12 this term and to wish him all the best for his future. Mrs Goode-Dooher will be teaching Class 8 on Wednesdays to Fridays and Mr Wilson will continue to teach Class 8 on Mondays to Tuesdays.

### 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.

### School Website

Our web site design is being refreshed in the next couple days do take the opportunity to visit [www.ashtree.herts.sch.uk](http://www.ashtree.herts.sch.uk). Remember to refresh the screen when you visit. My thanks to Mrs Connolly for her work on this.



### Lost Property

We have a number of lunch bags and water bottles which are unnamed in the office. If your child has lost one, please can you pop to the office to collect it. 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 meals 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.



### Dinner Money

We have a persistent number of people behind with their dinner money. Dinners must be paid for in advance. Dinners cost £2.35 or £11.75 for the week. Statements have gone home this week, can all outstanding balances be paid next week. Thank you.



### 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Pupils taking School Meals with Allergies

In the New Year Hertfordshire Catering are introducing a new on-line system that pupils with allergies need to register for. The new system will require parents to provide medical evidence of any allergies at the time of registration. Our pupils currently with a special menu will be required to register in order for the special menu to continue.



## 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



## 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 5 and Tuesday 6 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.



**ADMITTANCE IS BY TICKET ONLY**



## Parent Reading Clubs



Due to the Christmas performance rehearsals there will be no reading clubs during the week of the 5<sup>th</sup> December.

## Sports Results



### Netball



Ashtree played St Vincent De Paul in a friendly match on Friday. A great match with our team winning 3-1. All of the girls showed great determination and ability on court, with both attack and defence being strong throughout the game. It will be exciting to see what this young side have to offer as they progress. The goal scorers were Megan C year 4 and Kiana C year 5. Player of the match was voted by the opposition and this was awarded to Megan C.

Finally, It was lovely to see so many parents on Thursday morning making paper chains, my thanks to Mrs Janes for organising this activity. I am also pleased to let you know that we collected £399.39 for the Poppy Appeal.

**There was no assembly today, therefore no awards were given this week.**

**School finishes at 2.15pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

*E. Kirwan*