



NEWSLETTER 13

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



Christmas Performances



Well done to everybody for all the hard work that made sure our Christmas performances were a real treat again this year. The children were a credit to themselves and us all. The performances show just how strong a community can be when it all works together to allow pupils the chance to shine. I would like to thank you all for your support with costumes and the learning of lines etc. I also have to say I am very proud of the talented staff at Ashtree School and their tremendous level of commitment on behalf of your children. The winning designers of the Christmas Performance programmes were Holly S. and Brogan S. from Y6. I would also like to thank my office staff for organising the ticket sales so efficiently.



Performance Collections



Our collections at the end of our Christmas performances raised £397.73 for JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Ltd). Ticket sales raised £474.02 which will support pupil tuition fees at Tafadzwa Primary School our link school in Zimbabwe. Thank you very much everyone.



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



Sport Fixtures



The boys played really well in the Football Tournament last Friday and were unlucky to finish 3rd out of 6 teams in their group, narrowly missing out on the tournament semi-finals. Player of the Match goes to - Freddie O. for making some crucial saves and also scoring his first goal for Ashtree when playing on pitch. Mrs Kirwan had has an email from the tournament organisers praising the team for their fantastic attitude.

Kingswood 2018

We would just like to remind you that the second deposit of £50.00 is now overdue.

Attendance

Our aim is for children to be here for 96%+ of the school year. As of today our average overall whole school attendance for the year is 96.04% which is down from last year's figure of 96.31%. Pupil's whose attendance is below 90%, become what is known as persistent absentees. Our persistent absentee rate, is still above the national average. Parents of pupils who are persistent absentees will be written to. At Ashtree School we expect parents to work with us to address attendance problems. If a pupil has at least 21 sessions (half a day = 1 session) unauthorised absence in the current or previous term (including unauthorised holidays) the Headteacher may ask the local authority to issue a Penalty Notice. The Penalty Notice requires you to pay a fine of £60 within 21 days. If this fine is not paid within the time limit the penalty rises to £120 which must be paid within 28 days. If the penalty is not paid the Local Authority may prosecute parents/carers for their child's irregular attendance.

Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are Classes 3 & 9.

Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is Class 9 with 99%.



Effort Cup



Congratulations to Sophie H. from Year 5.



Diary Dates for Autumn Term



School Christmas Parties
 Christmas Dinner
Last day of term

- Friday 15 December
- Tuesday 19 December
- **Tuesday 19 December at 2.15pm**



Diary Dates for Spring Term



Spring Term 2018:

First day of term
Half-term
 Last day of term

- Wednesday 3 January
- **Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February**
- Thursday 29 March at 2.15pm



Diary Dates for Summer Term



Summer Term 2018:

First day of term
 Y5 School Trip
May Day
 14 – 18 May
 Y4 School Trip
Half-term
 10 -15 June
 11 - 15 June
 Y2 School Trip
 Monday 2 July
INSET Day 4
Friday 13 July
 Last day of term
INSET Day 5
Occasional Days

- Monday 16 April
- Wednesday 25 April – British Schools Museum
- **Monday 7 May - school closed to children**
- KS2 SATS week (No holiday will be authorised during this week)
- Tuesday 22 May – Warner Bros Studio – Harry Potter
- **Monday 28 May - Friday 1 June**
- Y6 Kingswood Trip – Isle of Wight
- Y1 Phonics Test Week (No holiday will be authorised during this week)
- Thursday 14 June – Roald Dahl Museum
- Open Evening
- **Friday 6 July – school closed to children**
- Family Picnic and Lunchtime followed by afternoon Sports Day
- Friday 20 July at 2.15pm
- **Monday 23 July – school closed to children**
- **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