



ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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NEWSLETTER 15

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back and Happy New Year everyone.

Admission to Reception – September 2017

This is a reminder to Nursery parents that you must have made an application for a Reception place by 15 January.

Please apply to www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. Any applications received after 15 January will be deemed as late. If you have any problems, please contact the School Office.

Friends of Ashtree Winter Fayre

Well done everyone – we had a very successful Winter Fayre which raised £890.00 so far. Further donations are due at the end of January including the possibility of matched funding from Barclays. On behalf of us all I would like to thank Mrs Young and her Friends of Ashtree team, our school staff, children and school community for all of their support, without which there would not have been a fayre.

The next PTA Meeting will be on Wednesday 18 January at 7.30pm at the Three Horse Shoes – Hooks Cross – Please come to support.



Late Arrivals

Please ensure your children are in school on time. I will continue to take a tough line on pupils who arrive late, unless there are mitigating circumstances. **If a child arrives after 8.55am they must report to the school office using the main entrance.** Mrs Swain will be monitoring late arrivals and absence and will be phoning home as necessary as part of her role. I will be working with an Attendance Improvement Officer from County on 16 January when we will be reviewing pupil records.

Holidays in Term Time

Due to Government changes, holidays in term time can no longer be authorised. Leave of Absence can be requested using a form from the office but I am only able to sanction up to 5 days in any school year for Leave of Absence in exceptional circumstances.



Safety Reminders



A reminder that this school does not allow dogs on site. We are also a smoke and alcohol free zone. Please ensure that you observe these points. **Adults should not sit on the junior wall**, by the quiet area, or the Infant wall by the side of the Reception Classroom when collecting pupils. My office staff have also requested that children do not play on the disabled access ramp by the main entrance or press the entrance button. Please do not allow your children to play on the playground equipment before or after school, including the area outside Class 4.

Children and adults are not to ride their scooters or bicycles in the school grounds. Thank you for your support.



Sickness absence



Genuine absence due to sickness, for example vomiting, diarrhoea, chickenpox etc. is authorised. For extended periods of sickness we require you to provide a copy of your GP's certificate or appointment slip. **You must inform the school on the first day of absence using Option 1 on the answerphone or Schoolcomms.**



Parking

I would like to remind you that parent vehicles are not allowed on site unless in cases of emergency or through prior arrangement with the office due to medical reasons. Green passes are issued on these occasions, and a log of vehicle registrations is kept. If you have a green pass, please inform the office if your vehicle registration has changed, as we do carry out spot checks. I am sure you understand that the safety of your children is our prime concern. Please also be considerate to our neighbours and do not park across their driveways.

Dates for Next Year

9 February	Class / Groups Photos
13-17 February	HALF TERM
Monday 20 February	INSET Day 4 (School closed to pupils)
27 and 28 March	Parent Consultations
Friday 31 March	End of Term
Monday 3 – Monday 17 April	Easter Break
Tuesday 18 April	Term Starts
Monday 1 May	May Day Bank Holiday
8 – 12 May	KS2 SATS week (No holiday will be authorised during this week)
29 May – 2 June	HALF TERM
11 – 16 June	Kingswood Residential Week (Y6)
12 - 16 June	Y1 Phonics Test Week (no holiday will be authorised during this week)
Monday 3 July	Open Evening
Friday 14 July	Family picnic at lunch time followed by an afternoon Sports Day
Friday 21 July (2.15pm)	End of School Year

Please note – preparation and completion of Y2 SATs work will take place during May (No holiday will be authorised during this time).



Attendance Cup

The winner for this week is Class 10 with 99%



Dinnertime Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Rainbows & Class 10



Effort Cup

Congratulations to Eddie M. from Year 1

Last weeks was Imogen H. from Year 3

E. Kirwan