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## NEWSLETTER 16

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. The children thoroughly enjoyed their "Take One Book Day" on Thursday. Pupils worked in a cross curriculum way with a focus on James Mayhew's book "Katie in London". Reception took a bus tour around the London landmarks using google maps and Y6 had to plan a group trip to London and assess the different curriculum knowledge that they were using as part of the process. We were extremely pleased to have Mr Galway (Teaching and Learning Advisor from HfL) working with groups of children throughout the day on Literacy skills.

### **Applying for a school Nursery place for 2018-2019 (For children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015)**

Admissions for Nursery are now dealt with by the school. As a consortium of schools within Stevenage, Headteachers have agreed the following dates for Nursery applications:

**Applications opening date: 1 January 2018**  
**Application deadline: 16 March 2018**  
**Offers sent out: 20 April 2018**

Our Admissions Application Form for children starting Nursery in September 2018 can be downloaded from the Admission tab on our website along with our Nursery Admission Policy. Hard copies of the application form can also be requested from the school office, 01438 351090. We appreciate that Admissions can be confusing for parents using the system for the first time, please do not hesitate to call us to go through your queries.

Parents/Carers are welcome to view the school by making an appointment through the school office.

### **Applying for a Reception Place – September 2018**

Please note that the deadline for applications to County is the 15 January 2018. Please could our current Nursery parents who would like a Reception place at Ashtree for September ensure County receive your applications by 15 January 2018.

### **Mr Appadoo's Clubs**

Y3/Y4 Tag Rugby will now be on Tuesdays after school and Y5/Y6 will be on Wednesdays after school (3.15-4.20pm).

### **Curriculum Information**

The new Spring Term Curriculum Information has come out with this newsletter, please see below.

### **Kingswood 2018**

Just a reminder we still have some 2<sup>nd</sup> deposits understanding. You are able to make regular payments on Schoolcomms or to the office towards your final payment.

### **SPLAT**

SPLAT will be closed on 9 February 2018 for a Staff Meeting.



### **Level 2 Cycle Training – Y5/6**



We have an opportunity to train pupils who would like to do their Level 2 Cycle Training. The course will run from Monday 5 March to Friday 9 March. This is a 32 place course. Pupils will be coming home today with a letter with all the details. It will be the first 32 responses received by the office that will secure a place, with a waiting list then being drawn up.



### **Parking**



My site manager has informed me that some parents are parking on the school grounds at school start - 8.55am. 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.

### **Dinner Behaviour Awards**

The winners for this week are Classes 3 & 13.

### **Attendance Cup**

The winner for this week is Class 11 with 97%.

### **Effort Cup**

Congratulations to Emily P. from Year 1.

## **Diary Dates for Spring Term**

### **Spring Term 2018:**

#### **Half-term**

Class Photos

Last day of term

- **Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February**
- Thursday 22 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**

Y3 School Trip

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**
- Tuesday 5 June – St Albans Museum
- 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*



# ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

## CURRICULUM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### Foundation Stage & Key Stage One

Spring Term 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am pleased to be able to give you some further information about your child's studies this term. I have also included some general school information, which may also be helpful.

#### ENGLISH

Nursery are learning about: writing their names and model writing for familiar stories, listening to and joining in with stories, retelling and acting stories.

Reception are learning about: "Rosie's Walk" and "Whatever Next" – sequencing, writing labels, retelling using past tense, sentence structure and phonics.

Year 1 are learning about: recount lists, character adjectives, story recall and non-fiction, familiar stories. They are developing literacy skills in their history and geography work.

Year 2 are learning about: "The Snail and the Whale"- alliteration, speech marks, character feelings, rhyme and noun phrases, "Greenpeace"- letter writing, apostrophes, finding facts from texts, conjunctions, suffixes and sub-headings, "Storm Whale"- diary entries and role play, narrative poetry and setting description, imperative verbs, contents pages, similes, metaphors and paragraphs, "Grandad's Island"- adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, first person writing and changing tenses, commas, fronted adverbials and time conjunctions.

#### MATHEMATICS

Nursery are learning about: every day counting, recognising and writing numerals, measuring e.g. big/small, tall/short and recognising and naming 2D shapes.

Reception are learning about: addition and subtraction, map and directions and positional language.

Year 1 are learning about comparing measures and using "think 10" when adding and subtracting.

Year 2 are learning about: number and place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, properties of shape, measurement m and cm, money, statistics, fractions, time and missing number problems.

#### SCIENCE

Nursery are learning about: "Materials" and "Looking After Animals."

Reception are learning about: "Where We Are" and "Rainforests."

Year 1 are learning about: "Weather and Seasons" and "Materials."

Year 2 are learning about: "Animals", including "Humans."

#### CROSS CURRICULAR SUBJECTS

Nursery are learning about: "Nursery Rhymes and Traditional Tales" and "Animals."

Reception are learning about: "Where We Are" and "Rainforests."

Year 1 are learning about: "Toys" and "Christopher Columbus."

Year 2 are learning about: "Explorers."

#### HOMEWORK

Foundation Stage – Home reading, phonics, simple maths and English activities.

Year 1 - Home reading, weekly spellings, handwriting activities, number facts.

Year 2 - Home reading, weekly spellings and phonics, handwriting activities, number facts and games.

**All pupils are expected to read daily, at home, and have their book signed by a parent/carer.**

*If Reading Records are lost, then these will have to be replaced at the cost of 35p each. If reading books are lost, then these will have to be replaced at a charge of £3.50.*

Ms E. A. Kirwan  
Headteacher



# ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

## CURRICULUM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### Key Stage Two

Spring Term 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am pleased to be able to give you some information about your child's studies this term. I have also included some general school information, which may be helpful.

#### ENGLISH

Year 3 are learning about: Comprehension Skills, Adventure Stories, Persuasive Writing, Grammar, Poetry and Plays.

Year 4 are learning about: Recounts, Inference, Sentence Punctuation, Story Planning, Fronted Adverbials, Expanded Noun Phrases and Imaginary World Stories.

Year 5 are learning about: Fantasy Stories, Poetry and Non Chronological Reports.

Year 6 are learning about: Grammar - Modal Verbs, Active and Passive Sentences, Recount Writing-WW2 Diary and Evacuee letter, Texts from English Heritage - *William Shakespeare*, Short Narrative Writing, Report writing and Persuasive/Complaint Letter Writing.

#### MATHEMATICS

Year 3 are learning about: Place Value, Symmetry/Shape, Addition & Subtraction, Division with Remainders, Fractions, Measurement (grams and kg), Geometry – Angles, Money, Measurement - Time, Column Addition and Subtraction, Statistics, Multiplication and Division Problems.

Year 4 are learning about: Multiplication and Division Facts and Written Methods for Solving Multiplication and Division Problems.

Year 5 are learning about: Problem Solving, Division, Fractions – Simplifying, Ordering and Multiplying, Converting and Equivalence, Geometry – Angles, Position and Direction, Statistics, Measurement – Converting Units, Geometry – Reflection, Translation and Coordinates, Decimals, Percentages, Time and Problem Solving- Multiplication and Division.

Year 6 are learning about: Pie Charts, Fractions - Multiplying and Dividing, Measurements -Time and Interpreting Calendars, Problem Solving – Reasoning and Statistics, Geometry, Measurement- Area and Perimeter, 2D and 3D Shapes.

#### SCIENCE

Year 3 are learning about: "Forces" and "Magnets."

Year 4 are learning about: "Solids, Liquids and Gases."

Year 5 are learning about: "Forces" and "Materials – Properties and Changes."

Year 6 are learning about: "Living Things and their Habitats" and "Light"

#### CROSS CURRICULAR SUBJECTS

Year 3 are learning about: "The United Kingdom" and "Italy."

Year 4 are learning about: "Ancient Egypt" and "Deserts."

Year 5 are learning about: "Geography – Water."

Year 6 are learning about: "World War Two."

#### HOMEWORK

Year 3 – Daily reading at home, weekly times tables, spellings and one extended piece of work.

Year 4 - Daily reading at home, weekly times tables, spellings and one extended piece of work.

Year 5 - Daily reading at home, weekly times tables, spellings and one extended piece of work.

Year 6 –Daily reading at home, weekly times tables, spellings and weekly literacy and numeracy revision work.

**All pupils are expected to read daily, at home, and have their book signed by a parent/carer.**

**Homework Diaries must be signed off by a parent/carer weekly.**

If Homework Diaries, Reading Records or exercise books are lost, then these will have to be replaced at the cost of 35p each. If reading books are lost, then these will have to be replaced at a charge of £3.50.

Ms E. A. Kirwan  
Headteacher