



# ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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## NEWSLETTER 16

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

### Uniform

Thank you for ensuring that your children have the correct uniform. If you want our bottle green sweatshirts carrying the school crest, and white polo shirts with 'Ashtree School' embroidered on them, these may be purchased from the school, between **2.45pm and 3.00pm on Thursdays only**. This helps us ensure that we have a strong identity as a school and do look very smart. **As already mentioned in previous newsletters, jumpers /sweatshirts or cardigans are bottle green and not black or grey.** Trousers and skirts can be grey or black. Please ensure that children's uniform is labelled with their name. Jewellery, apart from watches or Medic Alerts should not be worn, **but in the case of earrings, studs are permitted (no bling please)**. Children may wear only one pair of earrings, and these should be removed, or taped over by the child for PE sessions (we provide micropore tape). I would like your support in ensuring that children with shoulder length or longer hair, come to school with their hair up (ponytail, bunches, plaits) any pupil conscious about putting their hair up can put a bandana over the ponytail, bunch or plait. This would help to reduce the spread of head lice around the school, and would meet the Health and Safety requirements of lessons, such as PE, Technology etc. (A plain or school coloured 'scrunchie' would look very smart.)

A number of you are now purchasing our lovely Jackets and Fleeces. These need to be ordered as we are unable to keep a large stock due to lack of space! **May I remind you that these items are outdoor wear.**

Please ensure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes as this will help to keep our school cleaner for longer. Pupils should wear sensible footwear to school, high heels are not appropriate for playtimes. Please see our Dress Code which can be found under the Policy section on our Website [www.ashtree.herts.sch.uk](http://www.ashtree.herts.sch.uk). The uniform order form and prices can also be found on our website.

I would like to encourage children across the whole school, to take care of the reading books that they bring home. Pupils need to have either a smart bottle green book bag that can be purchased from the office, or a zip type wallet that can be put within a schoolbag. Books should not just be put in with bags containing PE kit, shoes etc. as they will become damaged very quickly.

### 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.



### Level 3 Cycle Training – Y6

We have secured an opportunity to train children who already have their Level 2 certificate, up to Level 3 standard. This is a 14 place course and my records from last year show 20 pupils are eligible. I am sending home a direct invitation to those 20 pupils today, and again it will be the first 14 responses received by the office that will secure a place, with a waiting list then being drawn up.



### Dinner Money

£2.35 per day                      £11.75 per week  
1<sup>st</sup> half term £63.45      2<sup>nd</sup> half term £68.15

**We have a number of people who continue to take dinners without payment. Please be reminded that dinners must be paid for in advance. Where a letter/text has been issued notifying that no further meals will be provided please ensure that you send your child in with a home packed lunch each day until the debt is cleared. Thank you.**

## Kingswood 2017

If you haven't already done so, please can you pay your second deposit of £50 as this should have been paid on Monday 9 January, 2017. Letters have been sent by pupil post.



### Chinese New Year Dance Workshop



All the children will be taking part in the Chinese New Year Dance Workshop next week on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

This year, is the year of the Rooster.



### Headlice



Please check your child as there have been a large number of 'sightings' recently! Thank you.

### Dates for this Year

Thursday 9 February	Class / Groups Photos
13-17 February	HALF TERM
Monday 20 February	INSET Day 4 (School closed to pupils)
Monday 27 March	Parent Consultations 5.00-7.30pm
Tuesday 28 March	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.00pm
Friday 31 March (2.15pm)	End of Term
Monday 3 – Monday 17 April	Easter Break
Tuesday 18 April	Term Starts
Monday 1 May	May Day Bank Holiday
Wednesday 3 May	Y4 Harry Potter
8 – 12 May	KS2 SATS week (No holiday will be authorised during this week)
29 May – 2 June	HALF TERM
Tuesday 6 June	Y2 Tower of London
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
Thursday 6 July	End of Year Reports
Friday 7 July	INSET Day 5 (School closed to pupils)
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 3 with 99%.



### Dinnertime Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Class 5 & Class 8.



### Effort Cup

Congratulations to Connor D. from Year 6.

*E. Kirwan*