



ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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NEWSLETTER 17

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. I would like to welcome back Mr Appadoo from his travels. Mr Appadoo will be teaching Class 12 every Friday and teaching sport across the school from Tuesday to Thursday. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Mr Wilson for being Class 8's teacher this year. Just before Christmas Mr Wilson informed me that he was taking up another post after February half-term. I am pleased to let you know that Ms Goode will be teaching Class 8 from Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Aylward will be teaching Class 8 on Thursday and Friday to the end of the school year. Mrs Aylward is very familiar with the school having worked with us in the past. We will be welcoming back Mrs Harvey from her maternity leave into Nursery on the 6th February and I would like to thank Miss Wynters for all her support of the school.



Level 2 Cycle Training – Y5/6 – w/c 6th March (Monday – Friday)



I am pleased to say that all requests, received by the office so far, can be accommodated. We have filled 22 of the 32 places. Please let the office know if you would still like to be added to the list. We will be writing to you next week to confirm your place.



Late Arrivals



Please ensure your children are in school on time. I will continue to monitor and follow up 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 helping me monitor late arrivals and absence and will be phoning home as necessary as part of her role.

Absence in Term Time

The Governing Body have agreed that I will be able to sanction up to 5 days for exceptional circumstances in any school year. Any requests for leave of absence for exceptional circumstances will be considered by me on a case by case basis. Please collect a 'leave of absence' form from the office. Our attendance policy can be found on our website.

Penalty Notices

At Ashtree School we expect parents to work with us to address attendance problems. If a pupil has 15 sessions (half a day = one session) unauthorised absence in the current or previous term the Headteacher may ask the LEA to issue a Penalty Notice. The Penalty Notice requires you to pay a fine of £60 (per parent) within 21 days. If this fine is not paid within the time limit the penalty rises to £120 (per parent) which must be paid within 28 days.

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.



Dinner Money



£2.35 per day £11.75 per week
1st half term £63.45 2nd 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. We are no longer able to build up any dinner money debt due to Government changes. Any debt is taken out of the school budget, which has a detrimental effect on the education of our pupils. Please do not put us in the position of not paying for a meal but still expecting us to provide one. Thank you for your understanding.



Sainsbury's Vouchers



Yes it's that time of year again. Don't forget to collect your vouchers and send them in to school please.

Finally, the children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Chinese New Year Dance workshops, I apologise to the group for whom I ended up being the tail end of the dragon! My thanks to Mrs Mohiuddin for organising this activity. Our kitchen will be serving a Chinese New Year themed menu on Monday.

We were also pleased to host Stevenage Sporting Futures Trust yesterday for a gymnastics course. I will now be able to start assemblies with a triple cartwheel and a backflip!



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 6 March – Friday 10 March	Y5 & Y6 L2 Cycle Training
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 11 with 99%



Dinnertime Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are 3 & 7 Class



Effort Cup

Congratulations to Danny F. from Year 2

E. Kirwan