



ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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NEWSLETTER 19

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. The Leading Management Team worked with our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner on Wednesday, focussing on the successes of the school and our next steps in development. As always, this meeting provided good challenge and affirmation for the school. My thanks to our Chair of Governors for attending.

Just to remind you that half-term is from Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February. Pupils start back at school on Tuesday 21 February as Monday 20 February is an Inset Day. I would like to thank the children that attended Almond Hill School on Thursday for a maths day the pupils were praised for their ability to explain their reasoning. Please see Christa B's. report below.



Year 6 Maths Event

On Thursday some of Year 6 went to a maths event at Almond Hill School. During the time at Almond Hill School we did a variety of maths related activities such as finding the volume of a 5x5 rectangle, finding the missing lengths and many more. We also attempted to solve some GCSE questions. This gave us a good challenge because we had to do many different calculations in order to get the answer. Overall we had a really good time and we are tremendously happy we got this opportunity to go.

Sam Learning – KS1 and 2

SAM Learning is a revision, web based resource which can be accessed from home as well as from school. Pupils just need to enter our Centre ID which is SG2AJ and then their User ID which is DOB and 2 initials. So for example: David Jones born on 1st August 1995 would log in as 010895DJ. Their password is just a repeat of their User ID. **Children in Years 1 and 2 can work on the KS1 materials or challenge themselves with KS2! Pupils in Years 3 – 6 can work on the KS2 materials!**

Sporting Achievement



Netball

Ashtree played Longmeadow on Wednesday. We lost 6-0 in our first game back, but it definitely dusted off the cobwebs from the Christmas break. Everyone on the court gave their all until the final whistle. My Player of the match goes to Christa B. for consistently driving in front of her player and being reliable throughout, in channelling the ball down the court.



Visited the 'Moon' today

Sunshines went to the Moon today, they had a lovely picnic. They did 'Moon Maths' and 'Moon Phonics' – it was amazing!



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



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.

BBC Radio 2 - 500 Words

We are encouraging pupils to take part in the 500 word 2017 competition. They can enter at home by logging on to bbc.co.uk/500words. The closing date is 23 February. Children are very welcome to talk to their teachers if they need any help, and remember – it's only 500 words!



Headlice

Half term is a good opportunity to check for and treat headlice.



World Book Day – Thursday 2 March

Pupils can come to school dressed as their favourite book character for the day.

Finally, thank you again to Mrs Kiernan for coming in on Thursday to organise the children for their class photos. You have also helped us make a large donation to the Stevenage Food Bank as part of the School's Parliament Appeal, thank you.



Governors' Cup

The winner for this week is Class 10 with 97%

Dinnertime Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Classes 4 & 10



Effort Cup

Congratulations to Libby K. from Year 6



E. Kirwan