

ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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NEWSLETTER 2

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to this week's newsletter. This week seems to have flown past and children are really settling in to their learning in their new classes. I'll start this week with the first role call for all of the children who have come to see me as they have completed the **Holiday Reading Challenge / 500 Word Diary / Story Challenge**. I was very pleased to reward these children with their 'Headteacher Award' stickers so very well done to the following children:

Nursery: Niamh C, William S

Reception: Danielle B, Evie H

Class 3: Lilly H, Lottie W, Alice P, Elva N, Inola D-S, Logan B, Zachery L Tobias T, Aaron F, George K, Ikenna O, Mia S, Daisy D, Harrison S, Dawson H, Claudia L, Othniel B, Joseph P, Natalie J, Eliyanna M, Kayla O

Class 4: Florence W-S, Reo C, George D, Dinali D-S, Lexi F, Remai D, Rebecca J, Zoe S, Eddie M, Annie W, Lola P, Leo A, Georgia Y, Lacey R, Oscar W, George S, Charlie B

Class 5: Leo H

Class 6:

Class 7: Charlie P, Cooper F, Armadouwoury B

Class 8: Haydyn H, Daniel W

Class 9: Jack P, Rihanna A, Thomas W, Lillianna O-V

Class 10:

Class 11: Kian P, Eloise F

Class 12: Joshua D, Olivia Y, Jade B, Millie R

Class 13:

Class 14:

More names next week.

Dinner Money – KS2

*Despite information being sent out and notices being put up, we still have a large number of parents sending in the wrong payment for a school meal. **It is now £2.35 per meal (Please pay for your school meal in advance or, at the latest, on the day.** Thank you.*

I would just like to remind you that as we have children who have severe allergies, please do not send you child in with food that contains nuts as an ingredient. Thank you very much for your support.

Kingswood Payment

Just a reminder that the 1st payment of £50.00 for Kingwood is due on 30th September. This will secure you child's place on the trip. Payments can be made through Schoolcomms.

Playground Equipment

A reminder that pupils may not use the play equipment on either playground before or after school. Please support us by monitoring your children and keeping them away from the equipment at these times.

School Clubs

With school clubs starting up next week, I would like to remind everyone that we do have a 'Code of Conduct' for clubs. Staff will be sending these home with club participants. Copies are also available from the school office and it is posted on our school website.

Medicines in School

A reminder that pupils should not have medicines in their bags at any time. If your child requires prescription medication there are forms to be filled out and procedures to follow. Please see the school office and refer to the policy on our school website.

Friends of Ashtree – Summer Fayre

I am pleased to announce that the total figure for the Summer Fayre in July was £885.00.

Friends of Ashtree AGM

Our Parent/Teacher Association is called 'The Friends of Ashtree' and all parents of the school are automatically part of this group. The group is headed up by a committee of elected volunteers. The AGM is on Tuesday 20th September at 6.30pm at Ashtree Primary School and all positions are up for re-election. If you would like to attend this meeting, please arrive through the main office. I would like to thank Sophie Faulkner and all the other parent volunteers that have given so much of their time to support the school. It would be lovely to see as many parents attended this meeting as possible. Even if you can only give a few hours to support one of the events that the FOA put on, this would be very welcomed. Without a newly elected committee - Friends of Ashtree will not be able to run this year. Events such as the discos, winter fayre, summer fayre, Easter raffle would be sorely missed. Please come to support the school and your children.

Mathletics

We are very pleased to be offering the computer programme 'Mathletics' for the children to access at home. 'Mathletics' aims to improve the children's mental maths ability, and knowledge of the four operations, in a fun and interactive way. All the children should have their user name and password in the back of their home school diaries. Please encourage your child to use 'Mathletics' at least three times a week.

Parent Reading Clubs

We are running weekly Parent Reading Clubs for you to come into school to read with your child – please see listed below your child's Year Group. Please access your child's classroom by the classroom door. Years 3 and 5, please use the main playground KS2 door Thank you.

Reception: Will start after October half term, **Year 1:** Wednesdays 3pm & Fridays 3pm, **Year 2:** Wednesdays 3pm & Fridays 3pm, **Year 3:** Wednesdays 3pm & Friday 9am, **Year 4:** Thursdays 3pm & Friday 9am, **Year 5:** Mondays 9am & Wednesdays 9am and **Year 6:** Mondays 3pm & Fridays 9am.

Donation of New School Football Kit

A huge thank you to Miss Ralph for organising a brand new Ashtree football kit for the boys' and girls' teams. Miss Ralph did a marvellous job of persuading her dad and his company, Triage Services to part with £600 to make this magic happen. Thank you so much - we are extremely grateful. Needless to say staff will be monitoring the issue and the return of this kit to ensure that it is not lost or treated in a way that is not up to our expectations.

Finally, we are looking forward to our first girls' football fixture which is a home match on Friday 23rd September vs Trotts Hill at 3.30pm.

Dinnertime Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Classes 4 and 13

Attendance Cup

The winner for this week is Class 14 with 100%.

Effort Cup

Congratulations to Owen F from Year 3

E. Kirwan