



ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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NEWSLETTER 22

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



Friends of Ashtree - Sponsored Read



Thank you for supporting our sponsored read organised by the Friends of Ashtree. We have raised £487.50. We are looking forward to purchasing a dictionary for each class.

Sam Learning – KS1 and KS2

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!**



Decorated Egg Competition



We will be running an egg decorating competition again this year, which will be judged on Friday 24 March. We hope that all of the children in the school will decorate a hard-boiled egg as part of our Easter celebrations. They will need to be brought into school by Thursday 23 March, and will be judged on 24 March. The children who decorated the 2 winning eggs from each class will receive a prize donated by 'Friends of Ashtree'. An egg rolling competition will be held on Monday 27 March, using the eggs decorated by the children. Each year group will take turns to go to the Junior Hall where their eggs will be rolled down a specially prepared slope, which signifies both Calvary and Jesus' tomb. There will also be 2 prizes per class for the winners, which will be awarded in our final assembly of the term. Please try and ensure your child prepares a hard-boiled egg for these celebrations as we have great fun.



Parent Consultations



These are being held on **Monday 27 March – 5 - 7.30pm, and Tuesday 28 March – 3.30 - 6.00pm.** Consultation Request Slips have been sent home today and need to be returned by **Friday 17 March.** Your confirmed time will be sent home on Thursday 23 March. Nursery will be holding their consultations from Tuesday 21 March, please see your child's Key Worker to arrange a time.



Stevenage Food Bank



We received a lovely card from Anne Brown the collection manager, thanking all the pupils, parents and staff of the school for the generous donations to the food bank. They are much appreciated.



Parent/Carer Questionnaire



This year our annual Parent/Carer Questionnaire will be available during your consultation meeting with the class teachers. We would be very grateful if you could complete the questionnaire whilst in school on Monday or Tuesday and leave it in the boxes that will be provided. An extra row of tables and chairs will be set up in each hall in order for you to complete the survey comfortably. This worked extremely well for us last year and captured your views of the school. If you are not attending parents evening and would like a copy of the survey, please let your child's class teacher know and this can go home by pupil post. The survey will close on Thursday 30 March.

Schoolcomms

A large number of our parents are not taking advantage of the 'School Gateway App'. The App is easy to download from the 'Play Store App'. This allows you to contact us, make payments and us to contact you without charge. We have instructions in the office if you require them.



Comic Relief Red Nose Day – Friday 24 March



We will be supporting Red Nose Day again this year and have decided to take a more healthy path! On Friday 24 March we are asking the children to donate a £1 and come to school dressed in 'something sporty' (red if they like) ready for lively activities we will be running later in the day. There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to join in too if they wish at the end of the day and we are hoping for your usual, excellent support with this amazing charity. Full details will follow in next week's newsletter.



Level 2 Cycle Training



Well done to all 22 children who took part. Every pupil passed either their Level 1 or Level 2 certificate and these have been handed out to children today – badges to follow.

Sporting Achievements



Netball



Yet again, the Ashtree team showed determination, skill and teamwork in their home match against Peartree School. They applied the skills learned in training, channelling the ball and effective marking, to both defence and attack in play. The score was 2 – 10 to Peartree, but this score further shows the progression this team are making, in defending and scoring. Player of the match this week is Holly, who consistently found space to receive passes and read the game well.

Finally, we are looking forward to celebrating Science week next week, Mrs Cox our Science co-ordinator and our ambassadors Y3 – Armadouwoury B and Thomas B. Y4 – Katie-Anne G. and Melissa G. Y5 – Freddie D and Eloise F. Y6 – Ayla S. and Leighton L. will be keeping us all busy.



Attendance Cup

The winners for this week are Class 5 & Class 13 with 100%



Dinnertime Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Class 4 & Class 13



Effort Cup

Congratulations to Lauren R. from Year 4 .

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