



ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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NEWSLETTER 23

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Well done to Year 5 for being excellent ambassadors for the school when they visited St Mary's Church on Tuesday 14th March. I would also like to thank Miss Long and her volunteers who ensured Year 2 were able to find out about the Easter Journey through an in-school workshop on Wednesday afternoon.



Science Week – Report by Mrs Cox



What an exciting week we have had this week! It has been amazing to share so many science investigations throughout the whole school and to see the enthusiasm for learning from the children. From making rainbows in milk to making raisins dance, the children's interest and eagerness to find out more has been such a joy to see. I do hope that they have enjoyed it as much as I have. Thank you to my brilliant Science 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) who have helped this week to run so successfully and to the children of Ashtree School and their parents, for your interest and contributions to our science week.

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.



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.



Level 3 Cycle Training – week beginning Monday 27 March



I'm pleased to let you know that the training team can accommodate all the requests for this training. Y6 pupils taking part in this training must leave their bicycles padlocked in the cycle shed first thing on Monday 27 March. Payment of £25 is due now if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

Kingswood 2017

Just a reminder that all outstanding payments are now due.



Summer Term Milk Slips



Please return your slip if you wish your child to have milk next term by Monday 20 March as the milk has to be ordered in advance. Thank you



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. Please ensure all outstanding balances are cleared by the end of term. Thank you for your understanding.



Comic Relief Red Nose Day – Friday 24 March



We are really looking forward to supporting Red Nose Day next Friday, 24th March. As reported last week, we are asking children to donate £1 to come dressed in "something sporty" (possibly red), ready for some keep-fit-type activities at the end of the day. We will be holding a "keep-fit-a-thon" for children from Reception to Year 6, in both halls, giving the children the chance to try a variety of different exercise styles, along to music that they have chosen!

We would like to invite parents to join us for the last 15 minutes of our activities, at 3.00pm. Parents of children from Years 3-6 will be welcome in the Junior Hall, entering through the Junior Playground doors. Parents can take part in the area between the dining room and the railings, where they can see the children below. Parents of children from Years R-2 will be welcome, through the Infant Playground doors, to take part at the back of the Infant Hall.

We ask that parents stay in these areas rather than mix with the children in order to keep everyone safe and comfortable. If you have children at both ends of the school please feel free to move up and down the linked corridor to support both (I'll be watching you to make sure you are still "keep-fit-a-thonning" as you go!). At the end of the day, parents attending will be asked to return to the playground to wait for children to be released by their teachers as usual.

We are sure this event is going to be a lot of fun! We hope you will support this excellent charity as generously as you always do.



Sainsbury's Vouchers



Don't forget to hunt out those vouchers and send them in please.



The School Nursing Service is provided by Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust, for children and young people aged 5 to 19 in mainstream schools.

The service provides confidential support and advice on a range of health and wellbeing topics. Some of these include:

- Emotional health
- Lifestyle issues including weight management and healthy eating
- Keeping safe.
- Health conditions requiring support in schools.

The service also manages a local Health for Kids website, designed to deliver topical health messages and advice for children, parents and carers, through interactive tools and creative marketing materials.

Health for Kids – aimed at those aged four to 11 – can be seen, via www.healthforkids.co.uk/hertfordshire

The website is kept updated with local information and events.

To contact a school nurse with any concerns, a referral form is available to complete online, via www.hct.nhs.uk/forms/school-nursing-form.asp

Sporting Achievements



Netball

Ashtree played Bedwell on Wednesday in a nail-biting match that resulted in an awesome draw for our girls! The first half saw Bedwell gain a lead after rushed play by Ashtree! However, in the second half, Ashtree came back strong and were tactically more disciplined, and went from being 3-1 down to a 4-4 draw! Bedwell voted the very dynamic Praise M. as Player of the Match! I have also chosen a coach's Player of the Match, which goes to Olivia Y, who showed immense maturity and skill on court and was a solid and reliable player throughout the game! Well done to the team.



Girls Football

Well done to the girls' team that played a home match vs The Giles School last Friday. The team won 2-0 with Gemma W scoring both goals. The Player of the Match goes to Olivia Y for her great work rate.

Finally, the children really enjoyed the Theatre production on Thursday morning and we have booked 'The Lion The Witch and The Wardrobe' for next year.

**Just to remind you that term ends on Friday 31 March at 2.15pm.
Pupils return back to school on Tuesday 18 April.**

Attendance Cup

The winners for this week are Class 4 with 100%

Dinnertime Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Sunshines & Class 11

Effort Cup

Congratulations to Kayleigh G. from Year 6.

E. Kirwan