



# ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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## NEWSLETTER 24

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Over the past few weeks the Leading Management Team have had the chance to visit Teaching Assistants and their groups and enjoyed seeing the high quality support the children are receiving. Well done to this hard working group of Ashtree staff.

### Y6 World War 2 Day – Reported by Kayleigh G

Yesterday, Year 6 had a World War 2 theatre day. We all came into school in non-uniform dressed as evacuees. A lady called Sophie came in from a company called Konflux, she taught us some drama skills and we performed a play called "Albi's War". To perform the play we had to work as a team, which the whole of Year 6 did!

Later on in the day, Mr Allen taught us a World War 2 game called "Cross the Battlefield". The way the game worked was you had to work as a team and you weren't allowed to touch the floor. We were on mats and as a team, we had to make our way across the playground with chess pieces to place at the end. One person had to carry a jug of water all the time trying not to spill any of it. In the end the team that had the most water in their jugs won! Thank you Mr Allen and Sophie, we all had a great day!

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Winners



<b>Nursery</b>	Brooke E. Harvey C. Daniel W. Safi B.	<b>Year 3</b>	Casey P, Terence W. Jessica H. Daniel W
<b>Reception</b>	Max T. Olivia W. Marlie S. James T	<b>Year 4</b>	Lauren T. Shane P. Alix B. Charlie C.
<b>Year 1</b>	Zachey L. Alice P. Eddie M. Evie D.	<b>Year 5</b>	Eloise F. Frankie M. Mia W. Owen P.
<b>Year 2</b>	Kayla A. Leo H. Amaya O. Danny F.	<b>Year 6</b>	Leah T. Gabriel P. Thomas L. Kayleigh G.

### Egg Rolling Competition

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.



### Comic Relief Red Nose Day



Well done to everyone who took part in the Red Nose "keep-fit-a-thon" at school today. It was lovely to see so many children and parents/carers taking part. We will let you know the total amount we have raised next week. Thank you again for your support.



### Parent Consultations



These are being held on **Monday 27 March – 5 - 7.30pm, and Tuesday 28 March – 3.30 - 6.00pm**. Your confirmed time will have been 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.

## Swimming Letter

The last swimming lesson for Y3 will be Friday 31 March. Outstanding payments are due before the end of term. Thank you to those parents that have paid in full.

## 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

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.

## Music Classes

Invoices have been sent out this week, please be ensured any missed lessons will be refunded in July.

## **Just Be A Child - Book Appeal**

You may have seen an article in the Comet Newspaper recently where the charity Just Be A Child is appealing for donations of books to be sent to Kenya to establish a community library. They are aiming to reach 5,000 books. For a complete list of items needed, and for more about the charity, visit [www.justbeachild.com](http://www.justbeachild.com) or search for JBAC Book Appeal on YouTube. If any of our Ashtree pupils have any unwanted books they wish to donate please bring them into school and Mrs Hudson will ensure they are forwarded on to this appeal. Thank you for your support.

## Dinner Money – Summer Term

£2.40 per day                      £12.00 per week  
1<sup>st</sup> half term £67.20    2<sup>nd</sup> half term £81.60

Please note the prices have changed.

**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.**

## **Sporting Achievements**

### Boys Football

Well done to the boys' football team that played away on Wednesday against Round Diamond. The boys performed well in a closely fought encounter against a strong Round Diamond team. The boys just couldn't manage to grab the goals they needed in what was an otherwise very equal contest. The game finished Round Diamond 2 – 0 Ashtree. Player of the match goes to Alex W, for his listening and taking on board feedback to show a great improvement in his game.



## Girls Football



Well done to the girls' football team that played away on Thursday against Longmeadow. The girls' worked really hard on a huge pitch with only one sub throughout. The game finished 0-0. In the extra time Gemma W scored to make it 1-0. We are now through to the next round of the cup. Player of the match goes to Suzan A, for her good work rate.



## Netball



Ashtree played St Vincent de Paul in a friendly game and won 5-0. From the first whistle, Ashtree dominated the game with great channelling down the court and excellent circle attack. Defensively, we were strong and St Vincent struggled to get the ball into their shooting circle! Player of the match goes to Kiana C for her accurate shooting. A great win for Ashtree. They should all be very proud of their outstanding team work!

### Dates for this Year

Monday 27 March

Tuesday 28 March

**Friday 31 March (2.15pm)**

Monday 3 – Monday 17 April

Tuesday 18 April

Monday 1 May

Wednesday 3 May

8 – 12 May

29 May – 2 June

Tuesday 6 June

11 – 16 June

12 - 16 June

Wednesday 14 June

Monday 3 July

Thursday 6 July

Friday 7 July

Friday 14 July

**Friday 21 July (2.15pm)**

Parent Consultations 5.00-7.30pm

Parent Consultations 3.30-6.00pm

**End of Term**

Easter Break

Term Starts (Pupils return back to school)

May Day Bank Holiday

Y4 School Trip: Harry Potter

KS2 SATS week **(No holiday will be authorised during this week)**

HALF TERM

Y2 School Trip: Tower of London

Kingswood Residential Week (Y6)

Y1 Phonics Test Week **(No holiday will be authorised during this week)**

Y3 School Trip: St Albans Museum

Open Evening

End of Year Reports

INSET Day 5 **(School closed to pupils)**

Family picnic at lunch time followed by an afternoon Sports Day

**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).**

### Term Dates for academic year 2017 - 2018

#### Autumn Term 2017

**Wednesday 30 August – Thursday 31 August**

- Occasional Days school closed for pupils

**Friday 1 September**

- Inset Day 1- school closed to pupils

**Monday 4 September**

- Inset Day 2- school closed to pupils

**Tuesday 5 September**

- First day back for pupils

**23 October - 27 October**

- Half Term

**Monday 30 October**

- Inset Day 3 – school closed to pupils

**Tuesday 31 October**

- Pupils return after half-term

**Tuesday 19 December**

- End of term. Pupils go home at 2.15pm.

Finally, a reminder that all parents/carers are expected to conduct themselves appropriately whilst on site. Failure to do so will result in parents/carers being banned from the site and/or police involvement.

*E. Kirwan*