



# ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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## NEWSLETTER 25

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It was lovely to see so many of you at consultation this week I would like to say a big thank you to the following children who were excellent "bell-bongers" and kept us all on time: Lacey H, Ayla S, Kimberleigh E, Amy G, Owen M, Michael K, Kayleigh G and George F.

### 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!**



### Parent Questionnaire 2017



I am pleased to send out the outcomes of this year's questionnaire with this Newsletter. Again, having forms available at the Parent Consultations was very successful and we will continue with this.



### Year 4 Harry Potter Trip – Wednesday 3 May



Payments can be made through Schoolcomms or by cash/cheque through the office. Just to remind you this trip must be paid by Monday 1 May. Thank you to all the parents that have already paid in full.

### Egg Rolling Competition Winners



<b>Nursery AM</b>	David S.	Grace A.	<b>Class 7</b>	Owen F.	Grace C.
<b>Nursery PM</b>	Pride M.	Hope S.	<b>Class 8</b>	Enoch Y.	Cheryl N.
<b>Rainbows</b>	Harry G.	Maisie S.	<b>Class 9</b>	Archie P.	Lilianna O.
<b>Sunshines</b>	Kamran A.	Ella-Mae W.	<b>Class 10</b>	Frankie D.	Jessica Y.
<b>Class 3</b>	Aaron F.	Alice P.	<b>Class 11</b>	Oscar W.	Ella A.
<b>Class 4</b>	George S.	Remi D.	<b>Class 12</b>	Albert Mc.	Eleanor B.
<b>Class 5</b>	Oliver Z.	Rebekah L.	<b>Class 13</b>	Ashton S.	Heather M.
<b>Class 6</b>	George T.	Demi P.	<b>Class 14</b>	Oliver C.	Emma G.

Thank you to Friends of Ashtree for funding the Easter Eggs which were the children's prizes.



### Comic Relief Red Nose Day



Well done to everyone who took part in the Red Nose "keep-fit-a-thon" last Friday – we raised the fantastic sum of £416.27.



### Level 3 Cycle Training – week beginning Monday 27 March



Yet again our children did us proud. They paid close attention to the instructors and were very successful. Certificates have been given out to the children today – badges to follow.

### 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.



## Sainsbury's Vouchers



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



## 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.**



## SPLAT



SPLAT will be open at Featherstone Wood School on 3 to 13 April 7:30 - 18:15 for all children aged 4 to 12 years.

Places are still available for after school club for all Ashtree pupils aged 3 to 11 years for the summer term. SPLAT are offering 1 FREE session during the summer term for your child to attend and trial the club for September 2017 registrations.

Bookings can be made online now at [www.splatstevenage.co.uk](http://www.splatstevenage.co.uk)

## Sporting Achievements



### Girls' Netball



Mrs Cox has provided the following report. On Friday 24 March, the Ashtree netball team played their last league match of the season, against St Vincent de Paul. We played amazingly and all of the girls' hard work seemed to come together in this match. The channelling of the ball, communication during play and passing to free players was superb. We lost 8-1, but St Vincent had to work hard to achieve this. I should also point out that our girls had been dancing in a hot hall for 45 minutes before the match. It was obviously a good warm up for them! All in all, it was a fantastic way to end the season and they should all be thoroughly proud of themselves. Player of the match was Holly N. who always seemed to find free space to receive passes and anticipated what she needed to do throughout the game.

I would also like to thank Mrs Cook for all of her hard work in training, umpiring and organising matches for the teams. The progress that the girls have made over the past few months is a testament to her enthusiasm and encouragement for the team.

## Dates for this Year

### 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)

### 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**

**Friday 1 September**

**Monday 4 September**

**Tuesday 5 September**

**23 October - 27 October**

**Monday 30 October**

**Tuesday 31 October**

**Tuesday 19 December**

- Occasional Days school closed for pupils

- Inset Day 1- school closed to pupils

- Inset Day 2- school closed to pupils

- **First day back for pupils**

- Half Term

- Inset Day 3 – school closed to pupils

- Pupils return after half-term

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



**Governors' Attendance Cup**



The winner for this week is Class 10 with 97.3%

**Dinnertime Behaviour Awards**



The winners for this week are Class 3 & Class 10

**Effort Cup**



Congratulations to Fuqi W. from Year 2.

*E. Kirwan*