



# ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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## NEWSLETTER 28

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

### Science Club

I would like to say a huge thank you for the interest shown in our new Science Clubs. The response has been overwhelming, with nearly a third of the children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 asking to join! I have decided to extend the number of children able to attend the club and I have added two extra sessions for Key Stage 1 each week, to ensure that all the children who have requested to join, have been allocated a place. The class teachers have a list of the children attending the different sessions. Thank you again to the Ashtree School parents and children, for showing such enthusiasm and interest in Science.

### Blue Whale Challenge (Current, Serious Internet Risk to Vulnerable Children)

Hertfordshire Constabulary has been notified of the 'Blue Whale Challenge' and have requested that Hertfordshire's Safeguarding Team passes this information onto schools so we in turn can inform our parents/carers. 'The Blue Whale Challenge' is about targeting vulnerable young people on-line and befriending them. Once their trust is gained they are set 50 challenges. These are a variety of challenges that build upon the previous in terms of risk and severity. The 50th challenge culminates in a dare to the vulnerable person to kill themselves. There have been reports of this happening in other countries but no incidents of this in Hertfordshire so far. Whilst this has been aimed at the 12 to 15 age group we must all be aware on behalf of our children no matter what age.

### Parking

We have had a few complaints about parents parking over drive ways, please show consideration for the local residents when parking your car for collection and drop offs.



### Comet Newspaper Visit



We were pleased to host the Comet this morning who came to do a piece on the work of Bedwell Rangers who are doing a series of football coaching sessions for girls in Years 3 and 4. We value these community links.

### SATs

We wish everyone, good luck, particularly in Year 6 and Year 2, with their SATs tests and tasks which are now underway. The children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will also be working on assessment materials and staff across the whole school will be using their knowledge of pupils to make judgements on progress. With the report writing season ahead of us, I thank the staff for the extra hours that they somehow manage to find. Pupils in Year 6 have already brought home their timetable for their tests next week. Please ensure that pupils are in school in good time in the morning so that they have every opportunity to do their best. If, due to an unforeseen emergency, your child is going to be late, please inform the school as soon as you can, as we may still be able to make provision for your child to take the test.

### 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!**



### Sainsbury's Vouchers



This scheme ended on **2 May**. Please search pockets, purses, drawers etc. and dig out your Sainsbury's Vouchers and send them into school. We need to sort out our order as soon as we can in June.

## Y6 Parents Kingswood Meeting

There will be a meeting for this year's Kingswood visit on **Monday 15 May 2017 at 5.45pm** in the Junior Hall. We anticipate T-shirts and parent packs will be given out at this meeting. Medical Forms and Contact Numbers **MUST** be back by this meeting. Please come in via the Junior Playground doors

## Renewal of Free School Meals application (for September 2017)

As with last year, this summer we will automatically renew free school meals for children who currently receive a meal at our school. This means in most cases, children that attend our school from September 2017 will continue to get a meal and parents need not contact us or re-apply.

- Parents/carers do not need to reapply for a school meal for September 2017.
- Any child receiving a free meal as well as 100% music remission will be renewed for both.
- Letters will only be sent to families whose children are no longer entitled to receive a meal
- Anyone currently receiving 50% music remission will still need to reapply at: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) from the 7 June 2017.

## Sporting Achievements



Mr Yates reported: Ashtree played really well against The Leys and created several chances. Luckily, we were able to convert one and come away with the win. Ashtree 1-0 The Leys. Player of the match goes to Jack P for his forward running from midfield and his defensive organisation.



Mr Allen reported: Well done to the girls' football team that played away on Friday against Fairlands. The girls' drew 0-0, and made a really good effort and showed great passion. Player of the match goes to Lacey H for her good defensive play.

## Dates for this Year

8 – 12 May  
Monday 15 May  
**29 May – 2 June**  
Tuesday 6 June  
11 – 16 June  
12 - 16 June  
Wednesday 14 June  
Thursday 29 June  
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Friday 30 June  
Monday 3 July  
Thursday 6 July  
**Friday 7 July**  
Thursday 13 July  
Friday 14 July  
**Friday 21 July (2.15pm)**

KS2 SATS week (**No holiday will be authorised during this week**)  
Y6 2017 Kingswood Meeting – 5.45pm  
**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  
September 2017 – Reception Parents Meeting - 3.30pm  
September 2017 – Nursery Parents Meeting - 5.00pm  
Friends of Ashtree Summer Fair 3.15pm – 5.00pm  
Open Evening  
End of Year Reports  
**INSET Day 5 (School closed to pupils)**  
Secondary Transfer Day  
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

### Dates for 2017/18

#### Autumn Term 2017:

Occasional Days	-	Wednesday 30 August – 31 August - school closed to children
INSET Day 1	-	Friday 1 September - school closed to children
INSET Day 2	-	Monday 4 September - school closed to children
First day of term	-	Tuesday 5 September
Half-term	-	Monday 23 October - Friday 27 October
INSET Day 3	-	Monday 30 October - school closed to children
Last day of term	-	Tuesday 19 December at <b>2.15pm</b>

#### Spring Term 2018:

First day of term	-	Wednesday 3 January
Half-term	-	Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February
Last day of term	-	Thursday 29 March at <b>2.15pm</b>

#### Summer Term 2018:

First day of term	-	Monday 16 April
May Day	-	Monday 7 May - school closed to children
14 – 18 May	-	KS2 SATS week ( <b>No holiday will be authorised during this week</b> )
Half-term	-	Monday 28 May - Friday 1 June
11 - 15 June	-	Y1 Phonics Test Week ( <b>No holiday will be authorised during this week</b> )
INSET Day 4	-	Friday 6 July – school closed to children
Last day of term	-	Friday 20 July at <b>2.15pm</b>
INSET Day 5	-	Monday 23 July – school closed to children
Occasional Days	-	Tuesday 24 July – Friday 27 July - school closed to children.



#### Attendance Cup

The winner for this week is Class 5 with 100%



#### Dinnertime Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Class 5 & Class 8



#### Effort Cup

Congratulations to Jake N. from Class 11.

*E. Kirwan*