



# ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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## NEWSLETTER 29

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. I would like to say thank you and well done to all of the children who have worked so hard on their tests this week. In Y6 every one of the pupils observed the strict test conditions and I am proud of their attitude. I would like to pay particular thanks to Miss Ralph, Mrs Butterworth and the Year 6 Teaching Assistant team for organising the extremely popular SATs breakfast club, feedback from children and parents has been fantastic and we hope to run the same thing next year. I hope that pupils across the school enjoy a really good rest this weekend and are able to look back on this week with a real sense of achievement.

We need to be mindful that pupils in Y2, continue to work on their assessments. Let's help these pupils keep their concentration going. We are also looking forward to the week of 12 June when Y1 take their phonics test!



### 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

### Y5 Parents Kingswood Meeting for 2018

Parents of pupils currently in Y5 are invited to our 2018 Kingswood trip meeting which will be held at **5.30pm** on **Wednesday 28 June** in the Junior Hall. We have provisionally booked our **2018 visit from 10 – 15 June**.

### Y5 & 6 Sex Education

Our Y5 & 6 Sex Education Programme will take place during the week beginning 19 June. There will be a **Y5 & 6 parents meeting on Wednesday 7 June at 6pm in Class 14** with regards to this programme. Please use the Junior Playground doors when you arrive.



### 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.**



### Guide Dog Society



During our assembly on **Monday 15 May** we are having a member of the Guide Dog Society and Marston the guide dog coming in to talk to the children about the Society and how the guide dogs support their owners.

## 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



### Boys' Football



Mr Yates reported: Ashtree boys played really well in a closely fought contest, despite the scoreline. Although Ashtree had a lot of possession they couldn't convert their chances and faced a clinical Woolenwick side. The Woolenwick teacher even commented on how well Ashtree had played. The final score was Ashtree 1 -5 Woolenwick. Player of the match goes to Kenny M, for showing resilience to change positions and having a good range of passing. The boys' next match is today away to Bedwell.

## Curriculum Information

The new Summer Term Curriculum Information has come out with this newsletter as a separate document.

### Dates for this Year

8 – 12 May	KS2 SATS week ( <b>No holiday will be authorised during this week</b> )
Monday 15 May	Y6 2017 Kingswood Meeting – 5.45pm
Friday 19 May	School Disco ( <b><u>Wednesday 17 May is the last day to buy tickets</u></b> )
<b>29 May – 2 June</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Tuesday 6 June	Y2 School Trip: Tower of London
11 – 16 June	Kingswood Residential Week (Y6)
12 - 16 June	Y1 Phonics Test Week ( <b>No holiday will be authorised during this week</b> )
Wednesday 14 June	Y3 School Trip: St Albans Museum
Thursday 29 June	September 2017 – Reception Parents Meeting - 3.30pm
Thursday 29 June	September 2017 – Nursery Parents Meeting - 5.00pm
Friday 30 June	Friends of Ashtree Summer Fair 3.15pm – 5.00pm
Monday 3 July	Open Evening
Thursday 6 July	End of Year Reports
<b>Friday 7 July</b>	<b>INSET Day 5 (School closed to pupils)</b>
Thursday 13 July	Secondary Transfer Day
Friday 14 July	Family picnic at lunch time followed by an afternoon Sports Day
<b>Friday 21 July (2.15pm)</b>	<b>End of School Year</b>

**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 winners for this week are Classes 8, 13 & 14 with 100%



### Dinnertime Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Class 6 & Class 8



### Effort Cup

Congratulations to Dawson H. from Year 1  
Congratulations to Jessica W. from Year 6.

*E. Kirwan*