

# ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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## NEWSLETTER 3

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

### Pupil Achievements – Summer Reading Challenge and 500 Writing Challenge

**Reception:** Harvey C  
**Class 3:** Jasmine R, Vanessa T, Archy M  
**Class 5:** Ikenna O  
**Class 6:** Abou-Bakr B  
**Class 9:** Haydyn H  
**Class 10:** Armadouwoury B, Matis B, Ellen W-S, Ronnie F  
**Class 11:** Luca H  
More names next week.

### Curriculum Information

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



### Schools' Parliament



I was extremely proud of Ronnie G. and Jaycey E. from Y6, who attended this year's first Schools' Parliament at Barnwell on Monday where the focus was team building. The Parliament is comprised of pupils from Y6 and KS3 across Stevenage and is supported by the Mayor and the Leader of the Council. The aim of the Parliament is to give our young people a voice and to work on a project that would benefit young people in the town. The Schools' Parliament will meet twice a term. I will ask Ronnie and Jaycey to report back to you on how things are going.



### Parent Reading Clubs



**Reception:** Will start after October half term, **Year 1:** Wednesdays 3pm, **Year 2:** Wednesdays 3pm, **Year 3:** Wednesdays 3pm & Friday 9am, **Year 4:** Thursdays 3pm & Friday 9am, **Year 5:** Mondays 9am & Wednesdays 9am and **Year 6:** Thursday 3pm & Fridays 9am.  
This was really popular last year so I'm hoping that as many of you will be able to come into your child's class during these times and enjoy reading with us.

### Kingswood Payment

Just a reminder that the 1<sup>st</sup> payment of £50.00 for Kingwood is due on 27 September. This will secure you child's place on the trip. Payments can be made through Schoolcomms.



### Photographs



I would like to remind you that the family and individual photographs will be on **Thursday 19 October**. I am sure that the children will look as smart as they normally do on this occasion. We will be sending out further information.



### Sport fixtures



Well done to boys' Football team that played at home yesterday against Moss Bury. The boys started the season brilliantly, showing a fantastic work ethic and team spirit from the start. After dominating possession for the entire first half without a goal, Albert M. broke the deadlock with a thunderbolt just after half-time. Owen T secured the victory with a bullet header to ensure that Ashtree got the rewards they deserved. Player of the match goes to Jack P. for being an excellent organiser, sweeper and always keeping things simple.

### National Fitness Day – 27 September

My thanks to Mr Appadoo who has organised an afternoon of events for KS2 to get our level of fitness up!



## Golden Time

Our work with Golden Time continues to be an invaluable part of school life and I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of how this works at school. Golden Time now occurs across the school from 2.40pm every Friday. Children start each week with a full amount of Golden Time and hold on to this by keeping the Golden Rules throughout the school day. If their behaviour lets them down, then they lose minutes of Golden Time. If their behaviour improves then these minutes are given back. The aim is for children to be able to participate in the full session and give them the awareness that they are in control of this by choosing to behave well. Staff and pupils work together to select activities for the Golden Time session. These activities can include interests and hobbies. Please support us by taking an interest in Golden Time. I have listed the school's agreed Golden Rules for your reference:

Do take care of everything    Do try to smile    Do tell the truth    Do be helpful    Do try your best  
 Do share with others    Do listen to everyone  
 Do walk in school    Do tidy up    Do be kind to everyone

Finally, We thoroughly enjoyed our visit from Dermot Gascoyne who is our Athlete mentor who returned to work with us today. Year 6 are looking forward to their extreme Junk Modelling next Friday afternoon at Barnwell School.



## Dinner Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Classes 4 & 12.



## Attendance Cup

The winner for this week is Class 7 with 100%.



## Effort Cup

Congratulations to George P. from Year 3.



## Diary Dates for Autumn Term



Individual Photos	-	Thursday 19 October
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
10 -15 June	-	Y6 Kingswood Trip – Isle of Wight
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.

*E. Kirwan*