

ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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NEWSLETTER 3

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Schools' Parliament

I was extremely proud of Akosua B. and Ted D. from Y6, who attended this year's first Schools' Parliament at the local Council Chambers on Monday. 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. Akosua and Ted gave a good account of themselves and were not frightened to speak up – I know that Mr Tatton was also very proud of them. One of the ideas discussed was how children might support in Stevenage's 70th birthday celebrations later this year. The Schools' Parliament will meet twice a term. I will ask Akosua and Ted to report back to you on how things are going.

Photographs

I would like to remind you that the family and individual photographs will be on **Thursday 6 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.

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

Holiday Reading Challenge / 500 Word Diary / Story

I was very pleased to reward these children with their 'Headteacher Award' stickers so very well done to the following children:

Nursery:

Reception: Kirsty D

Class 3:

Class 4:

Class 5:

Class 6: Noah M

Class 7: Callum D

Class 8:

Class 9:

Class 10:

Class 11: Jake N

Class 12: Liam C

Class 13: Caitlin P

Class 14:

Last round up of names next week.

Headlice

Please ensure you use the weekend to check your children's hair and treat headlice as necessary we are experiencing some cases at school. Thank you for your support.

Executive Committee

I am pleased to let you know that the Executive Committee of the School Council are the following pupils:

Chairperson	-	Ted D
Vice Chair	-	Libby K
Secretary	-	Akosua B
Eco Chairperson	-	Joshua H

Friends of Ashtree

Due to the lack of parental interest at the Friends of Ashtree AGM on Tuesday evening the FOA have no Chair Person and cannot go forward with any plans / events. This will mean that there will be no discos or Winter / Summer Fayres, Easter raffles, Mother and Father Day sales and Christmas party presents unless we have parents stepping forward to take up these positions. If you are interested in joining the FOA, please pop into the office to leave your details by 30th September at the very latest.

Digital Leaders

Thank you to all who applied for the role of Digital Leader. The successful applicants are as follows: -

Class 11: Ella A, Kian P, Frankie M

Class 12: Corey M

Class 13: Christa B, Heather M

Class 14: Emma G, Denni D

These children will be helping Miss Marriott over the course of the year to trial new equipment, help staff with new software / hardware and aid our understanding of how to keep safe while using the internet.

Parent Reading Club

Reading club lasts until 3.15pm which is the end of the school day. Teachers are not allowed to let children go before 3.15pm. Nursery will keep children until you can collect them after Reading Club. Please do not put us in the difficult position of leaving early or disturbing other classes when waiting outside. Thank you.

Sport fixtures

Our first boys' football match is away vs Longmeadow on Thursday 29th September.

Finally, Well done to our Y6 children who attended Cruical Crew. The children were praised for their excellent behaviour and they all learnt a lot about personal safety and being good citizens also to Y4 who are being good ambassadors for the school during their Friday swimming lesson.

Dinnertime Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Classes 6 and 9.

Attendance Cup

The winner for this week is Class 14 with 100%.

Effort Cup

Congratulations to Daisy M from Year 1.

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