



# ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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## NEWSLETTER 31

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Our thoughts and prayers have been with the people of Manchester and the families that have been affected by the attack on Monday. I would also like to express gratitude and thanks to the wonderful staff of the NHS.

Well done to the Y6 children who took part in the Dragon Boating on Thursday, they made it to the quarter finals and as usual their behaviour was the high standard that we expect.

### Pupil Achievements

Well done to Class 13 who I saw working super hard on numeracy and using their skills to unlock problems. Class 12 were enjoying working on their literacy and I learnt all about bio poems and would like to thank the Class for the copy of the shared poem that I have received safely. Also well done to Class 7 who were enjoying working on their poetry based on the work of Michael Rosen. I also saw this Class working hard on their maths with Mr Allen. A group from Class 13 were working with Miss Outlaw on their problem solving in numeracy and then I spent an afternoon with Y2 and saw some excellent literacy instruction work. I wonder where I will pop up next!

### 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**.

### SEN Information Report and Core Provision Document

Teachers have now updated our SEN Information and Core Provision Documents on the school website. They are now open for consultation by our student body. If you wish to comment please do so by email or in writing via the school office by 5 June 2017.



### 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 half-term. We will be forwarding any outstanding payments to Herts Catering Ltd who will then invoice you directly. Thank you for your understanding**

### 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.

### 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.

## Dates for this Year

### **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  
Thursday 20 July  
**Friday 21 July (2.15pm)**

### **HALF TERM**

Y2 School Trip: Mountfitchet Castle  
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  
Y6 Leavers Assembly (pupils only)  
**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.



#### **Governors' Attendance Cup**



The winner is Class 8 with 98.4%



#### **Dinnertime Behaviour Awards**

The winners for this week are Classes 3 & 11



#### **Effort Cup**

Congratulations to Amaya O. from Year 2

Finally, I am sure you would like to pass best wishes to Miss Rice who is getting married in the holidays and will be returning back as Mrs Judge.

*E. Kirwan*