

ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Pupil Achievements

Well done to the Y4 and Y6 children, some of whom have been at Fairlands Valley Park this week, Bell Boating and Dragon Boating. I was pleased to hear that you had a lovely time and represented the school well.

I would like to say a very big well done to the following classes and their teachers, who I have seen hard at work recently:- Class 3 were using their ipads to access bug club and practising their reciprocal reading skills, Mr Tatton's Y5 group were using their ipads to revise properties of shape – the children were most amused when I found the "rock button" in the Morpho programme, Class 6 were also using the ipads for their reading and for taking photographs of their lovely dragons. In Class 8 children were using their ipads to record their methods of working out in maths, and in Class 13 they were using QR codes to access independent learning. In Class 14 Mrs Swain's group were using ipads to support their learning and we had great fun in calculator mode pretending to spend some of the school's budget, and finally Class 7 frightened the life out of me as they had evidence of a triceratops loose on the KS2 playground and they had to design enclosures for the dinosaurs in order for the Scientists to come and study them. I am looking forward to seeing what Class 5 and Mrs Janes are getting up to after the half term. I

wish school had been this exciting when I was young!

Y5 & 6 Sex Education

Our Y5 & 6 Sex Education programme will take place during the week beginning 20 June, please see the letter pupils have brought home today. There will be a Y5 & 6 parents meeting on Wednesday 8 June at 6pm in Class 14 with regards to this programme. Please use the Junior Playground doors when you arrive.

Y5 Parents Kingswood meeting for 2017

Parents of pupils currently in Y5 are invited to our 2017 Kingswood trip meeting which will be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 29 June in the Junior Hall. We have provisionally booked our 2017 visit from 11 – 16 June.

Dinner Money

The cost for next half term is £78.20 (£2.30 per day, £11.50 per week). **Can we please remind people that meals have to be paid for in advance or on the day. We are still getting envelopes sent in with no name or class on. This makes it almost impossible to credit the right account.**

Finally, a reminder that school is closed tomorrow for an INSET day. We look forward to seeing everybody back on Monday 6 June.

LAST CALL: DON'T FORGET THOSE HIDDEN SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS PLEASE

Autumn Term 2016:

INSET Day 1	-	Thursday 1 September	- school closed to children
INSET Day 2	-	Friday 2 September	- school closed to children
First day of term	-	Monday 5 September	
Half-term	-	Monday 24 October	- Friday 28 October
INSET Day 3	-	Monday 31 October	- school closed to children
Last day of term	-	Wednesday 21 December	at 2.15pm

Spring Term 2017:

First day of term	-	Thursday 5 January	
Half-term	-	Monday 13 February	- Friday 17 February
INSET Day 4	-	Monday 20 February	
Last day of term	-	Friday 31 March	at 2.15pm

Summer Term 2017:

First day of term	-	Tuesday 18 April	
May Day	-	Monday 1 May	- school closed to children
Half-term	-	Monday 29 May	- Friday 2 June
INSET Day 5	-	Friday 7 July	- school closed to children
Last day of term	-	Friday 21 July	at 2.15pm
Occasional Day	-	Monday 24 July	- school closed to children.