



ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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NEWSLETTER 32

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Well done to Y2 who went to Mountfitchet Castle on Tuesday this week. The weather wasn't kind to them but that didn't stop the children and staff having fun!

The children have enjoyed the first session of our new club on Thursday mornings run by Warriorz. We have also been successful in joining the Hertfordshire "Developing Well Pilot" sponsored by the Youth Sport Trust and are looking forward to meeting our Athlete Mentor– Dermot Gascoyne. Dermot is a former heavy-weight boxer with victories over British, Commonwealth and European Champions. He will be running workshops with us focusing on respect, self- esteem, team building and healthy lifestyles over the next two terms. We will be meeting Dermot in a whole school assembly on 20 June.



Friends and Ashtree Summer Fair – 30 June, 3.15-5.00pm



Please keep this day in your diary. We will be having a non-uniform day for the pupils on the 30 June in return for an item for the tombola stall. We will also be giving families the opportunity to decorate and fill a bag with goodies as last year – more information to follow.

My thanks to the FOA for organising an early Y6 Fathers' Day Sale (Kingswood attendees) and the rest of the school can look forward to buying their gifts on the 15 June.

Year 6 Kingswood Residential

Good luck to the intrepid Year 6 team who will be at the Isle of Wight next week. We hope you will all have a totally brilliant time and the school will look forward to receiving daily updates on your progress. This information will be posted on the website, Schoolcomms and on the entrance doors to the school. Mrs Butterworth will be teaching the remaining Y6 pupils. Mrs Bilverstone will be teaching Class 9, Mrs Dulai will be teaching Class 10. Many thanks to Mr Tatton, Miss Ralph, Miss Marriott, Mrs Judge and Mr Allen for attending this residential visit. **Mr Allen's clubs will not be running next week**



Y1 Phonics Screening



It will be the turn of Y1 to be put through their paces next week. We wish the children all the best as we are very proud of the progress they have made with their phonics.



Stevenage Sporting Futures Year 5 & 6 Athletics Festival - Thursday 8 June



Well done to our team of athletes; Harrison F (Cap), Phoebe C, Rebecca M, Holly N, Akosua B, Kimberley E, Olivia Y, Amy G, Ted D, Liam C, Dumisa K, William C and Albert M. In only their first athletics competition, every team member beat their personal best distance and time. The team won six bronze medals including Liam C in High Jump, Kimberley E in High Jump and Harrison F, Akosua B, Phoebe C and Ted D in the mixed 4x100m relay. Ashtree pupils qualified for a total of six finals, a huge success considering more than twenty teams attended the event. Many officials from SSF commented on our pupils' fantastic technique, which had been developed in PE lessons and school clubs. Well done Ashtree!

Athletics club will continue to run throughout this half term; Year 5 & 6 on a Wednesday after school, Year 3 & 4 on a Thursday after school and Key Stage 2 running on a Wednesday before school. For further details please ask the school office for a letter.



Sainsbury Vouchers



Thank you for sending in your Sainsbury's vouchers. We managed to collect 22,921!

Year 3 St Albans Museum – Wednesday 14 June

Payments can be made through Schoolcomms or by cash/cheque through the office. Just to remind you this trip must be paid before the trip on Wednesday. Thank you to all the parents that have already paid in full.

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**.



Payments to the office



Please make sure any envelopes with payments to the office have your child's full name, class and what the payment is for. We are having quite a few envelopes arriving in the office with just a first name on. This would really help us in the office. Thank you

Open Evening – 4.00 – 6.30pm - 3 July

As you know, our Open Evening is not just an opportunity to look around the school and see some of the work that has been taking place, but also to meet some of the support groups that are available to you as parents or the activities available to the children.

During our Open Evening we are holding our New to Year Group meetings. Therefore, between 4 - 4.30 and 6 - 6.30 please visit your child's new class to find out information about next year. I will be sending class information out in the newsletter on 23 June.

Please note for New Nursery and current Nursery moving to Reception, your chance to meet the teachers will be on Thursday 29 June, 3.30 for Reception and 5.00 for Nursery.

Dates for this Year

11 – 16 June	Kingswood Residential Week (Y6)
12 - 16 June	Y1 Phonics Test Week (No holiday will be authorised during this week)
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
Friday 7 July	INSET Day 5 (School closed to pupils)
Thursday 13 July	Secondary Transfer Day
Friday 14 July	Family picnic at lunch time followed by an afternoon Sports Day
Thursday 20 July	Y6 Leavers Assembly (pupils only)
Friday 21 July (2.15pm)	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 2.15pm

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 2.15pm

Summer Term 2018:

First day of term	-	Monday 16 April
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May Day	-	Monday 7 May - school closed to children
14 – 18 May		KS2 SATS week (No holiday will be authorised during this week)
Half-term	-	Monday 28 May - Friday 1 June
11 - 15 June		Y1 Phonics Test Week (No holiday will be authorised during this week)
INSET Day 4	-	Friday 6 July – school closed to children
Last day of term	-	Friday 20 July at 2.15pm
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 winner for this week is Class 9 with 99%



Dinnertime Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Classes 3 & 13



Effort Cup

Congratulations to Jasmine P. from Year 3

Finally, it was lovely to meet the 24 parents that attended the information meeting for Y5 & Y6 Sex Education on Wednesday.

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