



ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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NEWSLETTER 33

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Well done to Y3 who went to St Albans Museum on Wednesday and were excellent ambassadors for the school. The museum staff said we were the best behaved and engaged group there.

Welcome back to the Y6 intrepid explorers. They all had an absolutely fantastic time and the children were a credit to us all. I hope they will spend the weekend sharing their stories with you. I received an email from a resident of the Isle of Wight praising our Y6 children for their politeness and good manners whilst out on their coastal path walk yesterday – well done to the team.

I'm also incredibly proud of the Y6 pupils who remained in school this week, they have had great fun and enjoyed the special curriculum that the staff have created for them. I particularly enjoyed the pizza that they cooked for me on Monday.

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.

Year 3 Trip to Verulamium – Reported by Matis B. - Class 7

The trip to Verulamium was . . . amazing! We went to the museum first and we saw real-life Roman skeletons! After that, we went to a huge Roman wall. Did you know that the Roman wall was 2 miles long and 5 metres high? Then we went to the hypocaust which is a Roman underground heating system. There was a beautiful mosaic on top of it, but it is a shame it isn't working any more.



Friends of 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.

I would like to thank the FOA team for providing the opportunity for pupils to buy Fathers' Day gifts. Lots of pupils were going passed with big smiles on their faces and clutching parcels.



Y1 Phonics Screening



Y1 children have made us all very proud of them this week and I know you will enjoy getting their results with the end of year reports. Two pupils will be screened on Monday as they have been absent this week. My thanks to Y1 staff for carrying out the screening professionally and making it fun for the children.

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

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
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 winners for this week are Classes 3 & 8 with 100%

Dinnertime Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are Classes 4 & 12
Mrs McQueen would like to praise the Y6 children who remained in school this week.

Effort Cup



Congratulations to Evie Co. from Year 2

E. Kirwan