



ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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NEWSLETTER 34

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. The children really enjoyed meeting our Athlete Mentor– Dermot Gascoyne in assembly on Tuesday. Dermot was very impressed with the team work he could already see being shown by the pupils and staff of our school and he has visited over 108 schools recently. Go Ashtree! Dermot will be joining us for another 2 occasions working with current Y3 and one of our current Y5 classes when they are in Y6. He will be supporting children with their self-esteem, confidence, respect for others, choice making and healthy living.

Mrs Connolly

I am sad to have to let you know that Mrs Connolly will be taking the opportunity to be a Head teacher of her own school in Hertfordshire from September. I would like to take this opportunity to say how much we will miss her and to thank her for the huge contribution that she has made to the school over the last 5 years. I know that we will be keeping in touch as she takes on this new role. I am sure that you would also want to join with us in wishing her all the very best.

I am delighted to let you know that Miss M Flanagan will be joining our school as our new Assistant Head teacher and we are looking forward to working with her.



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. Please come along and enjoy the the fun, there will be lots to do: tombola, hook at duck, beat the goalie, bouncy castle, gladiator dual, splat a teacher, hook a bag, name a teddy, spin a prize, treasure hut, pick a lolly, cake stall and many more.

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

SchoolComms

If you haven't already done so please can you let the office know, your up-to-date email address. 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.

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
 Thursday 29 June
 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)

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

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.

Finally, I would like to thank Passenger Plus for providing their coach services when we were let down by Chambers on Friday. I was very impressed with our pupils, staff and parents who coped admirably with the 10pm return. I would like to thank Mrs Wasley and Mrs Swain who spent 10 hours with me on Friday sorting it all out and to Mrs Stevens who made the mistake of calling in on her day off to see how it was all going and ended up being as equally involved from her kitchen!



Attendance Cup

The winner for this week is Class 5 with 98.3%



Dinnertime Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Classes 5 & 14

E. Kirwan

CLASS ALLOCATION FOR 2017/18

Nursery: Mrs Mohiuddin, Mrs Manak, Mrs Graham, Mrs Harvey and Mrs Holtom

Reception 1: Mrs Butt (Mon-Wed), Mrs Khattran (Thurs-Fri) and Mrs Dunlop
Rainbows 

Reception 2: Miss Sinnott and Mrs Graham

Sunshines 

<u>Class 3:</u>	Miss Flanagan	(Sunshines from Reception)
<u>Class 4:</u>	Mrs Bithrey	(Rainbows from Reception)
<u>Class 5:</u>	Mrs McQueen	(Was Class 3)
<u>Class 6:</u>	Mrs Barber	(Was Class 4)
<u>Class 7:</u>	Mrs Cox	(Was Class 5)
<u>Class 8:</u>	Mr Allen	(Was Class 6)
<u>Class 9:</u>	Mrs Judge	(Was Class 8)
<u>Class 10:</u>	Miss Marriott	(Was Class 7)
<u>Class 11:</u>	Mr Yates	(Was Class 10)
<u>Class 12:</u>	Miss Kiernan (Mon-Wed) Mrs Aylward (Thurs-Fri)	(Was Class 9)
<u>Class 13:</u>	Mrs Butterworth	(Was Class 11)
<u>Class 14:</u>	Miss Ralph	(Was Class 12)

Mrs Connolly will be taking up a Head Teacher post in September and Miss M Flanagan will be joining us as our new Assistant Head teacher.

Mrs Janes' role from September will continue to be that of a non-teaching deputy for our school.

Mrs Clark will be delivering music across the school and French to Y3 – Y6 (Mon-Wed).

Miss Castle will continue to be a SEN teacher across our school (Wed – Fri).

Mrs Rook will be teaching across the school on Thursdays.

Mrs Goode-Dooher will be on maternity leave for the year and we wish her all the best for the Autumn.

Mr Appadoo will be providing PPA cover on Tuesday and Wednesday and will be our Sports Premium Teacher on Thursday.

We will be welcoming Ms E Spafford and Mrs G Wicksey to our Teaching Assistant Team.