



ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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NEWSLETTER 35

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. **Just a reminder that the school is closed to pupils on Friday 7 July (Inset day).**

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.

Mathsternoon at Barnell School – Reported by Holly S. and Sarah N.

On Monday 26 June, 10 Y5 children went to a Mathsternoon at Barnwell School. We were competing against other schools throughout Hertfordshire. During the Mathsternoon, we had to complete 8 rounds of maths sheets with problems to solve (there was only 10 minutes per round). We came joint 2nd, 3 points away from first place, which was won by Peartree School. It was the best maths afternoon and the competition was very competitive but exceedingly enjoyable. Also, we learnt from the experience and had smiles on our faces.

Spelling Bee – Reported by Olivia Y. Millie R. and Kieron A

On Tuesday 27 June 3 children (Olivia Y, Mille R and Kieron A) from Y5 went to the Spelling Bee final at Hertfordshire University. First we had a practise round where everyone had a turn. Then we got to the competitive rounds. The words got harder and harder as the rounds went by. Unfortunately, Ashtree didn't win but we still tried our best. At the end we all got a medal for taking part, we were against 14 other schools.

Y2 Cricket Festival – Reported by Mr Appadoo

Congratulations to our Y2 cricketers who attended the Stevenage Sporting Futures Rapid Fire Cricket Festival on Thursday 29 June. All three Ashtree teams managed to win medals by placing joint third for bronze and first place for gold. Well done to all twenty four children involved for representing their school fantastically and for becoming Rapid Fire Cricket Champions 2017



Sports Day and Family Picnic – Friday 14 July – 12 - 3.00pm



Our biggest gathering of the year takes place on Friday 14 July, when we hold our Sports Day and Family Picnic. This year we will be starting our sport day with a family picnic at 12.00pm. **Please see the separate information about sports day, which will be coming out next week.** Don't forget the sun hat and sun cream if the weather behaves! If it is very hot, you may wish to bring some form of shade. **We ask that you do not sit and eat your picnic on the running tracks that have been marked out.** There will be no hot school dinners, children are expected to bring in their own packed lunches. For pupils entitled to Universal Free School Meals (Reception and KS1) or Free School Meals (KS2) or for pupils who would like a school packed lunch please order a packed lunch from the kitchen (which will be a selection of filled rolls), please still provide your child with a drink as the packed lunch only includes a small carton of juice. Children will be required to collect their packed lunch from the canteen before they come out onto the field.

The children will go back in to school at 12.45pm when they will be registered, and join up with their teams for the afternoon start of 1.00pm.



Y1 Trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park



Payments can be made through Schoolcomms or by cash/cheque through the office. Just to remind you this trip must be paid by Monday 3 July. Thank you to all the parents that have already paid in full.

Y2 and Y3 Trips

There are still outstanding payments for these trips. Please can these payments be sent to the school by 6 July. Thank you



Dinners



We are having to chase an increasing number of parents/carers for KS2 dinner money. Dinners **must** be paid for in **advance**. Dinners cost £2.40 per day, £12.00 per week payable on a **Monday**. Dinner will not be provided unless paid for. If you would like to check your free school meal entitlement please call 0300 123 4048.

SchoolComms

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



Dates for this Year



Monday 3 July	Open Evening
Tuesday 4 July	Nursery Sports Day 9.30am – 11.30am
Tuesday 4 July	Y1 Trip: Shepreth Wildlife Park
Thursday 6 July	End of Year Reports
Friday 7 July	INSET Day 5 (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 11 July	Nursery School Trip (Shepreth Wildlife Park)
Thursday 13 July	Secondary School 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

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 the School Health Team for their presentation to the reception pupils on dental health.

Attendance Cup

The winners for this week are Classes 10 & 13 with 97%

Effort Cup

Congratulations to Daisy M. from Year 1 & Jimmy J. from Year 6

Dinnertime Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Classes 5 & 8

E. Kirwan