

# ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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## NEWSLETTER 36

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. I am very proud of the children in Y1 who have done very well in their phonics test. The results will be included with the end of year reports which go out to all children on Thursday 7 July. My thanks to all the teachers and teaching assistants who ensure that our quality of phonics teaching is outstanding.

### Sports Ambassadors

Ten Y5 children went to Barnwell School to learn how to become sports ambassadors for the school next year. Their role will revolve around helping with the delivery of sports to younger children as well as helping plan sports days and PE sessions with the teachers. The children were well behaved and felt confident enough to contribute. Well done Y5.

### Sports Day and Family Picnic – Friday 15 July – 12 - 3.00pm

Our biggest gathering of the year takes place on Friday 15 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 school dinners, children are expected to bring in their own packed lunches. If you would like to 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 12.55pm.

### MSA Vacancy

We have a full time vacancy in KS1 for 7hrs 30mins per week (11.55-1.25 daily) and KS2 for 6hrs

15mins per week (11.55-13.10 daily) term time only. Please contact the School Office for a Job Description and Application Form. Closing date is Monday 11 July with interviews to be held on Friday 15 July from 9.00am.

### Friends of Ashtree – Summer Fair and Non-Uniform Day – Thursday 21 July – 3.15 – 5.00pm

We will be holding our Summer Fair after school. Year Groups will be organising activities and helping to run the event. Pupils can wear normal clothes to school that day for a donation of an item for the Tombola stall. Our cheerleading team will also be performing on the Key Stage 2 end of the field.

We would like to thank Connells for their £200 donation to Friends of Ashtree Summer Fair. Raffle tickets will be available shortly.

### Open Evening – 4.00 – 6.30pm - 4 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. This year we will be asking along Scouting groups, Guiding groups, support groups for parents with autistic children and groups offering courses for parents and families.

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.

Nursery children will be visiting their new classes on Thursday 14 July.

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### SPORTS DAY PACKED LUNCH REQUEST

I would like to order a packed lunch for:

..... Class .....

..... Class .....

Ham  Cheese  Tuna

Signed:.....

### Year 3/4 Gymnastics squad achieve Bronze at Hertfordshire School games.

Ella A, Ella H, Liam C, Ruby C, Ruby P, Megan C and Maisy L all competed at the Herts School games. In this competition, the squad were representing Stevenage, having finished first in the district competition. After completing the vault, floor and body management routines, the squad achieved third place in the county, bringing home the bronze medal.

– report by Mr Yates

### The table below shows the financial help that is available to parents

What can you apply for if you are receiving the following benefit(s)?	Free school meals	Free SaverCard	Free TrainCard	Help with music fees	Help with cycle training
Income Support or Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (100%)	Yes (50%)
Income-related Employment Support Allowance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (100%)	Yes (50%)
Child Tax Credit, with a taxable income no more than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (100%)	Yes (50%)
Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (100%)	Yes (50%)
Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (100%)	Yes (50%)
Child Tax Credit, payable at a rate higher than the family element, i.e. more than £547.50	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (50%)	Yes (50%)
Working Tax Credit, Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support (not including second adult rebate)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (50%)	Yes (50%)
Working Tax Credit during the four-week 'run-on' period	Yes	No	No	No	No

If you are able to claim any of the above, please complete an online application for free school meals by visiting [www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals) or contact the school office. Thank you.

Finally I would like to advertise the Shephall Fete which is being held on Shephall Green on 2 July from 1.15 – 4.15pm.

### Don't forget – School closed Friday 8 July – INSET Day

#### Dinnertime Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Classes 4 and 12.

#### Effort Cup

Congratulations to Anna W. from Year 2.

#### Attendance Cup

The winners for this week are Class 11 with 99%.

*E. Kirwan*