

# ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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## NEWSLETTER 37

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Well done to our Y1 children who were excellent ambassadors on their visit to Shepreth Wildlife Park, also to our Nursery families who enjoyed their sports day on Tuesday.

It was also lovely to see so many people attend our Open Evening on Monday and thank you very much for the positive feedback that you gave teachers when you attended the "New to Year Group" meetings. My thanks to Mrs Janes for organising this evening. KS2 also enjoyed a lively drumming workshop last week, organised by Mrs Clark.

### Rounders Tournament

A group of Y5/6 children competed in the Rounders tournament at the Thomas Alleyne School. The children enjoyed themselves and had a great fun playing against other schools.

### 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 - (school gates open at 11.45am – then closed at 12.55pm, opened again at 3.00pm – if you arrive after 12.55pm please come in via the Main Gate). Please collect your children from their classroom doors at 12.00 – Yrs 3 & 5 can be collected from the Junior hall doors). **Please see the separate information about sports day, which will be coming out this 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. Sports Day will end at 3.00pm when pupils will return to class. You can collect them in the normal way at 3.15pm.

### 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.

### Breakfast Club

There will be sessions available in September from 7.55am – term time only. Please ring 07583615465 for more information, or pop in to Breakfast Club.

### Kingswood 2017

If any Y5 parent has not yet returned their slip requesting a place on this residential visit next year, could you please do so as soon as possible, as we need to give the Centre our provisional numbers.

### Summer Reading Challenge 2016 – The Big Friendly Read

This Challenge takes place in all Hertfordshire Public Libraries during the Summer Holidays. We really enjoyed our visit from the School Librarian last Friday, who explained this year's challenge to us. Children choose books to read with family and friends, then talk to Library staff about their reading. They collect incentives to mark their progress and a Certificate and Medal are presented to all children who complete the Challenge by reading six books. I will be delighted to award a Headteacher Sticker to every pupil who comes and shows me their Certificate in the Autumn Term. Children will get a special mention in the September Newsletters.

### **Ms Kirwan's Summer Writing Challenge**

I am definitely going to have to order more Headteacher Stickers because I am hoping as many pupils as possible will have a go at this challenge. If your child would like to write either a 500 word story of their own subject choice or keep a diary of the exciting things they got up to this summer, then I would be delighted to receive these in September and have the children share them with me. This can be handwritten or typed. I would prefer, of course, for the work to be of the children's own doing, however, I am sure the odd bit of adult help may be required. **Please ensure any work has reached me by Friday 16 September.** Children will get a special mention in the September Newsletters. We have been extremely proud of the pupils' achievement in writing across the school this year, and this will be another way to celebrate their love of writing.

### **Class Homework for the summer**

In addition to the reading challenge and my writing challenge, pupils will be set homework by their teachers, to be returned in September, (with the exception of Y6 children). Please ensure that

**Please remember that the school is closed tomorrow for an INSET day and that we close on Friday 22 July at 2.15pm.**

### **Attendance Cup**

The winner for this week is Class 10 with 100%.

### **Effort Cup**

Congratulations to Kyla S. from Year 6.

*E. Kirwan*

the homework is completed and returned to their new class teacher in September. It is important the children keep active, academically, over the summer break in order to make sure that they haven't lost ground for September.

### **Dinner Money Payments**

**Please can all outstanding dinner money be paid by Wednesday 13 July.**

Dinner money for next term will be:

£2.35 per day - £11.75 per week - 1<sup>st</sup> half term  
- £82.25 - 2<sup>nd</sup> half term - £86.95 - Term -  
£169.20

### **SPLAT After School Club**

SPLAT have asked us to put this link in the newsletter for any parents wishing to join them:  
<http://11shoutout.wix.com/so/3LMeyW6t>.

Finally reports are being sent home via pupil post today – this includes SATs results. **We are very proud of the progress that children have made across all key stages in the school.**