

ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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NEWSLETTER 4

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to this week's newsletter. I would like to thank every parent who has attended one of our Parent Reading Club sessions. This is excellent partnership work and your children are benefiting hugely.

Holiday Reading Challenge / 500 Word Diary / Story

I was very pleased to reward these children with their 'Headteacher Award' stickers so very well done to the following children:

Nursery:

Reception:

Class 3:

Class 4:

Class 5: Elizabeth W

Class 6: Rachel S, Gwendalynne S

Class 7:

Class 8:

Class 9: Sofia S-N, Elizabeth F, Thomas W

Class 10:

Class 11:

Class 12: Liam S, Zak S

Class 13: Ayla S, Christa B

Class 14:

Photographs

I would like to remind you that the family and individual photographs will be on **Thursday 6 October**. I am sure that the children will look as smart as they normally do on this occasion. Please can you make sure you return the bottom slip if you would like your Pre-School / Pre-Nursery child to have their photo taken.

Kingswood Payment

Just a reminder that the 1st payment of £50.00 for Kingswood is now due on 10th October - we have now requested some extra time. This will secure you child's place on the trip. Payments can be made through Schoolcomms.

Gourmet Burger Day – 29th September

There will be a menu change next week. Tuesday's menu will now be Thursday's menu. On Tuesday the choice will be beefy pasta bake with side salad or vegetarian sausage hot dog with dice potatoes because of the Gourmet Burger Day on Thursday. On Thursday the choice will be Gourmet beef burger with tomato and cucumber / onion freshly bakes potatoes wedges, corn on the cob and coleslaw, dessert will be banoffee ice-cream with banana slices. The vegetarian option is above with a vegetarian burger. The yellow choice will be chicken baguette.

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival will take place on Thursday 13 October at 2.15pm. This year we are again supporting the Stevenage Community Food Bank, therefore we are asking children to bring in items from the following list:

Breakfast Cereals, Baked Beans, Garden Peas, Tinned Meals, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Meat, Tins of Fruit, Tea, Coffee, Tinned Sweetcorn, UHT Milk, Custard, and Soup.

By donating food in this way, it will be much easier for the staff at the food bank to cater for the needs of their clients. We would be happy to receive donations from Monday 10 October. These can be donated to your child's class. If you would like to find out more about this group please go to

<http://stevenagecommunityfoodbank.org.uk>

We would also be grateful for any beautifully presented boxes of produce; these will go with some of our Year 6 pupils to Silkin Court on the afternoon of Friday 14 October. I know that the residents there will be delighted to receive them and they often write lovely thank you letters as a result.

Friends of Ashtree Meeting

Thank you to all the parents that have come into the office and put their names down for volunteering to help out. The next meeting will be on Thursday 6th October at 6.30pm at Coopers Arms.

School Dress Code

This policy can be found on our website. I would just like to remind everyone of the following “thick or thin tights can be worn in bottle green, white, black or grey and socks can be: ankle length, short or long in bottle green, white, black or grey”.

Can you please make sure your child has their name on their uniform, PE kit, water bottles etc. as it is impossible to return them if we do not know who they belong to. We already have a large number of items in lost property this term with no names on. Thank you!

Sports Results

The girls' had their first game of the season at home to Trotts Hill on Friday. Despite the close encounter, and it looking likely to end in a draw, a goal late on from Trotts Hill secured the three points for the visiting side. I am very excited by the football played by Ashtree girls, with signs of a lot more great football to come this year. Player of the match goes to Akosua B-K for her superb goalkeeping!

The boys had their first game of the season away to Longmeadow on Thursday winning 1-0. The team played really well in their first game of the season. Player of the match goes to Jimmy J for holding the ball up well.

Sport Ambassador Leaders

I was delighted to meet with our Year 6 Sport Ambassador Leaders. They were trained last year by Stevenage Sporting Futures and are now fully set to support our playtime and curriculum sports program. Well done to the following children: Oliver C - Sports Ambassador, Heather M - Sports Ambassador, Roman H – Photographer, Holly N - Equipment monitor and Inclusion Officer, Kimberleigh E - Reporter, Kayleigh G - Photographer and Board Monitor, Ted D - Equipment Monitor and Record Keeper, Alex W - Photographer and Reporter, Amy G - Record Keeper and Health Monitor. The children were introduced in Friday assembly today.

Finally, it was lovely to see Mrs Kiernan who couldn't resist a drop in on Thursday and I'm delighted to say she will be offering her support next Thursday for the photographs, she has also donated a new school bell for play-ground use, thank you very much.

Dinnertime Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Classes 5 and 13.

Attendance Cup

The winners for this week are Sunshine's with 98.8%.

Effort Cup

Congratulations to Grace M from Year 3.

E. Kirwan