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NEWSLETTER 6

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Well done to everyone, our Welly walk cake sale raised £234.00 and we are still counting the sponsorship money, it will be lovely if monies could be in school by Monday 16 October. One of our pupils worked out that we must have sold 936 cakes as each one went for 25p Wow!



Harvest Festival



Thank you very much for your donations of produce. We were able to organise a wonderful Harvest assembly yesterday. The children sang beautifully, my thanks to Mrs Clark for preparing them so well and for leading the choir in their performance. 30 of our Y6 children will be delivering to the residents of Silkin Court this afternoon. The Stevenage Community Food Bank has collected all of the items and we are very pleased to be able to support this local group. Well done everyone.



Consultation Evenings



We look forward to meeting you next Monday 5-7.30pm or Tuesday 3.30-6pm. You should have received your consultation times via your child's book bag. Please check. Please ensure you are on time for your appointment. As you know, our bell bongers keep us moving swiftly along so that everybody gets their allocated time.



Parent/Carer Reading Clubs



Please ensure that your mobile phones are switched off and out of sight during Parent/Carer reading times. This is for safeguarding purposes. Parent/Carer reading clubs are also not to be used for consultation time with the class teacher or looking at your child's work books.

Data Collection Forms

It is very important that we have your correct details and emergency contacts for your child. Please can we ask that when you receive your child's Data Collection Form, you check the information we have is correct, if not then please update the Data Collection Form and return back to the school office as soon as possible so we can update our system. Thank you.

Winter / Spring Dinner Menu

You will be receiving a hard copy of the new dinner menu for next term next week via pupil post. After half-term you will be able to see the dinner menu on the Ashtree School website www.ashtree.herts.sch.uk.

Y6 Secondary School Applications

I have been asked to remind our Y6 parents that the final deadline for Secondary School Applications is **Tuesday 31 October 2017**.

Digital Leaders

Thank you to all who applied for the role of Digital Leader. The successful applicants are as follows: -

Class 11: Ruby C. Charis A.

Class 12: David P. Thomas W.

Class 13: Frankie M. Sarah N. Summer P.

Class 14: Olivia Y.

These children will be helping Miss Marriott over the course of the year to trial new equipment, help staff with new software / hardware and aid our understanding of how to keep safe while using the internet.



Photographs



I would like to remind you that the family and individual photographs will be on **Thursday 19 October**. I am sure that the children will look as smart as they normally do on this occasion.

E-Safety

Please see the Autumn 2017 Parents/Carers newsletter from Herts for Learning. There is a useful piece of advice about Snapchat, which is coming out as hardcopy via pupil post.



The boys' football team competed really well and won 3 out of 4 games to qualify for Friday's Finals Tournament. All players worked hard for each other and supported well in defence and attack. Player of the Tournament goes to Liam C. for his calmness in possession and strength when defending.

What an absolute cracker of a game the boys had at Walkern School. 2-0 down to 4-2 up, then 4-4, back to 6-4 up culminating with Walkern snatching a late equaliser. The boys showed fantastic team spirit and endeavour with goals coming from Jared T (3), Freddie S (2) and Kieron A. Well done to all that played. Player of the match goes to Kieron A. for his tireless running, accurate passing and tidy finish in front of goal.



On Thursday 12 October, 28 Ashtree pupils competed against 14 other schools in the Stevenage Sporting Futures Cross Country Festival. It was a glorious afternoon at Fairlands Valley Park and the afternoon was a great success with Ashtree placing 4th overall. A superb feat considering there were up to 380 other runners taking part in the event. Our year 5 girls' team did even better taking a silver team medal. Star of the show Lillianna O. was the overall champion in the girls' race taking the gold by at least 400 metres and beating over 80 other competitors in the process. Harrison F. and Ruby P. also put in top 10 performances finishing 4th and 8th respectively. Well done to everybody involved.

 **Dinner Behaviour Awards**
The winners for this week are Sunshines & Class 7

 **Attendance Cup**
The winner for this week is Class 6 with 98%.

 **Effort Cup**
Congratulations to Catherine H. from Year 2

Finally, thank you to the Bridge Builders Team for leading the assembly on Wednesday, the theme was 'Change'. We also welcomed one of our Y1 parents into Y3 on Thursday to give a talk about the Stevenage Mosque.



Parents Consultations -	Monday 16 / Tuesday 17 October
Individual Photos -	Thursday 19 October
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
<u>Spring Term 2018:</u>	
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
<u>Summer Term 2018:</u>	
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
10 -15 June -	Y6 Kingswood Trip – Isle of Wight
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.

Please note: Key Stage 2 SATs week; 14 – 18 May 2018. The Y1 phonics test will be held during the week of 11 June. KS1 (Y2) SATs process will take place in May.

Please ensure pupils do not book any family holidays during these times as they will be unauthorised.

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