



NEWSLETTER 7

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. I would like to remind you that **Monday 30 October is an INSET Day and the school is closed to children.**



Pupil Achievement



Well done to Liam S. Class 14 and Thomas W. Class 12 for completing the Summer Library Reading Challenge.



Consultation Evenings



It was lovely to see so many of you at the start of the week during parents' evenings. Yet again our wonderful Y6 bell bongers kept us all organised and on time. Well done to Corey M. Kian P. Sarah N. Frankie M. Eloise F. Owen T. Praise M, Harley F. and Ella S. I don't know what we would do without you.

Conversion to Academy Status

The Governors have asked me to inform all parents/carers, pupils and staff that they are considering applying for academy status for the school. The Governors are currently in consultation with the Herts for Learning Multi – Academy Trust (HfL MAT). Governors hope to convert on 1-4-2018. If Governors decide to proceed there will be a formal consultation with parents / carers, staff and stakeholders. Governors will keep you informed of progress.



Friends of Ashtree Winter Fayre – Saturday 25 November



We will be running a decorated jar stall during the Winter Fayre. This is a very popular annual stall and each year pupils have responded marvellously to our request for decorated jam jars of goodies.

If children would like to provide a jar for the Winter Fayre, I am repeating instructions from last year's newsletter. Jars can be brought in to school right up to Friday 24 November and each jar will be gratefully received. I am happy to give a Headteacher sticker for every pupil who brings a jar in to school. For those of you who are not sure what decorated jars are, the following may help: take any used jar, clean it, decorate the outside using paint, materials, card etc. (possibly with a Christmas theme) and then put something lovely inside that another young person might enjoy having, eg. sweets, colouring pencils, tiny teddies, toy cars etc. These then go on to a Tombola style stall and are very popular with the children.



Welly Walk



Well done everyone, we have raised £1018.76. Many thanks for your support. Friends of Ashtree will be posting future events on the noticeboard near Nursery, please take a look if you get a chance.



Parental Vehicles on Site



You are not allowed to bring your vehicle on to site unless you have prior arrangement with the school office and we have collected your registration number, or you are dropping off to Breakfast Club or collecting from After School Club. Your speed must stay below 5mph. I will be monitoring late arrivals, by car, after half-term.



Children in Need – “Spotacular” – Non-uniform day



On Friday 17 November we would like you to support Children in Need by allowing children to come to school dressed in a spotty way including Pudsey ears/headbands etc. If your child would like to do this, then all we ask is that they make a donation that we can then send on to Children in Need. We are also collecting old pound coins if you wish to donate and pupils will be involved in fun circle maths, related activities in school during the morning.

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 that 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.

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.**



Boys' Autumn Tournament Finals

The boys' team performed superbly well throughout the finals of the Autumn Tournament. Their outstanding play and hard work saw them progress all the way to the final where they were extremely unfortunate to lose 1-0 to Knebworth School. A great effort by all, well done! Player of the match goes to Albert M. for his excellent ball retention throughout the tournament and for scoring a goal from the half-way line.

Good luck to the girls' football team who are playing in the Autumn Tournament today and the boys' have a friendly against Trotts Hill.



We took two teams of Y6 to the festival at Barnwell Middle School Campus. The pupils had a fantastic morning developing their table tennis skills in a competitive setting, with a number of pupils winning their qualifying games. Well done to all 16 pupils involved; Harley F, Nathan D, Yash B, Oscar W, Ruby P, Jaycey E, Ella S, Tori J, Jared T, Liam S, Zak S, Corey M, Summer P, Ebony M, Shania L, Holly S.



The winners for this week are Class 5 & Class 8.



The winner for this half-term is Class 11 with 98%.



Congratulations to Lily H. from Year 4.

Finally, many thanks to Mr Bardou for his space talk for Y5 pupils. We are really grateful to him for sharing his experience and knowledge with us.



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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