

# ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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## NEWSLETTER 7

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. I would like to remind you that **Monday 31 October is an INSET Day** and the school is closed to children.

### Consultation Evenings

It was lovely to see so many of you at the start of the week during parents' evenings and the E-Safety Presentation. Yet again our wonderful Y6 bell bongers kept us all organised and on time. Well done Philip G. Oliver C. Aimee S. Libby K. Kenny M. Josh H. Holly N. and Carm R. I don't know what we would do without you.

### Friends of Ashtree Committee

I'm delighted to say that we have been able to recruit to the committee and events will be able to run this year as normal. My thanks to the following parents for stepping up to the plate. These wonderful people would very much appreciate your support at individual events. The first being the disco on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**Chair Person:** E. Young, **Vice Chair-Person:** D. Curzer, **Secretary:** K. Paulus **Treasurer:** R. Orrin.



### Friends of Ashtree Winter Fayre – Saturday 10 December – 12 – 2.00pm



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 into school right up to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 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.



### Sporting Results



The boys played very well during Friday's tournament at Marriott's School. The boys played three games, drawing two 0-0, and being edged out during a close game losing 1-0. The boys showed the expected Ashtree spirit throughout, working very well defensively, only conceding one goal during the whole competition. Well done boys! Player of the competition goes to Oliver C.

Well done to the children who took part in the Primary Cross Country Festival at Fairlands Lakes this Thursday. The group of 9, Year 5/6 children did superbly in the breezy, cold and damp conditions of Fairlands Lakes. The children again showed excellent attitude throughout, with Alex W finishing 4<sup>th</sup> out of the whole field of Year 6 boy runners. Both Mr Allen and Mrs Chambers were very impressed with how the children behaved, being a credit to the school.

**Good Luck to the Girls' football team who are playing in the Autumn Tournament today at Bedwell School.**

### Headlice

Please ensure you use the half term break to check your children's hair and treat the headlice as necessary. Thank you for your support.



## Y6 Secondary School Applications



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

### Parent Reading Club

Reading club lasts until 3.15pm which is the end of the school day. Teachers are not allowed to let children go before 3.15pm. Nursery will keep children until you can collect them after Reading Club. Please do not put us in the difficult position of leaving early or disturbing other classes when waiting outside. Thank you. It was lovely to see how many parents attended the Year 4 “Stop and Read” on Thursday. I had the pleasure of being in Class and your children were thrilled when you came through the door to read with them.



### 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. Nursery parents must not drive on to site at 11.55 or 12.10. Your speed must stay below 5mph.



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



On Friday 18 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. As last year, I am pleased to say that Pudsey will be visiting us on Thursday 17 November.



### Big Friendly Read



Well done to Megan C in Class 10 for completing this challenge.



### Governors’ Attendance Cup



A very big well done to Class 13 for winning this cup in recognition of having the best attendance in the school for this half term.



### Effort Cup

Congratulations to George T from Year 2.

Finally, I’m sure you will join with me in wishing Miss Grimmer all the best over half-term as she will be return back to school as Mrs Butterworth.

*E. Kirwan*