



## NEWSLETTER 9

Dear Parent/Carer  
Welcome to this week's newsletter.

I would like to say well done to the following classes for the work that I have seen them doing recently. Class 12 were busy rounding numbers to the nearest 1,000. Mr Tatton's group were working on carroll diagrams which has been a challenge for them in their half-term homework. Miss Castle's group were working with tens frames and regrouping numbers. Class 7 were also regrouping numbers and partitioning numbers. Class 9 were rounding numbers and estimating whether they had enough money for their shopping. Reception Rainbows were working on their number bonds to ten. Class 3 were making sure that 'Cheeky Dragon' had a cure. This involved the answer 12 and sets of 2 and 4. Afternoon Nursery were practising their number bonds to 5 and using different materials to represent number. Class 4 were also using tens frames and working on numbers greater than 10. Mr Anderson's hockey group were learning tactics and using terms such as "first person press". Class 10 were having great fun with their number bead strings and explaining their reasoning. Class 5 were also using their number bead strings and partitioning numbers. Class 11 were using their French detective skills to translate the book that Mrs Clark had read to them. Mr Appadoo's group were developing their yoga skills and group work. Class 8 were using bead strings to reorder number sentences. Mrs Janes's group were working on their target tasks and using halving and doubling.

As you can see we are working hard on our maths across the whole school and I will write up the remaining classes in the next newsletter. If you would like to help your children with their maths please support timestable knowledge and number bond facts. By Y4 pupils need to know their timestables to 12x12.



### **Y6 Visit to the British Library – Reported by Sarah N.**



On Tuesday 7 November, some members of Y6 went on a trip to the British Library in London. We really enjoyed our trip. We tried to fully fill in a booklet whilst we went around the library. There was also a Harry Potter part to it but we did not do that until later the same day.

We had gone on the trip by coach. We also had our lunch in one big group outside of the library. We really wish that we could go again.

We explored a section about Harry Potter. We got to look at a screen and make a potion and lots of other awesome things. We were glad we went on that trip but we were sad that we couldn't stay for longer. The time actually flew by really quickly since we were having fun. We hope that if any of you ever go, you have a wonderful time!

NB. Dear Sarah thank you for your wonderful report. I also understand that you saw the original Magna Carta. *Magna Carta established for the first time the principle that everybody, including the king, was subject to the law.* (Ms Kirwan)



### **Friends of Ashtree Winter Fayre – Saturday 25 November 12.00pm – 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 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.

This year families can also have a go at 'Mad Science' during the fayre.



### **Armistice Day**



This Saturday, 11 November is Armistice Day and millions of Britons will observe the two-minute silence. Armistice Day - or Remembrance Day - is a very special part of British culture. It is a day when Britons remember the fallen, and the values that those who gave their lives helped to defend. Thank you to all the Ashtree community who have purchased a poppy for this year's appeal.



## Christmas Performances



### Reception/KS1 – “The Angels”

Monday 4 December: 10.00am  
 Tuesday 5 December: 2:00pm  
 Wednesday 6 December: 2:00pm

### KS2 – Performing “Puss in Boots”

Monday 4 December: 1:30pm and 7:00pm  
 Tuesday 5 December: 7:00pm

### Nursery - Performing “Nursery Rhyme Nativity”

Friday 8 December: 10:00am

The schedule of performance times and ticket requests letter will be going out on Monday 13 November. Please can you complete the slip and return back to school by Monday 20 November at the latest. Extra tickets will be sent out on Friday 1 December.

### Stevenage Education Support Centre

Stevenage Support Centre have asked parents from Ashtree School to refrain from using their car-park when dropping and picking up your children. This car park is for parents/staff of the Support Centre only. We do not wish to lose their good will in allowing our trips / swimming coaches to use the car-park. Thank you.



### 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.

I am also reliably informed that Pudsey will be doing some sport with our Reception and Year 1 pupils. Please see Mr Appadoo’s letter to Reception and Year 1.



### Sport Fixtures



### Reported by Albert M. – Y6

The Y5 and Y6 boys hosted a league fixture against Bedwell Primary School on Friday 3 November. The match started off at an even pace with both sides trading shots in the first part of the game. Mr Yates looked to his bench for some inspiration and sent Albert M. and Liam C. in to see if they could unlock the tight defence, which thankfully they did. Albert M. put Ashtree ahead which led to the floodgates opening for Ashtree with the game finishing 7-0 to Ashtree. The team who played were Freddie O. Liam C. Daniel K. Calum F. Albert M. Harrison F. Owen T. Jack P and Jared T. Goal scorers were Albert M. 1, Jared T. 3, Jack P. 1, Owen T. 1 and Harrison F. 1. Player of the match goes to Jared T. for constantly making it difficult for the Bedwell defence and grabbing a hat-trick.

**Boys’ next game:** Friday 17 November 2017. Home match against The Giles School.

**Girls’ next game:** Friday 10 November. Home match against Camps Hill.

Thursday 16 November: Away match against Trotts Hill, this is a Cup game.



### Girls Netball – Reported by Mrs Cook



The netball team played their first league match on Friday 3 November, against St Margaret Clitheroe, and won 7-1. Ashtree dominated the game from the off with all girls showing great determination and ability on court, with both attack and defence being strong. Player of the match goes to Shania L. for her outstanding shooting. I am a very, very proud coach.

NB. Dear Mrs Cook thank you very much for our new netball bag (Ms Kirwan).

**Dinner Behaviour Awards**   
The winners for this week are Class 4 & Class 13.

**Attendance Cup**   
The winner for this week is Sunshines and Class 4  
with 100%

**Effort Cup**   
Congratulations to Lauren T. from Year 5 & Congratulations to Louie J. from Y1

 **Diary Dates for Autumn Term** 

Children in Need - Non-uniform day - Friday 17 November  
Friends of Ashtree Winter Fayre - Saturday 25 November  
Last day of term - Tuesday 19 December at 2.15pm

**Spring Term 2018:**

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

**Summer Term 2018:**

First day of term - Monday 16 April  
Y5 School Trip - Wednesday 25 April – British Schools Museum  
**May Day** - **Monday 7 May - school closed to children**  
14 – 18 May - KS2 SATS week (No holiday will be authorised during this week)  
Y4 School Trip - Tuesday 22 May – Warner Bros Studio – Harry Potter  
**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)  
Y2 School Trip - Thursday 14 June – Roald Dahl Museum  
**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.**

*E. Kirwan*