

ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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NEWSLETTER 9

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Well done to the following classes, who I have observed working on their reading, writing, maths and French skills this week: 14, 13, 10, 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, Sunshines, Rainbows and Afternoon Nursery. I am very impressed with how hard you are working, and this includes the teachers. For some of these observations I have been in class at 9.00am and seen the difficult impact late arrivals have on the class. A reminder, again, that school starts at 8.55am in KS2 and 8.50am in KS1 and pupils should be on the playgrounds by this time. Don't worry Classes 12, 11 and 8 your turn will be next week!



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.



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 9th 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.

Kingswood 2015/16

We would just like to remind you that the second deposit of £50 is due by Monday 9 January 2017.



Christmas Performances



Reception/KS1 - Performing “The Greatest Show on Earth”

Monday 5 December: 10.00am

Tuesday 6 December: 2:00pm

Wednesday 7 December: 2:00pm

KS2 – Performing “The Pied Piper”

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

Tuesday 6 December: 7:00pm

Nursery - Performing “Nursery Rhyme Nativity”

Friday 9 December: 10:00am and 2:00pm

The schedule of performance times and ticket requests letter will be going out on Monday 14 November. Please can you complete the slip and return back to school by Friday 25 November at the latest. Extra tickets will be sent out on Thursday 1 December.



We have a growing number of people behind with their dinner money. Dinners must be paid for in advance. Dinners cost £2.35 or £11.75 for the week. Statements have gone home this week, can all outstanding balances be paid next week. Thank you.



I am pleased to report that a 2 minute silence was respectfully observed by everyone in school on Friday 11 November.

Sporting Opportunity

I am pleased to say that Year 1 and Year 2 had the opportunity to do some PE with Pudsey on Wednesday. Our thanks to Stevenage Sporting Futures for this support.



At this time of year we always need to consider the balance between allowing home video recordings and photographs at our Christmas performances, whilst ensuring the security and safety of all of our pupils. I have sought County Guidance on the matter and have decided that videos will be allowed but I must insist that this is done from the back of the hall in order not to disrupt the view of other parents. Unfortunately, the balcony area will not be available as the children will require this space. **Images taken must be for private use only and must not be put onto the internet.** Our production programmes are of a general nature and will not include the full names of any child. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, I am pleased to inform you that our kitchen recently had an Environmental Health visit resulting in our 5 Star rating continuing.

Dinnertime Behaviour Awards
The winners for this week are Sunshines & Class 12

Attendance Cup
The winner for this week is Class 7 with 99%.

Effort Cup
Congratulations to Ivy-Rose M. from Year 5

E. Kirwan