

ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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NEWSLETTER 10

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Yesterday afternoon we had a very special visitor – Pudsey Bear, and the children were absolutely delighted. Our thanks to Mr Chinn, one of our Parent Governors, for organising this visit.

Well done to the following classes who I have observed working on their literacy, numeracy, MFL and PE skills this week: 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 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.

Friends of Ashtree Winter Fair – Saturday 28 November – 1.00 – 3.00pm.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FRIENDS OF ASHTREE HAVE ADJUSTED THE TIME OF THE WINTER FAIR TO 1 – 3PM.

We will be running a Decorated Jar stall during the winter fayre. Jars can be brought into school right up to Friday 27 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.

Sports Results

The girls' team played a cup match away at Lodge Farm losing 1:0. Player of the match goes to Katie P. for her excellent work rate and effort throughout the game. The boys played at home against Mossbury. Player of the match goes to Oliver C. for his sterling work in goal.

Armistice Day

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

Winter Fair – Raffle Tickets

The prize for the most raffle tickets sold is a Voucher for a family of 4 at the Hollywood Bowl.

Dinnertime Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Class 8 and Sunshine.

Effort Cup

Congratulations to Riley Q. from Year 3.

Christmas Performances

KS2

Monday 7 December: 1:30pm and 7:00pm
Tuesday 8 December: 7:00pm

Reception/KS1

Monday 7 December: 10.00am
Tuesday 8 December: 2:00pm
Wednesday 9 December: 2:00pm

Nursery

Friday 11 December: 10:00am and 2:00pm
Foundation Stage and KS1 are performing "Time Travellers" and KS2 are performing "Jack and the Beanstalk".

Nursery are performing "The Nursery Rhyme Nativity"

The schedule of performance times and ticket requests letter will be going out on Monday 23 November.

Data Protection

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.

Winter Fair Non-Uniform Day- Wed 25 November

Children can come to school in their own clothes on Wednesday 25 November for a donation towards the Winter Fayre Tombola stalls. Children can donate the following items: chocolate, sweets and toiletries. These will be collected in the Classrooms.

Attendance Cup

The winner for this week is Class 13 with 99%.

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