

ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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NEWSLETTER 16

Dear Parents,
Welcome back and Happy New Year everyone.

Admission to Reception – September 2016

This is a reminder to Nursery parents that you must have made an application for a Reception place by 15 January.

Please apply to www.hertsdirect.org/admissions.
Any applications received after 15 January will be deemed as late. If you have any problems, please contact the School Office.

Sporting Events

Yesterday the netball team played an away match against Longmeadow School. The girls won the match 3:1, also maintaining possession for a large proportion of the match. Mr Allen and I are extremely proud of the way in which the girls play as a true team, as well as taking on board all advice given to them. The commitment and positive attitude of the girls in showing in the improvement we see each match. Player of the match is awarded to Jasmine A. for her stamina and ability to regain possession of the ball and keeping it down our end!

Late Arrivals

Please ensure your children are in school on time. I will continue to take a tough line on pupils who arrive late, unless there are mitigating circumstances. **If a child arrives after 8.55am they must report to the school office using the main entrance.** Mrs Chambers will be monitoring late arrivals and absence and will be phoning home as necessary as part of her role.

Holidays in Term Time

Due to Government changes, holidays in term time can no longer be authorised. Leave of Absence can be requested using a form from the office but I am only able to sanction up to 5 days in any school year for Leave of Absence in exceptional circumstances.

Sickness absence

Genuine absence due to sickness, for example vomiting, diarrhoea, chickenpox etc. is authorised. For extended periods of sickness we require you to provide a copy of your GP's certificate or appointment slip. **You must inform the school on**

the first day of absence using Option 1 on the answerphone or Schoolcomms.

Parking

I would like to remind you that parent vehicles are not allowed on site unless in cases of emergency or through prior arrangement with the office due to medical reasons. Green passes are issued on these occasions, and a log of vehicle registrations is kept. If you have a green pass, please inform the office if your vehicle registration has changed, as we do carry out spot checks. I am sure you understand that the safety of your children is our prime concern. Please also be considerate to our neighbours and do not park across their driveways.

Safety Reminders

A reminder that this school does not allow dogs on site. We are also a smoke and alcohol free zone. Please ensure that you observe these points. **Adults should not sit on the junior wall,** by the quiet area, or the Infant wall by the side of the Reception Classroom when collecting pupils. My office staff have also requested that children do not play on the disabled access ramp by the main entrance or throw stones at the windows! Please discourage your child from using the door buzzer as a game.

Please do not allow your children to play on the playground equipment before or after school, including the area outside Class 4.

Children and adults are not to ride their scooters or bicycles in the school grounds. Thank you for your support.

Finally, curriculum information for this term has been sent home today.

Dinnertime Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Class 7 and Sunshines.

Attendance Cup

The winner for this week is Class 8 with 99%.

Effort Cup

Congratulations to Emma G. from Year 5.

E. Kirwan

Dates for the Year

15-19 February	HALF TERM
21 and 22 March	Parent Consultations
Friday 25 – Monday 28 March	Easter Weekend
Friday 1 April (2.15pm)	End of Term
Monday 18 April	Term Starts
Monday 2 May	May Day Bank Holiday
9 – 13 May	KS2 SATS week (No holiday will be authorised during this week)
27 May	INSET Day 4
30 May – 3 June	HALF TERM
12 – 17 June	Kingswood Residential Week (Y6)
13 - 17 June	Y1 Phonics Test Week (no holiday will be authorised during this week)
Monday 4 July	Open Evening
Friday 8 July	INSET Day 5 – school closed to pupils
Friday 15 July	Family picnic at lunch time followed by an afternoon Sports Day
Friday 22 July (2.15pm)	End of School Year

Please note – preparation and completion of Y2 SATs work will take place during May (No holiday will be authorised during this time).