

ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Uniform

Thank you for ensuring that your children have the correct uniform. If you want our bottle green sweatshirts carrying the school crest, and white polo shirts with 'Ashtree School' embroidered on them, these may be purchased from the school, between **2.45 and 3.20pm on Thursdays only**. This helps us ensure that we have a strong identity as a school and do look very smart. **As already mentioned in previous newsletters, jumpers /sweatshirts or cardigans are bottle green and not black or grey.** Trousers and skirts can be grey or black. Please ensure that children's uniform is labelled with their name. Jewellery, apart from watches or Medic Alerts should not be worn, **but in the case of earrings, studs are permitted (no bling please)**. Children may wear only one pair of earrings, and these should be removed, or taped over by the child for PE sessions (we provide micropore tape). I would like your support in ensuring that children with shoulder length or longer hair, come to school with their hair up (ponytail, bunches, plaits) any pupil conscious about putting their hair up can put a bandana over the ponytail, bunch or plait. This would help to reduce the spread of head lice around the school, and would meet the Health and Safety requirements of lessons, such as PE, Technology etc. (A plain or school coloured 'scrunchie' would look very smart.)

A number of you are now purchasing our lovely Jackets and Fleeces. These need to be ordered as we are unable to keep a large stock due to lack of space! **May I remind you that these items are outdoor wear.**

Please ensure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes as this will help to keep our school cleaner for longer. Pupils should wear sensible footwear to school, high heels are not appropriate for playtimes. Please see our Dress Code which can be found under the Policy section on our Website www.ashtree.herts.sch.uk. The uniform order form and prices can also be found on our website.

I would like to encourage children across the whole school, to take care of the reading books that they bring home. Pupils need to have either a smart bottle green book bag that can be purchased from the office, or a zip type wallet that can be put within a schoolbag. Books should not just be put in with bags containing PE kit, shoes etc. as they will become damaged very quickly.

PE Kit

Thank you to everyone for making sure that your child has the correct kit of white t-shirt and green shorts. PE is equally as important in the curriculum as other subjects and we expect pupils to participate. At this time of the year when pupils do their games sessions outside, please ensure that an old pair of tracksuit bottoms and top, along with an old pair of trainers, are sent in to school with children. As our field gets wetter, pupils could get muddy during these sessions.

Level 2 Cycle Training – Y5/6

We have already received 40 responses for this 32 place course, therefore we have numbered the forms as they have arrived and we will keep forms 33 upwards on the waiting list. I will be writing to confirm whether your child has secured a place on the course next week. If circumstances change and you no longer wish your child to have this training, please let us know so we can give this place to the next child on the waiting list.

Level 3 Cycle Training – Y6

We have secured an opportunity to train children who already have their Level 2 certificate, up to Level 3 standard. This is a 14 place course and my records from last year show 20 pupils are eligible. I am sending home a direct invitation to those 20 pupils today, and again it will be the first 14 responses received by the office that will secure a place, with a waiting list then being drawn up.

Pupil Achievement

I would like to say Well Done to an ex pupil of ours, Rachel Tremlett is going to be representing England in the British Isles Women's Under 25 Indoor Bowls, International Series in Scotland in February.

Finally, it was lovely to see our Y4 parents who took the opportunity to join our Y4 reading club this morning at 9 o'clock. The children enjoyed seeing you in class. I would also like to thank Reverend Vivienne from St. Mary's Church for leading our assemblies on Wednesday with Mrs Long and the Bridge Builders team.

Dinnertime Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Classes 6 and 11.

Attendance Cup

The winner for this week is Class 3 with 99%.

Effort Cup

Congratulations to Keenan B. from Year 4.

E. Kirwan