

ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's Newsletter. Pupils in KS2 had a lovely time on Thursday with Mr. Cole, Martial Arts Instructor. My thanks to Mr Hart for organising this opportunity again.

Late Arrivals

Please ensure your children are in school on time. I will continue to monitor and follow up 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 helping me monitor late arrivals and absence and will be phoning home as necessary as part of her role.

Absence in Term Time

The Governing Body have agreed that I will be able to sanction up to 5 days for exceptional circumstances in any school year. Any requests for leave of absence for exceptional circumstances will be considered by me on a case by case basis. Please collect a 'leave of absence' form from the office. As in the last three years, the first half of the summer term remains an important testing and assessment period and no absence will be authorised during this period without prior agreement with me.

Penalty Notices

At Ashtree School we expect parents to work with us to address attendance problems. If a pupil has at least 21 sessions (half a day = one session) unauthorised absence in the current or previous term (including unauthorised leave of absence) the Headteacher may ask the LEA to issue a Penalty Notice.

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.

Sporting Achievements

Well done to the boys' football team who played a WIX Trophy match on Tuesday against Greneway School in Royston. Despite losing, the team played in good spirit and were supported well by family members who attended. My thanks to Mr Anderson for going with the team and Player of the Match goes to Lewis J. for all of his hard work during the match.

Schools' Parliament

Yet again I was very impressed with Alex C. and Lizzie Y. who attended their second Schools' Parliament meeting in the Council Chambers.

Mr Tatton reported that our pupils are not shy about coming forward! Lizzie and Alex had an opportunity to talk to the whole school last Friday about some upcoming projects which I have asked them to write up in a letter that we will be sending out to you.

Finally, I am sure that you will join me in sending many congratulations to Miss Kiernan and her partner for the safe arrival of their son on Wednesday.

Dinnertime Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Classes 9 and 4.

Attendance Cup

The winner for this week is Class 14 with 98%.

Effort Cup

Congratulations to Jack C. from Year 2.

E. Kirwan