

ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parents

Welcome to this weeks' newsletter. Well done to Y4 who enjoyed the mini-olympics last week and were good ambassadors to the school, as were Y3 swimmers on Friday. Staff heard members of the public commenting on how well behaved our pupils were.

Science Workshop

My thanks to Miss Jackson and Mrs Janes for organising this event last week. We were really heartened to see the number of people attending. I did not realise how much fun could be had with raisins and lemonade and potatoes and straws.

BBC Radio 2 - 500 Words

We are encouraging pupils to take part in the 500 word 2015 competition. They can enter at home by logging on to bbc.co.uk/500words. The closing date is 25 February. Children are very welcome to talk to their teachers if they need any help, and remember – it's only 500 words!

Tuesday 9 February - Safer Internet Day

Please see the resources attached to this Newsletter.

Mobile Phones

I would be grateful if you could avoid using your mobile phone whilst on site. I am sure you will understand how this will help us in terms of safeguarding.

Medicines in School

A reminder that non-prescription medicines are not allowed in school. Prescribed medicine can only be administered and stored if a consent form is filled out at the Office. Please ensure you collect the medicine at the end of the day if you need to continue the dose at home. We are unable to send medicine home with pupils.

Forthcoming events

On Thursday 11 February we are asking children to bring a donation for the Stevenage Food Bank

as per the Schools Parliament letter that you received last week. We will be looking forward to our non-uniform day with a theme of "Chinese New Year" on Friday 12 February. Pupils can wear any items of red or gold clothing or an item with an animal as represented in the Chinese New Year cycle. We are asking for pupils to make a donation to the 'Friends of Ashtree' funds for taking part. World Book Day is on Thursday 3 March where pupils can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. On Friday 18 March we are planning a Sport Relief/Red Nose Day cake sale. More information to follow.

Sporting Achievements

Well done to the boys' football team who played away yesterday against Martinswood. My thanks to Mr Appadoo for going with the boys. Player of the match goes to Oliver C. for excellent skill and sportsmanship. Good luck to the girls' team who are playing away at Longmeadow tonight. My thanks to Mr Allen for attending this match.

Finally, we would like to wish Mrs Harvey all the best as she starts her maternity leave and welcome Miss K. Audley as her maternity cover in Nursery. I am sure you would also join me in wishing Mr Hart, our Sports Premium Coach, all the very best as he moves on to a career outside of education. Mr Hart's last day with us will be Thursday 11 February. I would like to thank him for his wonderful contribution to the Ashtree Team during his time with us. Mr M. Fitzsimons will be replacing Mr Hart.

Dinnertime Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Classes 13 and 5.

Attendance Cup

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

Effort Cup

Congratulations to Danny F. from Year 1.

E. Kirwan