

ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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NEWSLETTER 20

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. The Leading Management Team worked with our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner on Wednesday, focussing on the successes of the school and our next steps in development. As always, this meeting provided good challenge and affirmation for the school. My thanks to our Chair of Governors for attending.

Considerate Parking

I have received a complaint from a Redwing Close resident for the inconsiderate parking in that road by the Ashtree community during school runs. I would ask you to be considerate in the use of this road and keep safety at the forefront of your mind.

Dinner Money/Swimming Money Reminders

Dinner money for the next half term will be £64.40. (£2.30 per day, £11.50 per week). The second half term swimming money is £20.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Yes it's that time of year again. Don't forget to collect your vouchers and send them in to school please. This year, supermarkets will be printing all your vouchers on one small slip so please don't throw them away!!

Headlice

Half term is a good opportunity to check for and treat headlice.

Sporting Achievements

I include the following report from Mr. Allen. "The girls' football team played against Longmeadow last Friday, winning 2:0 in a hard fought match. They played very well despite having no substitutions, meaning they had to put in double the effort. Goals were scored late on by Holly B. after an amazing run and very composed finish. The second by Sophie P. who had worked very hard all through the game, defending from the front. This result continues an impressive season so far, with one game to go. Keep it up!!" Player of the match goes to Holly B. for superb mid field performance.

Sam Learning – KS1 and 2

SAM Learning is a revision, web based resource which can be accessed from home as well as from school. Pupils just need to enter our Centre ID which is SG2AJ and then their User ID which is DOB and 2 initials. So for example: David Jones born on 1st August 1995 would log in as 010895DJ. Their password is just a repeat of their User ID.

Children in Years 1 and 2 can work on the KS1 materials or challenge themselves with KS2!

Pupils in Years 3 – 6 can work on the KS2 materials!

Mrs Hudson volunteers in The Gambia

I am happy to include the following message from Mrs Hudson, one of our Teaching Assistants. "Further to my successful trip to The Gambia last year I will, again, be joining the team of volunteers travelling there at Easter. To help raise funds for this trip I will be running a cake sale after school on 25 February in the Junior Hall. I would be most grateful for any donations of cakes for the children to buy on the day. The raffle to win the signed football will be drawn on 1 March so there is still time to buy tickets. Many thanks for your support." I know that the children were fascinated to hear from Mrs Hudson about what life in The Gambia was like and look forward to hearing about how things have changed this year.

Half Term Holiday

School will be busy over half term with various repair and improvement projects, we also have car parking improvements planned for the Easter holiday.

Forthcoming events

World Book Day – 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.

Finally, I am sure that you will join me in sending many congratulations to Ms Goode and her husband for the safe arrival of their son last Thursday. Also I would like to thank Mrs Gearing for supporting the Reception Team as Teaching Assistant since 2012. We would like to wish Mrs Gearing all the best for the future and welcome

Mrs N. Dunlop into the role after half-term.

Dinnertime Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Classes 6 and 7.

Attendance Cup

The winner for this week is Class 7 with 98%.

Effort Cup

Congratulations to Jason B. from Year 1.

E. Kirwan

