

ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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NEWSLETTER 22

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. A big well done to our Y5 children who were excellent ambassadors for the school when they visited St. Mary's Church on Monday. Miss Long reported that their attitude and behaviour was outstanding.

World Book Day

Thank you so much for supporting the children with their favourite character costume. We had great fun in school yesterday and I am hoping that we will be able to get some pictures onto our website. Following on from this, we have a theatre company in school on 31 March and the children will be treated to a wonderful performance of "Alice in Wonderland". We are not asking children to dress up on this day.

Comic Relief Ashtree Bake-Off – Friday 18 March

If children would like to do some baking in order to raise money for Red Nose Day, we will run a competition this year for small cakes and biscuits/tray bakes. Children should bring their baking in to school on Friday morning in some kind of container clearly labelled with their name and the category they are entering eg. Small Cakes, Biscuits or Traybakes. Each Year Group will judge their own cakes and we will provide two prizes per Year Group. We will then sell the cakes within each Year Group during the day and we are suggesting a donation of 30p per cake. I shall be raiding my piggybank because I know that the Ashtree Community are exceptional bakers!

PLEASE SEE SEPARATE SHEET FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Decorated Egg Competition

We will be running an egg decorating competition again this year, which will be judged on Friday 18 March. We hope that all of the children in the school will decorate a hard-boiled egg as part of our Easter celebrations. They will need to be brought into school by Thursday 17 March, and will be judged on 18 March. The children who decorated the 2 winning eggs from each class will receive a prize donated by 'Friends of Ashtree'. An egg rolling competition will be held on Monday 21 March, using the eggs decorated by the children. Each year group will take turns to go to the Junior Hall where their eggs will be rolled down a specially prepared slope, which signifies both Calvary and Jesus' tomb. There will also be 2 prizes per class for the winners, which will be awarded in our final assembly of the term. Please try and ensure your child prepares a hard-boiled egg for these celebrations as we have great fun.

Parent Consultations

These are being held on **Monday 21 March – 5 - 7.30pm, and Tuesday 22 March – 3.30 - 6.00pm.** Consultation Request Slips have been sent home today and need to be returned by **Friday 11 March.** Your confirmed time will be sent home on Thursday 17 March. Nursery will be holding their consultations from Monday 7 March and the annual parent/carer survey will be made available at this point too.

Parent/Carer Questionnaire

This year our annual Parent/Carer Questionnaire will be available during your consultation n meeting with class teachers. We would be very grateful if you could complete the questionnaire whilst in school on Monday or Tuesday and leave it in the boxes that will be provided. An extra row of tables and chairs will be set up in each hall in order for you to complete the survey comfortably. We are making the change this year as last year we only had 55 responses to the emailed survey. If you are not attending parents evening and would like a copy of the survey, please let your child's class teacher know and this can go home by pupil post. The survey will close on Thursday 24 March.

Mrs Hudson – The Gambia

Congratulations to Sophie in Y6, who won the raffle to win the signed football from Stevenage Borough Football Club. A very big thank you to all of you who supported my cake sale last week. I am very grateful for your help. Our trip to The Gambia this year will be in the Easter holidays and will include the installation of solar panels in the village and teaching in the local school. I look forward to sharing my trip with the children upon my return.

Sports Results

Well done to the girls' netball team who played away yesterday against Peartree School. Miss Jackson reported that they played in true Ashtree style and worked well as a team. Although we did not win, the girls had a great second half scoring 4 goals. Player of the Match goes to Samantha P. for an amazing goal. I continue to be very proud of the team this year for their effort and dedication. My thanks also go to the parents who support us in such a positive way.

Well done to the boys' football team who played away against Bedwell. Mr Yates reported that every player could get Player of the Match because of their teamwork, work-rate and excellent attitude. To choose one player for his energy and enthusiasm, this would be Leighton L.

Parental Supervision of children on site before and after school

Please ensure you keep control of your children whilst crossing the tarmac area outside the kitchen. Everybody must use the pedestrian path when walking up and down from the main gate, children are not allowed to cycle up and down the drive itself; bicycles should not be ridden whilst on school grounds; children are not allowed to run on the grassed bank by Nursery as two new trees have been planted in this area. Thank you for your help.

Changes to pick-up arrangements

We are again receiving a large number of messages between 3.05-3.15pm, from parents regarding the collection of their children. This is a very busy time at the office so please do not put us in the position where we are unable to get the message to your child in time.

E. Kirwan

Finally, congratulations to Mrs A. Harvey and her husband whose new baby boy arrived safely on Sunday. Also I would like to say how impressed I am with the standard of homework being produced by Y4 and Y5 recently. Their topic on the Ancient Egyptians and Rivers really has fired up their imaginations. Well done everybody.

Dinnertime Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Classes 3 and 8.

Attendance Cup

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

Effort Cup

Congratulations to Armadouwoury from Year 2.