

ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. A big well done to Y3 who thoroughly enjoyed their recent visit to the Science Museum. The children particularly enjoyed the workshop that they attended, where I understand they turned Mr Yates into a sandwich and learnt about forces via the 'chair of doom!'.

Y6 Parents Kingswood Meeting

There will be a meeting for this year's Kingswood visit on **Monday 16th May 2016 at 5.45pm** in the junior hall. We anticipate T-shirts and parent packs will be given out at this meeting. Medical Forms and Contact Numbers **MUST** be back by this meeting. Please come in via the Junior Playground doors.

SATs

We wish everyone, good luck, particularly in Year 6 and Year 2, with their SATs tests and tasks which are now underway. The children in Y3, 4 and 5 will also be working on assessment materials and staff across the whole school will be using their knowledge of pupils to make judgements on progress. With the report writing season ahead of us, I thank the staff for the extra hours that they somehow manage to find. Pupils in Year 6 have already brought home their timetable for their tests next week. Please ensure that pupils are in school in good time in the morning so that they have every opportunity to do their best. If, due to an unforeseen emergency,

your child is going to be late, please inform the school as soon as you can, as we may still be able to make provision for your child to take the test.

Late Arrivals/Attendance

Our aim is for children to be here for 95%+ of the school year. If a pupil's attendance falls below 90% they become what is known as a persistent absentee. If you have taken a week or more holiday time since September, you will have a minimum of 10 unauthorised sessions (2 sessions = 1 day). County advise that we send out their standard 'first fixed penalty notice letter' for any pupil with more than 8 unauthorised sessions over two consecutive terms. For pupils with 21 unauthorised sessions over two consecutive terms, a fixed penalty of £120 could be issued by County. Please see our Attendance Policy on our website for more information.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

This scheme ended on **5 May**. Please search pockets, purses, drawers etc. and dig out your Sainsbury's Vouchers and send them in to school. We need to sort out our order as soon as we can in June.

Finally, we all enjoyed Mrs Hudson's assembly about her visit to Gambia. Children particularly enjoyed the photos of where she went.

Dinnertime Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Classes 6 and 12.

Attendance Cup

The winner for this week is Class 5 with 100%.

Effort Cup

Congratulations to Waasil A. from Year 5.

E. Kirwan

