

ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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NEWSLETTER 8

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter. I am pleased to let you know that so far the Wellie Walk has raised £712. We are still happy to receive sponsor money into school.

Consultation Evenings

It was lovely to see so many of you at the start of the week during parents' evenings. Yet again our wonderful Y6 bell bongers kept us all organised and on time. Well done Emily T. Charlotte C. Holly B. Ryan B. Jamie K. Ella M. Tamsin T. and Ryan R. I don't know what we would do without you.

Children in Need – Be a Childhood Hero – non-uniform day

On Friday 13 November we would like to support Children in Need by allowing children to come to school dressed as their childhood hero. This could be a member of their own family, an explorer, teacher, super hero, pop star or any other hero of their choice. If your child would like to do this, then all we ask is that they make a donation that we can then send on to Children in Need. As last year, I am pleased to say that Pudsey will be visiting us on Thursday 12 November.

Friends of Ashtree Winter Fair – Saturday 28 November – 12 – 2.00pm.

We will be running a Decorated Jar stall during the winter fayre. This is a very popular annual stall and each year pupils have responded marvellously to our request for decorated jam jars of goodies.

If children would like to provide a jar for the winter fayre, I am repeating instructions from last year's newsletter. Jars can be brought into school right up to Friday 27 November and each jar will be gratefully received. I am happy to give a Headteacher sticker for every pupil who brings a jar in to school. For those of you who are not sure what decorated jars are, the following may help: take any used jar, clean it, decorate the outside using paint, materials, card etc. (possibly with a Christmas theme) and then put something lovely inside that another young person might enjoy having, eg sweets, colouring pencils, tiny teddies, toy cars etc. These then go on to a Tombola style stall and are very popular with the children.

E. Kirwan

Sporting Results

Well done to our girls' football team who played in the Autumn Tournament last Friday. All games were drawn, leading to a penalty shoot out for progression to the semi-finals. Unfortunately penalties did not go our way. Once again, thank you to Mr. Allen for organising our team and to all parents for their support. Well done to our Y5/6 pupils who took part in a Basketball Tournament at Barnwell School on Wednesday afternoon. Although we did not win, the children showed great spirit and sportsmanship, as usual. Well done to the children who took part in the Primary Cross Country Festival at Fairlands lakes yesterday. The children ran very well with very little training! Very well done. Once again, I would like to thank Miss Ralph, Mr Allen, Mr Taylor and our parents for all their support. I am very proud of the sports curriculum that we are able to offer here at Ashtree and our links with Stevenage Sporting Futures.

Headlice

Please ensure you use the half term break to check your children's hair and treat the headlice as necessary. Thank you for your support.

Y6 Secondary School Applications

I have been asked to remind our Y6 parents that the final deadline for Secondary School applications is **Friday 30 October**.

Governors' Attendance Cup

A very big well done to Class 7 for winning this cup in recognition of having the best attendance in the school for this half term.

The Winner of the effort cup is Eloise F from Y4

Finally, I would like to remind you that Monday 2 November is an INSET Day and school will be closed to pupils.