



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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NEWSLETTER 1

DATE: 10 September 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Firstly, we would like to welcome everyone back for the start of the Autumn term. It was lovely seeing all the children on Monday.

The children have all settled well back into class, they tell me that they really enjoyed all being out at break together and seeing friends from different classes. Mr Yates and I have been able to visit classrooms and talk to the children about what they are doing and they have taught us how to use a place value grid to multiply by ten, shown us the collage cups that they were making and we have learnt some new facts about The Great Fire of London.

This year we will be creating some new school values that will become a part of our assemblies, lessons and homework. We will have one value per half term with this half term being Community. The children have been thinking about what that word means and what behaviours and attitudes would show the value in action. Community is one of Ashtree School's biggest strengths and one of the reasons that I am proud to work here, so look out for the ideas, activities and work that we will be doing to celebrate what we do and strengthen our sense of community even further.

Finally, we had a surprise parcel from Ms Kirwan, she sent us 400 snowdrops to plant around the school. Classes will be deciding where to plant them and we look forward to seeing them appear in Spring.

Mrs Janes

Acting Headteacher



Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are Class 6 & Class 8.



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is Class 7 with 98.4%.

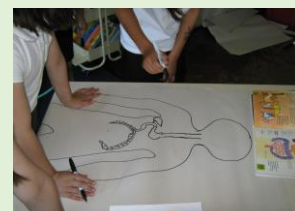
Just a couple of reminders: **KS2 Playground-** before school. Staff in KS2 are on a rota to be out on the playground before school, so it will not always be possible to speak to your child's teacher at this time. Therefore, if you need to pass on a message to your child's teacher, could you please contact the office and they will pass the message onto the relevant teacher. Thank you.

Healthy Snacks for KS2 – We have started to buy in some fruit for KS2 children to encourage healthy eating, can snacks from home please be healthy ones too. Thank you.

We will be on **Menu 3** of the school menu next week.

Year 4

For our first lesson in Science this term we learnt about different systems in the human body, in preparation for learning about the human digestive system. We had great fun finding out about the different systems and their organs and then drawing where they are in the human body.





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Clubs Starting Soon..... more information will be coming out next week:

Wednesday 3.15pm - 4.15pm

- Art Club

Wednesday 3.30pm - 4.15pm

- Cheerleading for Years 5 & Years 6

Starting next week: Friday 17 September 3.25pm - 4.15pm - Netball Club Years 5&6

Our School Council

The School Council has been formed for this year. Each class voted for the children that were candidates. This half terms value is community and so we have been practising democracy in many



Year 2

Lola & Harrison



Year 3

Jessica, Oscar & Layla



Year 4

Erin & Pixie



Year 5

Ruby, Bobby, Kamran & Kirsty



Year 6

Alice, Kareem, Oliver, George,
Zoe & Remai



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Term Dates Academic Year 2021



Autumn Term 2021



Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October	-	Half Term
Monday 1 November	-	INSET Day 3 - school closed to children
Tuesday 2 November	-	First day of term for pupils
Tuesday 21 December	-	Last day of term – finish at 2.15pm



Spring Term 2022



Wednesday 5 January 2022	-	First day of term for pupils
Monday 14 February – Friday 18 February	-	Half-term
Monday 21 February	-	INSET Day 4 - school closed to children
Tuesday 22 February	-	First day of term for pupils
Friday 1 April	-	End of term – finish at 2.15pm
Monday 4 April – Monday 18 April	-	Half-term - Easter Break



Summer Term 2022



Tuesday 19 April	-	First day of term for pupils
Friday 27 May	-	INSET Day 5 - school closed to children
Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June	-	Half Term <i>(including the Spring Bank Holiday and additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.</i>
Monday 6 June	-	First day of term for pupils
Friday 22 July	-	Last day of term – finish at 2.15pm

Academic Year 2022

KS1 – Y2 Testing window is the whole month of May 2022.

KS1 – Y1 Phonics is 6 – 17 June 2022.

KS2 – Y4 Multiplication Test is 6 – 24 June 2022.

KS2 – Y6 9 – 12 May 2022.

Please ensure you do not book any family holidays during test times as they will be unauthorised.