



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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NEWSLETTER 1

DATE 9 September 2022

RIP Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Yesterday 8 September 2022 Queen Elizabeth II sadly died. We send our thoughts to the Royal Family as they deal with this news.

The country is now in a period of national mourning until the end of the State Funeral. At school we will be talking to the children, in an age appropriate way, during this period. We will focus on memories about Queen Elizabeth II, the historical significance of the event and support any emotions that the children feel as a result of this.

Current DFE Guidance is that schools remain opening until the State Funeral, they will be sending us more information about the day of the funeral.



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back!

I hope that you all managed to meet up with friends and family and get a break this Summer. One of my holidays may have involved eating a lot of Bakewell puddings in Bakewell!

There have been a few changes over the holidays. The old First Friends building was demolished, and we now need to start looking for a way to fund a new building for a possible pre-school and as a source of income by renting a room. It was sad to see it go but the building itself was beyond repair.

We had work completed on the electrical wiring and fuse boards to update them and ensure that they are completely safe. The gates have been updated to give more room to pull in when waiting to come onto the school site. This will hopefully help with the backlog of cars in the mornings and when deliveries are made to school. Please make sure that that you don't use this space to drop off children in the morning, this will add to the congestion in Chertsey Rise. Thank you

The children have all settled back in their new classes well and have quickly learnt the new class names. It was lovely to see them in assembly on Monday morning where we talked about this half term's value of Community. The children told me that community means 'a group of people that live with you or near you that all help each other and care about each other' that 'if you in a community you help and look after others in the community' They talked about Ashtree and their families as being part of their communities. I think that that were spot on, communities are there to help each other and look after each other, never more so than the difficult financial times ahead of us. The Friends of Ashtree and Mrs Garnham have been thinking hard about ways that Ashtree can help those of you that need it, so keep an eye out for some of their community activities. A reminder for those of you that don't have Facebook; we have a stock of second-hand uniform so please just ask at the office if you think that this can help you. I know that a lot of parents have been dropping off uniform at the Willow charity shop at the Hyde.



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Something else that can help are meals at school, all children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 can have free school meals. You can also apply for free school meals from Y3 upwards. Please do check to see if you are eligible even if your child is in Reception, Y1 or Y2 because this can bring money into school to allow us to do more to support children and families. <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

For those of you with children in Nursery you may be able to get funding for 30 hours of education rather than the usual 15. We still have a few spaces in Nursery so take a look at this link. <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

Finally, if your child has completed the library reading challenge this summer 'Gadgeteers', then please let the class teacher know. The children's names will be put onto a paper book spine and hopefully we can build a big pile of books on our reading display.

Mrs Janes
Headteacher

Outside Achievements



Austin from Y2 wanted share that he got his level 2 bronze and silver awards at gymnastics this week! He's super proud of himself!



Thomas from Y3 was the first person to bring his certificate for the Summer reading challenge Gadgeteers. Well done to Thomas who told me that his favourite book this Summer was Muddle the Magic Puppy because it was about his favourite animals.

Are You Interested in Joining the Governing Body?

There is a vacancy on the Governing Body for a parent to join us.

Governors have to oversee the work of the school, with special emphasis on financial matters and Pupil Progress and Well-being. We check on lots of things, including Safeguarding and Curriculum. We are involved in interviewing applicants for job vacancies at the school. We monitor Health and Safety issues. Sometimes we deal with complaints.

Perhaps most important of all, we set the vision and aims for the school in conjunction with other stakeholders. If you think you'd like to be involved in any of those areas, please let the school office know and leave me contact details. I will get in touch and give you more details.

Mr S Dunlop - Chair of Governors



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Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Robins** (for good behaviour and settling in well) & **Kestrels** (for making the right choices)



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is **Owls** with 100%.

Breakfast Club Details from September

Email: breakfastclub@ashtree.herts.sch.uk

07564864497 from September

Monday 12 September	Tuesday 13 September	Wednesday 14 September	Thursday 15 September	Friday 16 September
Menu 3				Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm)
Monday 19 September	Tuesday 20 September	Wednesday 21 September	Thursday 22 September	Friday 23 September
Menu 1				Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm)

Term Dates Academic Year 2022 / 2023

24 October 2022 - 28 October 2022	-	Half term holiday	
Friday 25 November 2022	-	INSET Day 3	- school closed to children
Monday 28 November 2022	-	Occasional Day	- school closed to children
21 December 2022	-	Last day of term	
22 December 2022 - 4 January 2023	-	Christmas holiday	
Thursday 5 January 2023	-	First day of term for pupils	
13 February 2023 - 17 February 2023	-	Half term holiday	
Monday 20 February 2023	-	INSET Day 4	- school closed to children
3 April 2023 - 14 April 2023	-	Easter holiday	
Friday 26 May 2023	-	INSET Day 5	- school closed to children
29 May 2023 – 2 June 2023	-	Half term holiday	
Friday 21 July 2023	-	Last day of term	
24 July 2023 - 31 August 2023	-	Summer holiday	