



ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. I'm proud to let you know that the school impeccably observed the Armistice Day 2-minute silence on Monday.



Thank you for supporting the 'Big Morning Move'. Your support has raised £296.60 so far for Children in Need. Ms Kirwan had fun trying to get across all classes to move with them. Trainers on fire!

Governor Vacancies

We currently have opportunities for new parent governors to join our governance team. If any parent/carer would like to express an interest in this role please contact the school office 01438 351090 and your details will be passed to The Chair of Governors, Mr W. Spicer. Mr W. Spicer will be very happy to outline the duties of the role and elections to the posts will be held as appropriate.

Nursery Admissions

Applying for a school Nursery place for 2020-2021 (For children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017).

Admissions for Nursery are now dealt with by the school.

For all enquiries relating to children being admitted into our Nursery, please contact the school office 01438 351090.

Our Admissions Application Form for children starting Nursery in September 2020 can be downloaded from our website or hardcopy available at the school office.

Our Nursery Admissions Policy is also on our website.

Applications for Nursery are now open – offers are made on a first come, first served basis. We offer 30 hours' provision in Nursery as well as 15 hours.

Reception Places –

We have a few spaces available for Reception. Please let family or friends know and they can contact the school office on 01438 351090 or admin@ashtree.herts.sch.uk if they are interested.

KS2 MSA Vacancy

We have a full time vacancy in KS2 (6hrs 15mins per week 11.55-1.10 daily) term time only. Please contact the School Office for a Job Description and Application Form. Closing date is Monday 18 November with interviews to be held on Friday 22 November from 9.00am.

Winter Fayre Non-Uniform Day – 29 November

Children can come to school in their own clothes on Friday 29 November for a donation towards the Winter Fayre Tombola stalls. Children can donate the following items: chocolate, sweets and toiletries. These will be collected in the classrooms.



Friends of Ashtree Winter Fayre – Saturday 30 November - 12.00pm – 2.00pm



We cannot wait to see you all at the FOA Winter Fair. Pupils would have come home with a white bag to decorate this week for one of our stalls at the Fayre. The decorate bags need to be returned back to the school by Friday 29 November. Stalls include: Ivy's Special Stitches, Kreate Design, Star Design, Kelly's Catering Solutions, Walking Animal Fun, Scrumptious Bakes, Helen's Happy Bookworms, Ashtree Allstars, Grace's Craft Stall, Studio 66 Photography, Impressions Face Painting, Greenside School, Antonys World Challenge, Chris Lowry Charity Toy Stall, tombola, hook a bag, whack a cracker, raffle and games.

If you would like a stall or would like to lend your support on the day to help with stalls please leave your name and contact details at the office or email pta@ashtree.sch.herts.uk



Christmas Performances



Nursery/Reception/KS1 – “The Christmas Post”

Monday 16 December: 10.00am
Tuesday 17 December: 2:00pm
Wednesday 18 December: 2:00pm

KS2 – Performing “Aladdin”

Monday 16 December: 1:30pm and 7:00pm
Tuesday 17 December: 7:00pm

The schedule of performance times and ticket requests letter will be going out on Monday 25 November. Please can you complete the slip and return back to school by Monday 2 December at the latest. Extra tickets will be sent out on Friday 6 December.

Reception Role Play Area

The children in Reception would like to develop their role play area by reflecting foods from countries around the world. In order to do this, we would appreciate any food packaging that you might have that would reflect this. Thank you.

Kingswood Payment

Just a reminder that the 2nd payment of £50.00 for Kingswood is due on 2 December. Payments can be made through Schoolcomms.



Ashtree v Almond Hill Netball Match Report



- Reported by Mrs Cox

On Tuesday 12 November, our Mixed League team played against Almond Hill at Ashtree. Despite the cold, the team were impressive throughout the game and this led to their first win of the season, with a final score of 11 – 0.

The adults watching were impressed with the communication and support which the team gave each other, particularly Lily (GS), Cheryl (GA) and David (C), who enabled each other to move into better positions to shoot and were proactive in moving into space and driving forward to create opportunities to receive the ball. Our captain for today was Cheryl and the Player of the Match, chosen by the Almond Hill team, was David, for his ability to read the game and ensuring that he was able to support the shooters. Special mention is also made for Lily, our Goal Shooter, who was Mrs Cook’s and Mrs Young’s Player of the Match, for her natural movement in the shooting circle and confident play.



Mini-Olympics



On Wednesday, 30 Y4 pupils were fortunate enough to be able to take part in the annual Y4 Mini Olympics. A mixed group of girls and boys had the opportunity to take part in a host of different activities including Athletics, Football, Cricket, Seated Volleyball, Cheerleading, Petanque, Hockey, Basketball and even some Kickboxing. Most of these activities were provided by local clubs which is great for children to get a taster of the sports available in Stevenage. The pupils threw themselves into all activities with great enthusiasm and they were great ambassadors for the school."

E. Kirwan



Dinner Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Rainbows & Class 8.



Attendance Cup

The winner for this week is Class 13 with 99.1%.



Effort Cup



Congratulations to Dinali from Year 4

Academic Year 2019/2020



Autumn Term 2019

- Friday 29 November - 🌲 Winter Fayre Non – Non-Uniform Day 🌲
- Saturday 30 November - 🌲 Friends of Ashtree Winter Fayre, 12.00pm-2.00pm 🌲



Christmas Performance



- Monday 16 December - Nursery/Reception/KS1 Christmas Performance 10.00am
- Monday 16 December - KS2 Christmas Performance 1.30pm
- Monday 16 December - KS2 Christmas Performance 7.00pm
- Tuesday 17 December - Nursery/Reception/KS1 Christmas Performance 2.00pm
- Tuesday 17 December - KS2 Christmas Performance 7.00pm
- Wednesday 18 December - Nursery/Reception/KS1 Christmas Performance 2.00pm
- Friday 20 December - Last day of term - finish at 2.15pm**



Spring Term 2020



- Monday 6 January - First day of term
- Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February - Half Term**
- Monday 24 February - INSET Day 4 - school closed to children**
- Friday 3 April - Last day of term - finish at 2.15pm
- Monday 6 April – Friday 17 April - Half Term**



Summer Term 2020



- Monday 20 April - First day of term
- Friday 8 May - BANK HOLIDAY**
- Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May - Half Term**
- Friday 17 July - Last day of term - finish at 2.15pm
- Monday 20 July - INSET Day 5 - school closed to children**
- Tuesday 21 July - Occasional Day - school closed to children**

KS1 – Y2 Testing window is the whole month of May 2020.

KS1 – Y1 Phonics is 8 – 19 June 2020.

KS2 – Y4 Multiplication Test is 8 – 26 June 2020.

KS2 – Y6 11 – 15 May 2020.

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