



ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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NEWSLETTER 11

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. I would like to thank Y2 who have been excellent ambassadors for the school when they visited St Mary's Church to learn about the Christmas Journey. My thanks to Reverend Vivienne and Ms Long at the church for inviting us.



Children in Need

The final figure we have raised for Children in Need was £480.58p – thank you again for your support.

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.

Winter Fayre Non-Uniform Day – Friday 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.

The Sun Books for Schools Tokens

We have registered as a school for the 'The Sun Books for Schools' campaign. From Saturday 23 November 2019 to Saturday 18 January 2020 the Sun newspaper will be printing tokens, there will be special bonus tokens too. Each school must collect 3,500 tokens to qualify for the package of books. We would be very grateful if you were able to collect these and bring them into school. Thank you.



Headlice

Please check your child as there have been a large number of 'sightings' recently!

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.

Christmas Lunch - Friday 20 December

We would like to invite all children to join us for a Christmas Lunch on **Friday 20 December 2019**. If you would like your child to have the Christmas Lunch, please return the slip by Friday 6 December. If your child is in receipt of free school meals or universal free school meals a slip must still be returned in order for the kitchen to be able to order the correct amount of food. **The letter will be going out on Monday 25 November 2019 by pupil post.** If your child has special dietary needs, please complete the form attached to the letter and return back to the school with the slip. Payment (£2.60) for Christmas Lunch to be received by Monday 16 December please.



Christmas Lunch

*Sliced Turkey Breast, Chipolata Sausage, Sage and Onion Stuffing Gravy
Roast Potatoes with Choice of Vegetables*

or

*Vegetable Wellington (v), Sage and Onion Stuffing Gravy
Roast Potatoes with Choice of Vegetables*

Christmas Shortbread

Ice-cream Roll

Or

Cup Cakes

Christmas Cards

I would like to remind you that if pupils would like to give Christmas cards, we ask them to pass them to each other before or after school in the playgrounds. In this way pupils will know who have sent them cards. Nursery have their own post-box within their setting.



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

Data Protection

At this time of year, we always need to consider the balance between allowing home phone recordings and photographs at our Christmas performances, whilst ensuring the security and safety of all of our pupils. I have sought County Guidance on the matter and have decided that phone recording will be allowed but I must insist that this is done from the back of the hall in order not to disrupt the view of other parents. Unfortunately, the balcony area will not be available as the children will require this space. **Images taken must be for private use only and must not be put onto social media.** Our production programmes are of a general nature and will not include the full names of any child. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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.

E. Kirwan



Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are Classes 6 & 10.



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is Class 6 with 98.6%.



Effort Cup

Congratulations to Valentina from Year 6.

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.