



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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Newsletter 11

Date: 1 December 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week we have had a lot of visitors. Members of the two trusts, have been looking around the school and finding out more about Ashtree Primary School & Nursery.

Every visitor has been so impressed by the behaviour of our children. The children have remembered their ABC of moving around the school, they have been sitting quietly in class and learning things enthusiastically.

It has made me very proud to show the visitors around the school. On Tuesday the visitors met with children and asked them about their learning and about keeping safe. Again, the children made us very proud, talking about what they need to do when something worries them and about how adults in school keep them safe.

The weather has turned cold and is set to be that way for a while, Mr Graham has been working hard to grit the paths and keep everyone safe. Please remember to send children in with hats, gloves, and warm shoes ready to enjoy their breaktimes and lunchtimes.

Christmas rehearsals are well under way and everywhere you walk you can hear Christmas songs being sung and lines being practised. Unfortunately, this year I won't be able to make it to the Winter Fair, but I am looking forward to hearing all about the fun that you all have.

Mrs M Janes - Headteacher

Thursday 14 December

CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Christmas Turkey and
Chipolata Sausage,
Trimmings of Sage and
Onion Stuffing and Gravy

OR

Festive Quorn Fillet (v)
with a Veggie Sausage (v),
Trimmings of Sage
and Onion Stuffing
and Vegetarian Gravy

With Roast Potatoes
and a Choice of
Seasonal Vegetables

A Choice of
Christmas Desserts



Friends of Ashtree

WINTER FAIR

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER

1PM - 4PM

ASHTREE SCHOOL, CHERTSEY RISE,
STEVENAGE, SG2 9JQ

FACE PAINTING, STALLS, GAMES,
CRAFTS, REFRESHMENTS, SANTA'S
GROTTO, RAFFLE
PLUS MUCH MORE.
FREE HOT CHOCOLATE
AND A COOKIE
PER PERSON.



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SENDCo Drop In Sessions with Ms Ruprai

These sessions are to support you after you have spoken with your child's class teacher. You will be able to discuss:

- Information to share from home.
- Initial concerns about your child.

If you would like to book a drop-in session with myself, please contact the school office by either phoning or emailing

admin@ashtree.herts.sch.uk

Slots available		
Monday 11 December 3pm – 3.15pm	Wednesday 13 December 9am – 9.15am	Thursday 14 December 9am – 9.15am

Reminders:

1. Safe reminder: Please do not ride electric scooters on the school site.
2. The area in front of the school gates is not a parking space, parents should not park or drop off using this space. This is causing a backup of traffic making Chertsey Rise and our School site unsafe.

House Points - Special Mention:

Cara (Eagles) you have blown me away with your bravery today when sharing your ideas in front of the whole class for our shared writing. You showed pride in your ideas, and it helped your classmates to formulate their ideas. Well done!

Awarded by Ms Ruprai

Frankie (Kestrels) has shown impeccable manners and an amazing community spirit in school today, by holding doors open for adults around the school and by informing the office that something had broken, after he noticed it. Well done, Frankie! **Awarded by Mrs Cox**

This week's trophy winner is:

- Cara KS2 - Pride Trophy.



Attendance Cup: The winner for this week is **Buzzards** with **96.8%**

Class	Authorised / Unauthorised Sessions Missed
Falcons	4.1
Kestrels	4.3
Hawks	5.0
Wrens	5.0
Eagles	5.2
Harriers	6.5
Swifts	7.9
Red Kites	8.8
Robins	14.3
Penguins	15.6



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HARRIERS CLASS YEAR 5

History: Making Viking Longhouses



Parents joined us in our history lesson to make Viking longhouses. The children had designed and drawn up the plan the previous week, which they shared with their parents. A special thanks to the parents and the children for the great interest and effort shown in making the afternoon a success.



We are looking forward to having our parents back in class soon.



ART AUTUMN TERM

It was a pleasure to see some of the wonderful artwork that the children across the school have been doing. This term we focused on developing and applying our sketching and shading skills.

Sporting Achievements:

Ashtree v Bedwell Mixed League Match – 30.11.23 – Reported by Mrs Cox

The Ashtree Mixed League team were pleased to welcome Bedwell to our school for our first home game of the season, on this sunny but very cold winter afternoon.

It was great to see the Ashtree team putting their training into practice and working and communicating well with each other. The improvements in their play and their reading of the game were clear to see.

It was a very close game and Bedwell scored in the final couple of minutes, giving a final score of 2 – 3 to Bedwell.

The player of the match, as chosen by the Bedwell team, was our captain for this game, Sienna. Sienna is really finding her feet in her role as Goalkeeper and her interceptions and good decision making, helped to keep the Bedwell goal count to 3. Well done, Sienna.

Boys Football – Monday 27 November – reported by Mr Allen

The boys football team played away at Camps Hill in very difficult conditions. The boys showed excellent attitude and resilience during the game, responding well to going a goal down by equalising straight after. The game finished 4-1 to Camps Hill, but the boys can be extremely proud of their efforts.

Player of Match - Ciaran - For showing calmness and control in midfield.



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Menu 1 Premier Education Gymnastics Club Rec – Y6 After School Club Choir Years 5-6 1-1.25pm (Lunchtime) 12.30-1pm Warriorz Street Dance Boys Football Training Y5 – Y6 (Mr Yates) Lunchtime 12.55pm-1.25pm Fencing Enrichment Day	GoShin Karate Club Y2-Y After School Club 12.30-12.50pm Recorder Club, Miss Hembra	Basketball Y1 – Y6 After School Club KS2 Chess Club (Lunchtime) 1pm-1.25pm Reception Reading / Phonics Club 3.25 – 3.40pm	SFC Football Rec- Y6 After School EYFS Cooking Club After School	FitKidz UK Fitness Club Rec – Y6 AM Club Boys/Girls Netball Training Y5 – Y6 (Mrs Cox) After School 3:30 to 4:30pm SFC Multi-Sports - Rec, Y1, Y2 Lunchtime 12.30-1pm)
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School Dates 2023 / 2024

Last day of term – Wednesday 20 December 2023

Christmas Holiday: 21 December 2023 - 3 January 2024

INSET Day 3 – Thursday 4 January 2024 (school closed to pupils)

Friday 5 January 2024 – First day of term (pupils return)

Half-term Holiday: Monday 19 February 2024 – Friday 23 February 2024

Easter Holiday: Friday 29 March 2024 – Friday 12 April 2024

INSET Day 4 – Friday 3 May 2024 (school closed to pupils)

Half-term Holiday: Monday 27 May 2024 – Friday 31 May 2024

INSET Day 5 – Monday 22 July 2024 (school closed to pupils)

Occasional Day – Tuesday 23 July 2024 (school closed to pupils)

Summer Holiday: 24 July 2024 - 1 September 2024

Neurodiversity Support Hub

For Parents, Carers and Professionals

We can offer support, signposting and guidance about a whole range of things including but not limited to:

- Understanding ADHD/Autism
- Distressed Behaviours
- Anxiety
- School

The phones are answered by our team of parents and carers of neurodivergent children and young people



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Open Monday-Friday
9 AM - 1PM



Here to support, reach out for a listening ear

