



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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Dear Parents / Carers,

What a busy enjoyable term we have had. Our coffee mornings supporting parents whose children have additional needs have proved very popular, I'm sure there will be more held in the summer term. We have had several new clubs start up including tennis for all our budding Wimbledon champions. One of the highlights of the term was Steve Frew Team GB Athletic visiting school meeting the children and showing and teaching some of his skills.

Y6 hosted the Archdeacon of Hertfordshire Janet and learnt all about her job. Feeling good week involved some calming yoga and planting trees and shrubs around the school. On Pancake Day Nursery and Reception made a pancake and challenge me to flip the pancake in the air – thank goodness it landed in the pan! World Book Day, saw us all feeling very comfy in our pyjamas.

Parents have been in school to decorate the KS2 tree and listened to the school choir and recorders. Thank you to you all for helping your children to complete their Junior Duke Challenge.

Hope you all enjoy your Easter break, and we look forward to seeing you all safe and sound next term.

Mrs M Janes – Headteacher

Winning House Award

The House which earned the most points this half-term was Oak House. As a result, all pupils in Oak House are entitled to come to school in non-school uniform on Friday 19 April.

The School Council have chosen what the reward for the winning House will be at the end of the next half-term. They have decided that pupils from the winning House will receive an extra pudding at lunchtime! Pupils from the winning House that have a packed lunch on this day, will still be entitled to collect a pudding. This reward will take place on Friday 24 May, and you will be informed of the Winning House for this reward by Monday 20 May. Thank you to Nella, Emmanuella, Maisey, Presley and Lillia from the School Council for this excellent suggestion.

FSM Holiday Food Voucher

Following the announcement from the Chancellor in the March Budget of an extension to the Household Support Fund, HCC are giving a £30 voucher for Easter. Any further vouchers will be dependent on the guidance from the Department of Work and Pensions. If your child is entitled to benefit-related Free School Meals, please check your e-mail or junk mail for your voucher over the next couple of days.

Change to start of the day – KS2

After Easter, all KS2 pupils will be able to come into school from 8:45am. Pupils in Y6 will be able to enter school via their classroom doors. Pupils in Y3/4 & 5 will be able to enter school via the usual KS2 entrance. The official start to the school day remains 8:55am.

Please remember that messages for your child's class teacher need to go via the school office.

Following the sad news last week that an ex-pupil had died. One of our parents who knew Lenny is taking part in a charity event in his name. This is the link below.

https://www.facebook.com/donate/351408360579665/?fundraiser_source=external_url



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Outside Achievements:



Lola took part in the Street Dance Championships and her crew came second place. She got through three rounds of solos freestyle – well done Lola!

Ashtree v Almond Hill Year 5 Girls League Match – 27.03.24

The Year 5 Girls Netball team were pleased to welcome the Almond Hill team to Ashtree for our match on Wednesday afternoon.

The game was exciting to watch and the teamwork amongst our squad was clear to see. With good communication and use of the skills learned in training, we were able to move the ball fluidly around the court. We won the game 9 – 0, a perfect way to end the Spring term.

Our captain for this game was Maci and the Player of the Match, as chosen by the Almond Hill team, was Melika, for her speed and movement around the court.

Special mention should also be given to Chanel, who played brilliantly in her first ever netball match; Lylah who was Ms Cook's Player of the Match and, of course, the wonderful Ms Cook for giving Ashtree netball club her time and netball expertise.

Netball club will return on Friday 19 April.

House Points - Special Mention:

Niamh (Falcons) for completing her duties as 'Bell Bonger' at Parent Consultations, with an enthusiastic and professional attitude. **Awarded by: Mr Yates**

Jevan (Eagles) for completing his duties as 'Bell Bonger' at Parent Consultations, with an enthusiastic and professional attitude. **Awarded by: Mr Yates**

Pixie (Eagles) for completing her duties as 'Bell Bonger' at Parent Consultations, with an enthusiastic and professional attitude. **Awarded by: Mr Yates**

Emmanuella (Eagles) for completing her duties as 'Bell Bonger' at Parent Consultations, with an enthusiastic and professional attitude. **Awarded by: Mr Yates**

Cara (Eagles) for completing her duties as 'Bell Bonger' at Parent Consultations, with an enthusiastic and professional attitude. **Awarded by: Mr Yates**

Erin (Falcons) For completing her duties as 'Bell Bonger' at Parent Consultations with an enthusiastic and professional attitude. **Awarded by: Mr Yates**

Max (Falcons) for completing 7 out of 10 Junior Duke tasks and therefore earning his certificate and badge. **Awarded by: Mr Yates**

Arti (Red Kites) for classroom pride was evident as he took the initiative to clean up after our DT lesson. Mrs. Taylor and Ms. Goode were impressed by his helpfulness. Arti's proactive dedication sets a great example. Well, done!

Awarded by: Ms Goode

Toby (Red Kites) for classroom pride was evident as he took the initiative to clean up after our DT lesson. Mrs. Taylor and Ms. Goode were impressed by his helpfulness. Toby's proactive dedication sets a great example. Well, done!

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Governor's Cup: The winner for this half term is: **Red Kites 94.4%**

Monday 15 April	Tuesday 16 April	Wednesday 17 April	Thursday 18 April	Friday 19 April
NEW MENU WEEK 1 12.30-1pm Warriorz Street Dance Volleyball Y5/6 (lunchtime) Premier Education Gymnastics Club Rec – Y6 After School Club 3.15-4.15pm	Table Tennis Y3/4 (lunchtime) Premier Education Dodgeball Rec- Y6 3.15-4.15pm GoShin Karate Club Y3-Y6 After School Club 3.30-4.30pm	Stevenage Royals Basketball Y1 – Y6 After Sc After school Club	Stay Active (lunchtime) Rec – Y2 SFC Football Rec- Y2 After School SFC Football Y3- Y6 After School Premier Education Tennis Rec-Y6 After School Girls Football Training Mr Allen Y5/6 After School	FitKidz UK Fitness Club Rec – Y6 AM Club SFC Multi-Sports – Rec - Y2 Lunchtime 12.30-1pm) Boys/Girls Netball Training Y5 – Y6 (Mrs Cox) After School 3:30-4:30pm Chess Club (lunchtime) 12.30pm

Club Bookings - April - July

Monday After-School - Gymnastics - <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/4618-881263/>

Tuesday After-School - Karate - please email: admin@goshinkarateuk.com (Years 3-6 only)

Tuesday After-School - Dodgeball - <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/4618-881264/>

Wednesday After-School - Basketball - <https://www.stevenageroyals.com/ashtree>

Thursday After School - Football - <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/stevenagefc/ashtree-after-school-club-reception-ks1-football-april-may-2024.html> (Reception - Year 2 only)

Thursday After School - Football - <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/stevenagefc/ashtree-after-school-club-ks2-football-april-may-2024.html> (Years 3-6 only)

Thursday After-School - Multi-Sports - <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/4618-881267/>

Friday Breakfast Club - FitKidz - please email: fit-kidz@outlook.com (This club is Free)

Friday Lunch Club - Multi-Sports - <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/stevenagefc/ashtree-lunch-club-ks1-multi-sports-april-may-2024.html> (Reception - Year 2 only)

The following clubs will also be running, but do not require pupils to sign-up:

Monday Lunch Club - Dance - Years 3-6 only

Monday Lunch Club - Volleyball - Years 5-6 only

Tuesday Lunch Club - Table Tennis - Years 3-4 only

Thursday Lunch Club - Stay Active - Reception-Year 2 only

Boys Football Training - Thursday Lunch time

Girls Football Training - Thursday Lunch time

Mixed Netball Training - Friday After School