



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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NEWSLETTER 12

DATE 2 December 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week we were pleased to be able to invite Kenny Arnold from People for People into school. This is a group that supports people and families in Stevenage through donations of money, time or items. The message of the assembly was all about community, how the People for People page is a way to get those who can help in touch with those who need it. This year, like many other Stevenage primary schools, we will be taking part in the Reverse Advent Calendar, you will have received a letter explaining it in more detail. Briefly, it is about bringing in an item of food if you are able and then donating it to those who need it. When Kenny Arnold left he commented on how well behaved our children were, how well they listened and about the well thought out answers that they gave. It is always a pleasure to hear about how impressed visitors are when they meet our children.

I visited Year 3 this week and ended up staying to learn all about skeletons. The children learnt all about the names of the different parts of the skeleton. At the end of the lesson I talked to them about what they knew now that they didn't know before, they told me the names of some new bones, they knew which was the longest bone in the body and that babies aren't born with a patella. As I was leaving the lesson I heard the question being asked 'are teeth bones?' I hope to be able to get back into Y3 next week to find out the answer.

As we begin to hire out areas of the school to local classes and groups it brings us some new opportunities into school. Most recently I have been talking to Mimic Stage School who will be running a class for older children here at Ashtree. Because of this we have been offered some free workshops in school, alongside the music and PE opportunities that we have running already this will give the children a new skill or hobby that they can try out. I look forward to letting you know more about this when it starts up.



**Thank you very much for
helping with the Poppy
Appeal.**

We raised £216.54p

Thank you to everyone that has started to order their child's Christmas dinner for 14 December. This will also be our Christmas themed non-uniform, the children could wear Christmas jumpers, Christmas colours or a Christmas themed accessory.

This Saturday is our Winter Fair and the PTA have been working hard to organise plenty of stalls, activities and food to enjoy. There are some great prizes in the raffle and it will be a chance to show off your Christmassy hats, jumpers and scarves. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Mrs Janes
Headteacher



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FSM Christmas Holiday Vouchers:

Please note: This is for those children already registered for benefit related FSM

County Councillors have chosen to provide supermarket vouchers for every child in Hertfordshire that is entitled to benefit-related free school meals for the Christmas 2022 holiday period. Each entitled child will receive digital supermarket vouchers to the value of £50. These will be sent to your inbox directly on Monday 12th December from noreply@edenred.co.uk. Please check your junk mail for this. Pupils who are in Nursery that are entitled to these vouchers will receive them in a different format from the *Household Support Fund*.

More information about Free School Meal vouchers and the Household Support Fund, can be found at: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Mr Yates
Assistant Headteacher

School Start times:

<https://ashtree.herts.sch.uk/parents/school-hours/>

It is important that children are in school on time and we ask that you arrive between 8:45am and 8:50am. KS1 doors at 8:50am and EYFS doors at 8:45am. KS2 doors opening at 8:55am.

If children arrive before 8:45 they should be supervised as staff will not be on duty until this time.

School days are a very busy time and there is a lot of learning to enjoy. Please ensure that you arrive in good time for the school day, being 5 minute late one day a week will mean 3 hours and 15 minutes lost learning time over the year.

Thank you for your support in making every minute count in school from lessons to music opportunities to the social opportunities at break times.

Safeguarding Reminder:

Please do not send your children in wearing smart watches or watches with a camera capability. For safeguarding reasons mobile phones are now kept locked away and moving forward we would need to do the same with a smart watch. If your child has taken photographs using a watch please delete these.

Thank you:

Thank you for the generosity of our community, just this week we have had pens and stationery for the children, a guitar and some more winter coats donated by parents. All of these items will help the children at Ashtree.





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Monday 5 December	Tuesday 6 December	Wednesday 7 December	Thursday 8 December	Friday 9 December
Menu 3				Nasal Flu – 2 nd Round
Monday 12 October	Tuesday 13 October	Wednesday 14 October	Thursday 15 October	Friday 16 October
Menu 1		Christmas Concert Christmas Dinner Christmas Jumper Day		Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm)
Monday 19 December	Tuesday 20 December	Wednesday 21 December		
Menu 2		School Finishes at 2.15pm		



Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Wrens** (for making great friendships and being polite in the dining room) & **Eagles** (for making good choices).



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is **Swifts** with **97.7%**.

Class	% Attendance
Falcons	97.3
Hawks	97.1
Robins	97.0
Magpies	96.9
Owls	95.2
Buzzards	94.6
Red Kites	93.5
Wrens	92.3
Parrots	91.2
Eagles	90.2
Kestrels	88.8
Harriers	87.5

Lunchtime Superstar Award

Maisie (Falcons)

Term Dates Academic Year 2022 / 2023

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	