



# Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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## Newsletter 12

Date: 19 April 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back, I hope that you all had a good break.

It has been lovely this week to be outside welcoming you all back and hearing from the children all about their holidays. I have had a steady stream of holiday homework brought to me and I am impressed with the hard work and pride that the children are taking in their tasks.

We obviously had the news about Future Academies, I am sure that you all have questions and are keen to talk with them about what the process will look like. I know that they plan to meet with you all and I will keep you updated with any dates or further information.

Over the holiday Mrs Staddon and her family have been hard at work updating the outside area of the new Saplings Sensory Space. The children absolutely loved using it this week and I would like to thank the family on behalf of the children for their kind and hard work. Tyler Swallow, a past pupil and the son of Mrs Swallow has designed us a logo and sign which we hope will soon be up on the window for everyone to see. We also have a few companies that are hoping to help us out with our renovations.

I spoke to you last term about the need to move to mixed aged classes in Year 5 and Year 6 next academic year. I can't give you the names of the class teachers yet, but my priority will be to ensure that both year groups have the input that they need in two very important years. I am very aware that Y6 need to focus on the learning needed for SATs and for a successful transition into secondary school, this will be something that we discuss throughout the year as staff. However, I would like to give you the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.

If you have any questions, please email them to [admin@ashtree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashtree.herts.sch.uk) with the title Mixed Aged Classes. These need to be in by Friday 26th 3:30pm. The meeting will be 4:00pm Tuesday 7th May in the Falcons classroom.

I look forward to seeing you all in school over the next term with parent engagement sessions, open evenings, and sports day to mention just a few of the things that will be happening.

Mrs M Janes - Headteacher

### Parent/Carer Questionnaire

At Ashtree Primary School, we value the opportunity to work with you to continually provide the best possible experience for your child. Please help us by answering this brief survey: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjQQvUv6iqVzuT-GZp0B\\_DuJV2toDrgEKHwXXYC9dWhEOYA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjQQvUv6iqVzuT-GZp0B_DuJV2toDrgEKHwXXYC9dWhEOYA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

This survey link will be live until Friday 3rd May.

**Can I please remind parents that car engines should be switched off whilst parked on the school site. The following information is from the RAC about the impact of idling engines.**

*Idling increases the amount of exhaust fumes in the air.*

*These fumes contain a number of harmful gasses including carbon dioxide, which is bad for the environment and contributes towards climate change, as well as a range of other harmful gasses including nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons which are linked to asthma and other lung diseases.*

*Diesel vehicles are thought to be one of the biggest contributors to the problem.*

Please turn off your car engines when on the school site



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## Outside Achievements:



Chanel (Y5) attended Danecraft Stables on Easter Pony Day.



Elena (Y2) achieved her pot of gold at rainbows which is the highest achievement she can get. To get this she had to complete lots of badge challenges throughout the 2 years.

Jacob (Y2) starting a new football team, he got the courage to join and play after being nervous and anxious about going. He also scored his first goal. Well, done Jacob for showing resilience.

Well, done to Freddie, Syd and Reggie.

They made a total of £262 supporting Summerswood primary school to help raise funds for 'ADDVance' the ADHD and Autism trust, with the bracelets they made and that were sold.

## House Points - Special Mention:

**Leia (Red Kites)** Leia smashed it this week! Inspired by our English text - Stella and the Seagull - she went all out to spread the word about keeping our beaches litter-free. Leia's self-designed persuasive poster is perfect! What a fab eco warrior you are, Leia! Keep up the awesome work! Awarded by: Ms Goode

**Isla (Harriers)** Awarded for completing 7 out of 10 Junior Duke tasks, and therefore earning her certificate and badge. Awarded by: Mr Yates

**Amin (Buzzards)** Amin had a fantastic French lesson! He confidently translated unfamiliar language using what he already knew for the class. Magnifique! Awarded by: Miss Hembra

**Louis (Harriers)** for his excellent evaluation of a game in Game Creator (computing lesson). Louis was able to say which ideas he would adopt when making his own game to ensure that it is challenging and enjoyable. Awarded by: Mrs Somiah



**Attendance Cup:** The winner for this week is: **Harriers 97.9%**

## This week's trophy winners are:

Isla H (Harriers) - Resilience

Leia (Red Kites) - Community

Class	Authorised / Unauthorised Sessions Missed
Eagles	3.4
Swifts	3.8
Red Kites	6.1
Falcons	8.2
Buzzards	10.0
Robins	10.4
Penguins	10.6
Hawks	11.9
Kestrels	14.7
Wrens	17.7

**CLOTHES BANK**

- Clothes Available for children age 0-18
- Dates: Saturday  
27th April  
25th May  
22nd June  
27th July
- Time: 11am - 12:30pm
- Venue: Grace Community Church  
Hydean way, Stevenage  
SG2 9XJ
- To collect clothes, please contact [clothesbank@gccstevenage.church](mailto:clothesbank@gccstevenage.church) for sorting out referrals

Looking forward to partnering with you



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Monday 22 April	Tuesday 23 April	Wednesday 24 April	Thursday 25 April	Friday 26 April
<p><b>NEW MENU</b></p> <p><b>WEEK 2</b></p> <p>12.30-1pm Warriorz Street Dance</p> <p>Volleyball Y5/6 (lunchtime)</p> <p>Premier Education</p> <p>Gymnastics Club</p> <p>Rec – Y6</p> <p>After School Club</p> <p>3.15-4.15pm</p>	<p>Table Tennis Y3/4 (lunchtime)</p> <p>Premier Education</p> <p>Dodgeball</p> <p>Rec- Y6</p> <p>3.15-4.15pm</p> <p>GoShin</p> <p>Karate Club</p> <p>Y3-Y6</p> <p>After School Club</p> <p>3.30-4.30pm</p>	<p>Stevenage Royals</p> <p>Basketball</p> <p>Y1 – Y6</p> <p>After Sc</p> <p>After school Club</p>	<p>Stay Active (lunchtime) Rec – Y2</p> <p>SFC Football</p> <p>Rec- Y2</p> <p>After School</p> <p>SFC Football</p> <p>Y3- Y6</p> <p>After School</p> <p>Premier Education</p> <p>Tennis</p> <p>Rec-Y6</p> <p>After School</p> <p>Girls Football Training</p> <p>Mr Allen Y5/6</p> <p>After School</p>	<p>FitKidz UK Fitness Club Rec – Y6 AM Club</p> <p>SFC Multi-Sports – Rec - Y2</p> <p>Lunchtime 12.30-1pm)</p> <p>Boys/Girls Netball Training Y5 – Y6 (Mrs Cox)</p> <p>After School 3:30-4:30pm</p> <p>Chess Club (lunchtime) 12.30pm</p>

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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