



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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NEWSLETTER 13

DATE: 10 December 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to start by saying how very proud I am of our whole community. Throughout the Ofsted visit the staff worked extremely hard and the children were a credit to you and their teachers. I know that you would like to hear about how we did but the process means that the report will possibly not come out until after the Christmas holiday. What I can say is that the inspectors spoke very highly of our children, their behaviour, their willingness to talk to inspectors and the care and respect that they have for each other.

The school is beginning to look very festive, children have been keen to show me their Christmas jumpers (the staff have been very proud of theirs too!). Planning an outdoor carol concert has paid off, as Covid numbers rise we are still able to go ahead this community advent if a little smaller than we'd hoped. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

I have had a few queries about Christmas cards for children, this year we ask that you only bring in cards for children in your child's class. The staff will hand them out but cannot go into other bubbles to deliver any other cards.

Unfortunately, we did not manage two weeks without any positive Covid cases. You will have heard in the news about the Omicron variant. At the moment, there are no new measures for Primary Schools unless there is a confirmed Omicron case. We will keep you updated if this changes.

Although there will be opportunity to spend your pennies on hot chocolate we are not having a cash collection for charity but instead are asking that you following this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/eliannabluebellward>

I wish staff and children a restful weekend.

Mrs Janes – Headteacher

Supermarket voucher scheme for children entitled to FSM this Christmas

We can confirm that county councillors have agreed that children in receipt of benefit related FSMs will receive a £50 digital supermarket voucher for the Christmas holiday period. These have now been ordered and should be delivered directly to your inbox on Friday 17 December. Please check your inbox and junk e-mail carefully to make sure you receive your voucher.



Thank you for your donations
– we raised £68.82p towards
the Poppy Appeal

Late Arrivals

We are having between 15-20 children arriving late each morning through the office. Unless there are exceptional circumstances children should be arriving by 8.55am in time to enter by the classroom door.



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School Reminders:

- Please remember we are encouraging the use of masks outside and asking for masks inside.
- Can all children make sure they bring into school a pair of in-door shoes (plimsolls) due to the weather changing.



Dinner Money - KS2 £2.60 per day - £13.00 per week

This should be paid in advance on Schoolcomms. We are no longer able to build up any dinner money debt due to Government changes. Any debt is taken out of the school budget, which has a detrimental effect on the education of our pupils. Please do not put us in the position of not paying for a meal but still expecting us to provide one. **If you are unable to pay, please provided a home packed lunch until the debt is cleared.** Thank you for your understanding.



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

or

Chocolate Crispy Pudding

Herts Catering Ltd. has advised us that the meal includes gluten, diary, egg and soya elements.

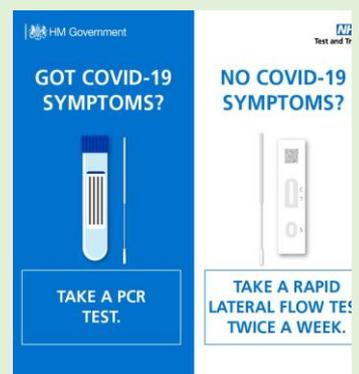
If you would like your child to have the Christmas Lunch – please complete the Christmas Lunch form and return back to the school office by Wednesday 15 December. A record will be kept of all slips returned.

Even if your child currently has dinners, the slip must be completed.



Cheerleaders Dance Festival – Tickets for the Dance Festival will go on sale today at 10am for the SSFT Dance that is being hosted at the Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage. *(Tickets can be brought from the Gordon Craig Box Office).*

The Ashtree Cheerleaders are taking part on Thursday 10 February so only buy tickets for this day.





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Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Sunshines** (for good behaviour at lunchtime) & **Class 12** (for making the right choices regarding their behaviour).



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is **Rainbows** with **98.5%**.

Monday 13 December	Tuesday 14 December	Wednesday 15 December	Thursday 16 December	Friday 17 December
Menu 1		Cheerleading Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)		Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)
Monday 20 December	Tuesday 21 December			
	Menu 2 Last day of term – school finishes at 2.15pm			

		Wednesday 5 January	Thursday 6 January	Friday 7 January
Menu 1		ART Club Years 4,5&6 (3.20pm-4.15pm) Cheerleading Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)		Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)
Monday 10 January	Tuesday 11 January	Wednesday 12 January	Thursday 13 January	Friday 14 January
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Term Dates Academic Year 2021



Tuesday 21 December

- **Last day of term – finish at 2.15pm**



Wednesday 5 January 2022

- First day of term for pupils

Monday 14 February – Friday 18 February

- Half-term

Monday 21 February

- INSET Day 4 - school closed to children

Tuesday 22 February

- First day of term for pupils

Friday 1 April

- End of term – finish at 2.15pm

Monday 4 April – Monday 18 April

- Half-term - Easter Break



Tuesday 19 April

- **Bank Holiday**

Wednesday 20 April

- First day of term for pupils

Friday 27 May

- INSET Day 5 - school closed to children

Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

- Half Term (*including the Spring Bank Holiday and additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.*)

Monday 6 June

- First day of term for pupils

Friday 22 July

- Last day of term – finish at 2.15pm

Academic Year 2022

KS1 – Y2 Testing window is the whole month of May 2022.

KS1 – Y1 Phonics is 6 – 17 June 2022.

KS2 – Y4 Multiplication Test is 6 – 24 June 2022.

KS2 – Y6 9 – 12 May 2022.

Please ensure you do not book any family holidays during test times as they will be unauthorised.