



# ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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## NEWSLETTER 13

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

### Nursery Admissions

Applying for a school Nursery place for 2020-2021 (For children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017).

Admissions for Nursery are now dealt with by the school.

For all enquiries relating to children being admitted into our Nursery, please contact the school office 01438 351090.

Our Admissions Application Form for children starting Nursery in September 2020 can be downloaded from our website or hardcopy available at the school office.

Our Nursery Admissions Policy is also on our website.

Applications for Nursery are now open – offers are made on a first come, first served basis. We offer 30 hours' provision in Nursery as well as 15 hours.



### Friends of Ashtree Winter Fayre



The Friends of Ashtree would like to thank everyone for all their support in making the Winter Fayre such a success. The Fayre has raised an incredible £1,330.69 so far. One of our parents has managed to secure matched funding from Barclays Bank. Once I know the final Winter Fayre total I will let you know. The winner of the most raffle tickets sold was Freddie from Reception, well done Freddie. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped by selling raffle tickets, bringing in tombola prizes and to those who helped set up, run and clear away stalls and much more. It was lovely to see so many of our families and thank you for supporting the school.

### Christmas Cards

I would like to remind you that if pupils would like to give Christmas cards, we ask them to pass them to each other before or after school in the playgrounds. In this way pupils will know who have sent them cards. Nursery have their own post-box within their setting.

### Christmas Lunch - Friday 20 December

We would like to invite all children to join us for a Christmas Lunch on **Friday 20 December 2019**. If you would like your child to have the Christmas Lunch, please return the slip. If your child is in receipt of free school meals or universal free school meals a slip must still be returned in order for the kitchen to be able to order the correct amount of food. If your child has special dietary needs, please complete the form attached to the letter and return back to the school with the slip. Payment (£2.60) for Christmas Lunch to be received by Monday 16 December please.



### 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

Ice-cream Roll Or Cup Cakes



## School Christmas Parties – Friday 20 December



Pupils can come to school wearing their party clothes. Please make them playground appropriate. In order to not “over-do it” we are not asking for party food donations this year.



## Data Protection



At this time of year, we always need to consider the balance between allowing home video recordings and photographs at our Christmas performances, whilst ensuring the security and safety of all of our pupils. I have sought County Guidance on the matter and have decided that videos will be allowed but I must insist that this is done from the back of the hall in order not to disrupt the view of other parents. Unfortunately, the balcony area will not be available as the children will require this space. **Images taken must be for private use only and must not be put onto social media.** Our production programmes are of a general nature and will not include the full names of any child. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.



## Christmas Performances



## ADMITTANCE IS BY TICKET ONLY



### Nursery/Reception/KS1 – “The Christmas Post”

|                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Monday 16 December:    | 10.00am – SOLD OUT |
| Tuesday 17 December:   | 2:00pm             |
| Wednesday 18 December: | 2:00pm             |

### KS2 – Performing “Aladdin”

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Monday 16 December:  | 1:30pm and 7:00pm |
| Tuesday 17 December: | 7:00pm            |

**If you still haven't requested a ticket for your child's performance, please can you make sure you do this before Wednesday 11 December as extra tickets that have been requested by parents will be given out on this day.**

**No more tickets will be issued after Wednesday 11 December.**



## Arriving and Collecting for the KS2 Evening Performances



Staff have asked me to request that all children in KS2 arrive in school between 6.30pm and 6.40pm on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 December. The evening performances start at 7.00pm and we anticipate that children will need to be collected by 8.15pm on both evenings.

The Sparrow Drive gate will be open but you use this route at your own risk as the Junior playground is going to be used for parking. For all pupils and parents watching the performance, entrance will be via the **Junior playground door**. Pupils in Y4/5/6 will go to their normal classrooms. Pupils in Y3 will go down the corridor and will be met by their teachers in the Infant Hall.

At the end of the performance, parents of Y4 pupils will remain seated in the Junior Hall, the children will be brought to you. Y5/6 pupils can be collected by parents directly from their classes. Y3 pupils can be collected by parents from the Y1 classroom doors that open into the Infant Hall. Once pupils are collected by parents, you may then exit via the Junior Playground Door, Junior Dining Room door or the Infant Hall Door. For parents not watching the performance, but collecting at 8.15pm, entrance will be via the Junior Dining Room door for Y4/5/6 and by the Infant Hall door for Y3. Staff will, of course, only hand pupils over once the collecting adult is present.

Please do not put us in a difficult position by sending an older sibling to collect your child or by telling your child that they can walk home alone.

## Kingswood Payment

Just a reminder that the 2nd payment of £50.00 for Kingwood is due on 2 December. Payments can be made through Schoolcomms.



## Ashtree v St. Ippolyts Mixed League Netball Match



- Reported by Mrs Cox

On Thursday afternoon, the Ashtree Mixed League squad welcomed the St. Ippolyts team to Ashtree. This was the first time we had played against them, but their reputation as a very good team had preceded them. The game was energetically played by both teams and showed perseverance and determination. It took a little while for us to settle into the play and to use our skills and tactics to our advantage, but we were certainly a more challenging side in the last half of the game.

Unfortunately, we lost 2 – 10, but it was an extremely useful training match with regards to reading the other team and their play, so we could adapt ours to challenge them more effectively. Captain for the Mixed League squad was Jessica and the Player of the Match, as voted for by the St. Ippolyts team was David. Once again, David's agility around the court and reading of the game meant that he was ready to create opportunities to channel the ball towards our shooters or to regain possession.

Finally, well done to Reception for celebrating St. Nicholas Day. This special festival happens on 6 December in many European countries. Children leave their shoes out the night before and St. Nicholas will come and fill them with fruit and treats! The Reception children left their plimsolls out yesterday evening and St. Nicholas left them treats.

*E. Kirwan*



### Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are Sunshines & Class 7.



### Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is Class 7 with 99.7%.



### Effort Cup



Congratulations to Mia from Year 1.

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Congratulations to Louie from Year 3.

## Academic Year 2019/2020



### Autumn Term 2019



#### Christmas Performance

|                               |   |  |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| <del>Monday 16 December</del> | - | <del>Nursery/Reception/KS1 Christmas Performance 10.00am</del> – <b>SOLD OUT</b> |
| Monday 16 December            | - | KS2 Christmas Performance 1.30pm   |
| Monday 16 December            | - | KS2 Christmas Performance 7.00pm   |
| Tuesday 17 December           | - | Nursery/Reception/KS1 Christmas Performance 2.00pm                               |
| Tuesday 17 December           | - | KS2 Christmas Performance 7.00pm   |
| Wednesday 18 December         | - | Nursery/Reception/KS1 Christmas Performance 2.00pm                               |
| Friday 20 December            | - | Pupil Christmas Lunch  |
| <b>Friday 20 December</b>     | - | <b>Last day of term - finish at 2.15pm</b>                                       |



### Spring Term 2020

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|--|---|--|
| Monday 6 January                               | - | First day of term                              |
| <b>Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February</b> | - | <b>Half Term</b>                               |
| <b>Monday 24 February</b>                      | - | <b>INSET Day 4 - school closed to children</b> |
| Friday 3 April                                 | - | Last day of term - finish at 2.15pm            |
| <b>Monday 6 April – Friday 17 April</b>        | - | <b>Half Term</b>                               |



### Summer Term 2020

|                                      |   |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Monday 20 April                      | - | First day of term                                 |
| <b>Friday 8 May</b>                  | - | <b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>                               |
| <b>Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May</b> | - | <b>Half Term</b>                                  |
| Friday 17 July                       | - | Last day of term - finish at 2.15pm               |
| <b>Monday 20 July</b>                | - | <b>INSET Day 5 - school closed to children</b>    |
| <b>Tuesday 21 July</b>               | - | <b>Occasional Day - school closed to children</b> |

**KS1 – Y2 Testing window is the whole month of May 2020.**

**KS1 – Y1 Phonics is 8 – 19 June 2020.**

**KS2 – Y4 Multiplication Test is 8 – 26 June 2020.**

**KS2 – Y6 11 – 15 May 2020.**

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