



# Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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## Newsletter 13

Date: 26th April 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week we have welcomed the English Teaching and Learning Advisor, the Maths Teaching and Learning Advisor and the SEND Teaching and Learning Advisor from Herts for Learning. They have been working with Mrs Allen the Writing Lead, Mr Yates the Maths Lead and Ms Ruprai the SENDCo. Always our children were fantastic, they spoke clearly and with knowledge about writing, they were polite and were keen to tell the visitors about their work. I was very proud of them, and I know that our visitors enjoyed speaking with them.

I was also very proud of the staff, I am confident from the feedback that we received that we have some excellent teachers and teaching assistants and strong subject leaders across the school. The reports from our visitors are shared with governors and I know that they will be pleased with the way that writing and maths are progressing.

It has been a week of feeling proud of our Ashtree community, at the start of the week the Year 3 and Year 4 children went to Fairlands Park to survey the litter and facilities there. There were a number of members of the public who took the time to say how polite and well behaved the children were. Well, done to the children but also to the staff who are teaching and promoting our behaviour rules.

This week we say goodbye to Mrs Staddon who has been working as a teaching assistant in KS1. She has been a valued and well loved member of the school and is now looking to further her career working with children. We wish her well in the future and I thank her for everything that she has given to and added to the Ashtree experience for our children.

Mrs M Janes - Headteacher

**Reception** have been learning how to play the game 'Make 3!' They have to work together in teams to come up with 3 different words that match a given category. For example, 'Can you name 3 types of fruit?' The writer in each group records the ideas before reading their answers out to the rest of the class. The children have shown such fantastic co-operation when playing this new game!



## Road Safety

Can I please make a personal plea. When I am driving to school in the mornings there have been a number of occasions where secondary aged children are walking along engrossed in their phones. They often cross the road without looking and earlier this week I needed to stop in the middle of the roundabout as one child walked across. Please remind your secondary aged children to take care when crossing roads, not everyone is as aware as I am that there are children around at that time in the morning and I would hate to see anyone hurt. Thank you.

## 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.

## Boys Football – Reported by Mr Allen

On Thursday afternoon, the boys played against Longmeadow in a tense, high-scoring game. The game would finish 4-4 with both teams having chances to score a winner towards the end. The boys continuously showed great effort and resilience, never letting their heads drop. They were supportive to each other, and I was especially impressed by the positive attitude throughout the game.

Player of the Match: Charley for his composed defending and strong tackling. Additionally, he scored a 'worldie' from the edge of the area!



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## Clean Air Day - Thursday 20th June 2024

It's important to keep our air clean, so children's lungs can develop and grow properly.

We all know the health benefits of walking so please help us to reduce congestion, by supporting children being more active and lower carbon emissions on this year's Clean Air Day.

We would like to encourage all our pupils to try and walk, cycle or scoot to school. If it is not possible to walk all the way, then it would be great if you could park 10 minutes away from school and walk or scoot on the last part of your journey.

If you do drive to school, please do not leave your cars idling or "ticking over", especially near schools and even consider leaving the car at home at least once a week. We appreciate all your support for a healthier future. **Turn Your Key, Be Idle Free**

## Walk to School Week - 20th – 24th May 2024

We are excited to be taking part in Walk to School Week this May.

We all know the health benefits of walking so please help us this week to reduce congestion by supporting children in being more active and help reduce lower carbon emissions during this Walk to School Week.

We would like to encourage all our pupils to try and walk, cycle or scoot to school during this week. If it's not possible to walk all the way, then it would be great if you could park 10 minutes away from school and walk or scoot the last part of your journey.

Each class will have a poster of featuring a map of Hertfordshire and aim take a 'virtual' walk by helping Buster The Dinosaur (the Active and Safer Travel Team mascot) walk around Hertfordshire. Every time a pupil travels sustainably, a dot can be coloured in.

Following on from Walk to School Week, we will be supporting **Clean Air Day on Thursday 20th June 2024**, more information closer to the date.

## Outside Achievements



Erin went up a grade in her gymnastics. Here she is getting her level 7 certificate and badge.

## House Points - Special Mention

**Jesse-Imoh (Penguins)** for showing such resilience when practising his cutting skills. This was something Jesse found tricky, he struggled to hold the scissors correctly, but with perseverance, Jesse cut out the pictures to complete the life cycle activity beautifully, following the line. **Awarded by: Mrs Holtom**



**Attendance Cup:** The winners for this week are **Penguins & Swifts 100%**

## This week's trophy winners are:

Jesse-Imoh (Penguins) - Resilience trophy.

Class	Authorised / Unauthorised Sessions Missed
Robins	1.6
Eagles	3.9
Buzzards	5.8
Harriers	6.6
Falcons	6.9
Red Kites	7.1
Hawks	7.2
Wrens	9.0
Kestrels	13.4



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Monday 29 April	Tuesday 30 April	Wednesday 1 May	Thursday 2 May	Friday 3 May
<b>NEW MENU WEEK 3</b>  <b>12.30-1pm Warriorz Street Dance</b> 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	<b>INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS</b>

## 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

## School Dates (2024/25)

Start of term: 2 September 2024

Half term holiday: 28 October 2024 - 1 November 2024

Christmas holiday: 23 December 2024 - 3 January 2025

Half term holiday: 17 February 2025 - 21 February 2025

Easter holiday: 7 April 2025 - 21 April 2025

Half term holiday: 26 May 2025 - 30 May 2025

Summer holiday: 24 July 2025 - 3 September 2025

Inset Day 1 - 2 September (Monday)

Inset Day 2 - 25 October (Friday)

Occasional Day 20 December

Inset Day 3 - 6 January (Monday)

Inset Day 4 - 22 April (Tuesday)

Inset Day 5 - 23 May (Friday)

## School Dates 2023 / 2024

Inset Day 4 – Friday 3 May 2024 (school closed to pupils)

Half-term Holiday: Monday 27 May 2024 – Friday 31 May 2024

Inset Day 5 – Monday 22 July 2024 (school closed to pupils)

Occasional Day – Tuesday 23 July 2024 (school closed to pupils)

Summer Holiday: 24 July 2024 - 1 September 2024