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NEWSLETTER 14



DATE: 17 December 2021



Dear Parents & Carers,

It does not seem possible that I have come to the end of my term as Acting Headteacher. From January I will find it very exciting to be signing letters as Headteacher. The term has not been dull with Covid cases, staff changes and an unexpected Ofsted visit. Once again, I would like to thank staff, children and parents/carers for your support, understanding and for engaging with my vision for a school that is inclusive and has a strong sense of community.

The value for next half-term is Resilience. I am sure that the national Covid picture will test our resilience through January and February as Government guidance adapts to a changing picture. However, the Ashtree community has already shown how resilient we can be. We will also be supporting the children show resilience in their learning behaviours. You can support your children with this by using tips in this link

<https://biglifejournal.com/blogs/blog/raise-a-resilient-child-with-strong-coping-skills>

I would like to reassure parents/carers that, unless there is a new government announcement or the level of available staff becomes unsafe, we will remain open Monday 20 December and Tuesday 21 December as planned. I understand if you choose to keep your child at home, please let us know, using the absence line, so that we can record this on the register.

Again, unless the government announce any changes, we will open as planned on Wednesday 5 January 2022. We will be keeping our enhanced measures of masks for visitors, staggered lunchtimes and bubbles where necessary until Friday 14 January 2022 where we will review it.

As we mentioned last week Mrs Barber will be leaving us and Mrs Khan will be joining us from January and the children have meet her this week.

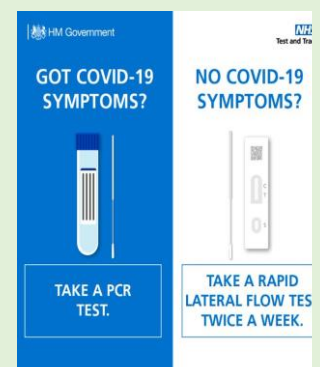
Finally, I would like to wish you all happiest of Christmas breaks where you stay well and safe and the children return rested in January.

Mrs Janes – Headteacher

PE Days

Please be aware that from the Spring Term pupils will have PE on the following days:

- Nursery - Tuesday morning children, Thursday afternoon children
- Reception - Wednesday
- Year 1 - Monday
- Year 2 - Thursday
- Year 3 - Monday
- Year 4 - Thursday
- Year 5 - Monday
- Year 6 - Tuesday





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Outside Achievements



Nella from **Year 4** and Elena from **Year 5** were awarded student of the year at their karate club GKR. This year Elena and Nella have pushed themselves on their karate journey with entering tournaments, achieving level 2 grading this year and have continued to be helpful and supportive of new students joining the class. Well done girls!

Austin from **Year 2** wanted to share with you that he got his Level 1 Gold Award at Gymnastics. He is very proud of his gold medal. Well done Austin!



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 bought from the Gordon Craig Box Office*).

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

HAPpy Holidays – Bookings are now open!

It's all thanks to Hertfordshire County Council who have joined forces with the Herts Sports Partnership to organise a huge programme of activity for the school holidays.

Activities will be running in different venues across the county for children and young people aged between 5-16 years, and all include a nutritious meal each day.

As an eligible family you can book for free using your unique HAPpy Booking Code. When prompted, please make sure you enter the whole code, which includes the & symbol which is found in the middle of the code.

Your unique code is: G3&W8K

You will be able to search for activities using your postcode or child's age – places are limited and strictly on a first come basis so be quick and book online at <https://www.sportinherts.org.uk/happy/booking>
If you are having trouble booking, you'll find a step-by-step guide on the booking page explaining what to do. Still need help? Hertfordshire Libraries have computers you can use, and friendly staff who will be able to help.

Additionally, there are a range of fun online Enrichment Activities to look through, with ideas for learning more about arts and crafts, history, music, and theatre, plus ways to keep your family active for 60 minutes each day! View these at <https://www.sportinherts.org.uk/hafhappy>

Lastly, our information page has links to a variety of organisations and advice you and your family may find useful. Visit this at <https://sportinherts.org.uk/happy/useful-local-services>



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Dinner Behaviour Awards




The winners for this week are **Class 3** (for good behaviour in the dining room) & **Class 7** (for being respectful to each other).





Governor's Cup



The winner for this half-term is **Rainbows** with **94.7%**.

| Monday 20 December | Tuesday 21 December | | | |
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|  | <p>Menu 2</p> <p>Last day of term – school finishes at 2.15pm</p> | | | |

| | | Wednesday 5 January | Thursday 6 January | Friday 7 January |
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| | | <p>No clubs planned for the first week back</p> <p>Menu 1</p> <p>First day of term for pupils</p> | | |
| Monday 10 January | Tuesday 11 January | Wednesday 12 January | Thursday 13 January | Friday 14 January |
| Menu 2 | |  <p>ART Club Years 4,5&6 (3.20pm-4.15pm)</p> <p>Cheerleading Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)</p> | |  <p>Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)</p> |
| Monday 17 January | Tuesday 18 January | Wednesday 19 January | Thursday 20 January | Friday 21 January |
| Menu 3 | | | | |



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Term Dates Academic Year 2021



Autumn Term 2021

Tuesday 21 December

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

Spring Term 2022

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

Summer Term 2022

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.