



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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NEWSLETTER: 14

DATE: 16 December 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been another busy term, not least of which because of the Christmas festivities happening during the last two weeks of school. I know that the children enjoyed their Christmas themed lunch, particularly the Rudolf cupcakes. At this point in the year there are so many people to thank for their hard work I would like to thank the children for their behaviours during this slightly less formal point of school, the parents for your support and kind words to and about the staff and the staff themselves for their continued efforts through snow, the change to usual routines and their all-round care about your children's learning and wellbeing. I even had a visit from Santa in the middle of a meeting with a parent, he bought me chocolate which is always welcome.

Staff have run clubs, started up choirs, supported the sports teams, run performances and that is in addition to teaching the children. I am sure that you would like to join me in thanking them.

Our PTA have been running events, bringing in gifts for the children and running competitions. I know how much parents appreciate the extras that run in schools, we certainly couldn't do these without the support of the PTA (both the staff and parent members), I know that they are always happy to hear from parents that would like to help out, whether that is regularly or at key points in the year. Please do contact them PTA@ashtree.herts.sch.uk.

This term has been a shining example of community both with the money raised by school for charity events and the reverse advent calendar and with the support of the local community for our families. This week we had deliveries of Christmas presents from Dunelm Mill and the Mayor's Toy Appeal.

You had some information this week about water safety following the tragic incident in Solihull. Please do remind your children about water safety in this cold weather. Frozen lakes can look very tempting and it is sometimes hard to understand that you can't slide on them like they see in films.

This will be my last newsletter before the Christmas break so I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe break, I hope that you all get the chance to meet up with friends and family and that we see your children safely back in school on Thursday 5 January 2023!

Mrs M Janes
Headteacher



Wednesday 21 December
The Early Years will be having a Christmas Party. We will be playing lots of party games together. Children are to come to school in normal school uniform. All they need to bring is their dance moves!

KS1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 20th December

After lunch we will be having a KS1 party in the hall. We will be playing traditional games and enjoying Christmas festivities.

Please come to school in warm non-school uniform.

If you can spare a packet of biscuits or a bag of crisps (no nuts), then that would be gratefully received.

Thank you
Mrs McQueen
Ms Goode
Mrs Mohiuddin





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Monday 19 December	Tuesday 20 December	Wednesday 21 December		
Menu 2	KS1 Christmas Party	EYFS Christmas Party School Finishes at 2.15pm	Thursday 5 January	Friday 6 January
			Menu 1 First day of term for pupils	
Monday 9 January	Tuesday 10 January	Wednesday 11 December	Thursday 12 January	Friday 13 January
Menu 2				Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm)



Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Magpies** (for coming up with creative ideas for games with indoor play) & **Owls** (for showing resilience in challenging circumstances).



Governor's Cup



The winner for this half term is **Owls** with **95.3%**.

Term Dates Academic Year 2022 / 2023

Class	Sessions Missed
Red Kites	8
Kestrels	14
Owls	14
Falcons	16
Buzzards	16
Magpies	17
Robins	26
Eagles	27
Parrots	30
Wrens	41
Swifts	45
Harriers	47
Hawks	62

21 December 2022	-	Last day of term 2.15pm finish
22 December 2022 - 4 January 2023	-	Christmas holiday
Thursday 5 January 2023	-	First day of term for pupils
13 February 2023 - 17 February 2023	-	Half term holiday
Monday 20 February 2023	-	INSET Day 4-school closed to pupils
3 April 2023 - 14 April 2023	-	Easter holiday
Friday 26 May 2023	-	INSET Day 5-school closed to pupils
29 May 2023 – 2 June 2023	-	Half term holiday
Friday 21 July 2023	-	Last day of term
24 July 2023 - 31 August 2023	-	Summer holiday

