



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you to those of you that have made comments or suggestions about how we can continue to improve our school. One of the things that you have spoken to me about is doing more with the children outside of lessons or as a part of lessons and doing more where you can come in.

This week Miss Kiernan and I met with our PCSO Neil Dowler to talk about 'Mini Police' this is a program for Y5 where the children learn about road safety, traffic, anti-social behaviour, internet safety and bullying. This is a program that is run by Hertfordshire Constabulary and has been running recently in other Stevenage schools. Year 5 parents you will find out more next half term, look out for the information and the invitation to a presentation on the final day.

Miss Kiernan has also been organising an opportunity for parents to come in and work with their child to update the display that held the poppies. Some of the very talented teaching assistants have put up a tree on the display and your children will get the chance to write a wish for the wishing tree.

We have a stage school that will be renting our hall soon and running classes, they will be coming in to work with Y6 children to give them a singing, acting and dancing workshop this term.

I met with Hertfordshire Catering this week as well and they will be running a small group workshop for parents and children in Y1 to have a go at preparing and cooking some interesting dishes. I know that Hertfordshire Catering run a number of workshops like this and I hope that they will be coming into school on a regular basis over the next year.

A group of parents also told me that one of our teachers actually has a published children's book. I am trying to persuade that teacher to be a 'visiting author' and work with some of our younger children - how exciting to have a real author working in our school.

Year 1 and 2 parents came into school for the first 'Stop and Read' session which was very successful. The children loved reading with their parents and sharing their classroom.

These are just some of the ideas that staff have been working on to continue to grow and develop Ashtree Primary School & Nursery and I know that there will be lots more coming.

I have received a complaint from a resident of Chertsey Rise. Two children have been running into her garden at the end of the school day and upsetting the dog that lives there. Please respect those that live on Chertsey Rise and speak to your children about staying out of other people's gardens. The resident sent me some photos of the children but they are not recognisable. Thank you for your help.

When on the school site at the start and end of the school day the playgrounds are full of families with children of all ages. Every member of the Ashtree community deserves to feel safe on our site. We will not tolerate behaviour that is aggressive towards others or inappropriate. Attached to this week's newsletter is the policy for Expectations of Adult Behaviour.

Mrs M Janes – Headteacher



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School Uniform

I have noticed more children coming into school with non-uniformed clothing. Can I just remind you to check the website for our uniform. This doesn't need to be with a logo but does need to be in school colours. Please also make sure that children are only wearing jewellery that is necessary for religious or medical reasons, and headbands without ears, unicorns etc. Uniform helps us to feel a sense of belonging and a part of a community. We always have second hand uniform available please just ask at the office.

<https://ashtree.herts.sch.uk/parents/uniform/>

On Thursday morning, Ashtree School's Eco Councillors and School Councillors had the wonderful opportunity to plant trees to create a new woodland in our community.



We walked to the Southfield of Fairland's park, where we met Joel and Pete from Stevenage Council, who were there to show us what to do and to give us the equipment we needed to plant these new trees. We were in pairs and each pair had nine different native trees to plant.



These included rowan, crab apple and cherry trees. "We planted some trees, we dug holes, and we put canes next to them to support them and put a protective tube around them. Everyone was working as a team, and it was so much fun." Lylah and Lola – Kestrel Class.



All the Ashtree pupils involved worked extremely hard and we planted approximated 70 trees! The children were a real credit to the school with their effort, enthusiasm and positive attitude and Mrs Livings and I were very proud of the way the pupils represented the school.

We would like to welcome you to accompany your child(ren) into school – KS2 hall, accessible via the KS2 playground – on one of the following times to work with them to create a 'wish leaf' for our Ashtree Wishing Tree:

Tuesday 17 January – before school: 8.30am-8.45am

Tuesday 17 January – after school: 3.15pm-3.30pm

Wednesday 18 January – before school: 8.30am-8.45am

We are hoping to fill our tree with wishes for yourself, someone else, your family or the Ashtree community. Parents, guardians, grandparents, childminders all welcome.





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Monday 16 January	Tuesday 17 January	Wednesday 18 January	Thursday 19 January	Friday 20 January
Menu 3 Y4 Violin Lessons KS1 Stop & Read 3pm	Wish Leaf (8.30-8.45am) Wish Leaf (3.15-3.30pm)	Wish Leaf (8.30-8.45am) 4.00pm Current Y2 / Y3 Parents - Mixed Aged Classes Meeting	Census Day (Menu Change) Beef Burger - Red Quorn Pattie Burger (v) - Green Chicken Mayo Wrap - Yellow Jacket Potato - Blue Chips Sweetcorn Coleslaw Ice Cream Factory	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm)
Monday 23 January	Tuesday 24 January	Wednesday 25 January	Thursday 26 January	Friday 27 January
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Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Swifts** (for good behaviour and playing nicely) & **Kestrels** (for being respectful to the adults when lining up for lunch).



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is **Owls** with **100%**.

Class	Sessions Missed
Owls	0
Red Kites	5
Kestrels	7
Hawks	9
Falcons	12
Buzzards	13
Robins	15
Magpies	15
Parrots	16
Swifts	16
Harriers	21
Wrens	22
Eagles	23

Term Dates Academic Year 2023

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