



# Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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## NEWSLETTER: 17

DATE: 20 January 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week I have been able to visit some of your children's classrooms and I have had some children coming to visit me. I spent a very enjoyable 20 minutes listening to the stories that some of the girls in Magpies class came to read to me. They had been reading where the Wild Things are and had written a similar story themselves. They were very confident when they read to me and I was very impressed by their stories. They were using their senses to describe characters and events in the story.

I have also been into Y5 and seen the children working hard on spreadsheets, they were using their knowledge of percentages and using some of the Chrome books that we received during lockdown to work in pairs. The children showed excellent working behaviours, and impressive computing skills. Their learning objective was to create a table of data on a spreadsheet with totals.

I met the Parrots class today as they were walking around the school with a 'map' finding the different areas of the school. They were busy trying to find where the office and the dining room were when I met them. They had already talked about the name of our school and the fact that we are in Stevenage.

If you want to see more about the exciting things that the children have been up to this week then have a look at our Facebook page. This week there are photographs of an origami club, some very tasty edible representations of the layers of Earth, our open mornings inviting parents and children to add to our wishing tree and of our Art club. <https://www.facebook.com/AshtreeSchool>

Thank you to those parents that were able to come along to find out about the class mixes in Y3/4 next year. We were able to answer questions and talk about some of the reasons for starting mixed aged classes. More and more schools are now in the position of moving from a two form entry to a one form or, like us, a one and half form entry. I also want to thank the staff that stayed and answered questions about how it will look for your children in the classroom.

It looks as if the weather may warm up a little next week but in the meantime stay safe and keep warm and maybe check out the application for Free School Meals to see if you are eligible. <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Mrs Janes  
Headteacher



Y6 Crochet Club, which runs on Thursdays at 12.50pm till 1.25pm.



Art Club has started for Y5/Y6 on Monday lunchtimes. It was great fun and lots of pastel blending going on.



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## Outside Achievement:

Layla Red Kites won a football tournament with her football team Bedwell Rangers U12s Devils at the weekend, they played against 4 other teams.

## 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/>



**As from Monday 23 January we will not be stocking uniform here at school.** Instead you will be able to order your uniform from Smarty Schoolwear shop in Stevenage town centre (Park Place, Unit 2c Mulberry House, Stevenage SG1 1BF) or online at [www.smartyschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.smartyschoolwear.co.uk). We will still have some stock of second hand uniform in school or you can purchase uniform without a logo at local supermarkets or Smarty Schoolwear.

## Automatic Gates:

We are having to make another repair to our school gates due to vehicles hitting the gates when turning in the entrance in front of the gate or not waiting for the gates to fully open. Please take care when driving into school as the repairs are very costly. Thank you.

## Teacher Strikes:

As you are aware some school staff across the county will be striking on 1 February. Ashtree takes the education of your children very seriously and will endeavour to ensure that school remains open. An assessment will be made to decide whether it is safe for the school to operate. However we may not know which union members will decide to take strike action, right up to the morning of the strike days. Where we can we will inform you of any full or partial closure next week, however final confirmation may need to be given on the morning of each strike day.

### CLOTHES BANK

- Clothes Available for children age 3-18
- Dates: Saturday  
28th January  
25th February  
25th March
- Time: 11am - 12:30pm
- Venue: Grace Community Church  
Hydean way, Stevenage  
SG2 9XJ
- To collect clothes, please contact  
[clothesbank@gccstevenage.church](mailto:clothesbank@gccstevenage.church)  
for sorting out referrals

Looking forward to  
partnering with you

## Family Lives Spring Term Programme



Worried about your child? Join our free online and face to face groups and get support to help your child feel more confident and happier. The groups are for six weeks and delivered via Microsoft Teams or face to face.

### Time to Talk about Pre Teens / Teens

**Face to Face in Hatfield**  
Tuesday 21st February to 28th March 2023  
from 9.30am to 11.30am

### Bringing up Confident SEN Children

Online Wednesday 25th Jan - 8th March 2023  
from 7.00pm to 9.00pm

### Bringing up Confident ADHD/ASD Children

Online Tuesday 21st Feb - 28th March 2023  
from 7.00pm to 9.00pm

### Bringing up Confident ADHD/ASD Children

Online Thursday 26th Jan to 9th March 2023  
from 7.00pm to 9.00pm

For more information, contact  
**Louise on 0204 522 8700/8701 or**  
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Monday 23 January	Tuesday 24 January	Wednesday 25 January	Thursday 26 January	Friday 27 January
<b>Menu 1</b> Art Club Y5/Y6 (lunchtimes) Y4 Violin Lessons KS1 Stop & Read 3pm			Crochet Club Y6 (lunchtimes)	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm)
Monday 30 January	Tuesday 31 January	Wednesday 1 February	Thursday 2 February	Friday 3 February
<b>Menu 2</b> Art Club Y5/Y6 (lunchtimes) Y4 Violin Lessons KS1 Stop & Read 3pm			Crochet Club Y6 (lunchtimes)	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm)
Monday 6 February	Tuesday 7 February	Wednesday 8 February	Thursday 9 February	Friday 10 February
<b>Menu 3</b> Art Club Y5/Y6 (lunchtimes) Y4 Violin Lessons KS1 Stop & Read 3pm			Crochet Club Y6 (lunchtimes)	Class Group Photo's Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm) Friendship Disco KS1 4.45pm - 5.45pm KS2 6.15pm - 7.30pm
Monday 13 February	Tuesday 14 February	Wednesday 15 February	Thursday 16 February	Friday 17 February
<b>HALF-TERM</b>		<b>HALF-TERM</b>		<b>HALF-TERM</b>



## Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Parrots** (for showing more independence with their food choices and dining room behaviour) & **Hawks** (for good behaviour on the playground).



## Attendance Cup



The winners for this week are **Magpies & Kestrels**

Class	Sessions Missed
Kestrels	12
Magpies	12
Red Kites	15
Falcons	16
Owls	18
Buzzards	18
Eagles	20
Wrens	24
Harriers	26
Swifts	27
Hawks	30
Parrots	38
Robins	43

## Term Dates Academic Year 2023

13 February 2023 - 17 February 2023	-	Half-term Holiday
<b>Monday 20 February 2023</b>	-	<b>INSET Day 4-school closed to pupils</b>
3 April 2023 - 14 April 2023	-	Easter holiday
<b>Friday 26 May 2023</b>	-	<b>INSET Day 5-school closed to pupils</b>
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