



# Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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## NEWSLETTER 17

DATE: 21 January 2022

This half-term our school value is: **Resilience**

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week I have had the opportunity to on be duty on the KS1/Early Years Playground at lunchtimes. I have enjoyed the chance to see your children in a different situation. We have played games, sung songs, talked about our favourite colours and counted how many steps to get across the playground.

Unfortunately we have still not received the Ofsted report but will update you as soon as we can.

We have been very busy looking at improvements that can be made around the school and involving the Governing Body and the PTA in projects across the school. We have a new staff Governor Mrs Cox. Our Health and Safety Governor and has been supporting me and Mr Street with investigating a number of projects. One of these would be to install automatic gates at the front of the school. This project looks exciting but is understandably very expensive. We will be looking into ways to fund this.

The PTA (Friends of Ashtree) is our main fundraising source, they work extremely hard to put on events whilst following Covid measures. They really need your support, you can join the PTA by contacting [PTA@ashtree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@ashtree.herts.sch.uk) you will also see a leaflet in your children's bags about a quiz night.

The old Pre-school building known as 'First Friends' is beyond repair and will need to be demolished. At the moment this is planned to be in the February half-term. I know that this may be noisy and I apologise to those that live close by but once this has been removed we can begin to plan new ways of using the space.

From Thursday 27 January 2022 National rules around face covering change. However in order to keep the community safe we will continue to ask visitors and staff to wear masks inside the school, in communal areas. From that date we no longer be asking adults to wear masks outside. As always specific measures at school will be decided in response to case numbers and Public Health advice.

**Mrs Janes** – Headteacher



**FRIENDS OF ASHTREE**

# QUIZ NIGHT

With Raffle  
Tickets will be sold prior to and on night.  
Draw will take place at the event.

25th February 7pm	PEARTREE PUB
	£5 PER PERSON MAX 6 PEOPLE PER TEAM

PRIZE FOR WINNING TEAM

ADULTS ONLY

PLEASE EMAIL [PTA@ASHTREE.HERTS.SCH.UK](mailto:PTA@ASHTREE.HERTS.SCH.UK)  
OR SEND US A MESSAGE VIA FACEBOOK  
FOR TICKETS.



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## Outside Achievements:



**Scarlett** from **Y3** - has passed her yellow hats Level 3 in swimming and is now in green hats Level 4. She really tries hard in her lesson and never gives up even when she finds some of the swimming techniques tricky! Well done Scarlett, this is a fantastic example of resilience.

## Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on 7-13 February 2022. This year's theme is Growing Together. We will be doing lots of different activities throughout the week.

As a school, we will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow.

We have attached a link for parents and carers to support your child's and your own mental health.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers>



## Reminders:

- If your child is going to be picked up by someone else, **please inform the office**. Thank you.
- One of the measures to reduce Covid-19 transition is to increase ventilation in class rooms. Please make sure your child comes in with a jumper/cardigan and an extra t-shirt if needed.
- When on school property, please make sure that you and your children walk scooters and bikes through the grounds.
- It is important to us that we are able to address parent/carer concerns, please ensure that you bring these to the class teacher or the office and **do not** approach children directly.

### Brighter Days KIDS CLUB

Term time only  
After School: 3:15PM to 6:00 PM  
Snack on arrival and light tea at 5

Nursery class to year 6  
Early session £4.75 until 4  
Middle session £9.50 until 5  
Late session £14.25 until 6  
Open to all pupils attending Ashtree School

1 FREE TASTER SESSION

board games  
science experiments  
games console  
quiet area  
life skills

construction  
cooking  
crafts  
outdoor games  
drawing

Email: [enquiries@brighterdayskidsclub.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@brighterdayskidsclub.co.uk)  
Telephone: 07727092382

DBS CHECKED  
CHILDCARE VOUCHERS  
Ofsted Registered

**We serve a hot dinner every day at 5pm**

Tel: 07542199299

Email: [enquiries@brighterdayskidsclub.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@brighterdayskidsclub.co.uk)

Website: <https://www.brighterdays.org.uk/>

Facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/brighterdayskidsclub/>

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Hertfordshire  
Family Centre  
Service

There is a School Nurse on duty every weekday that can support you with any concerns you may have about your child's/ children's health and wellbeing. They can be contacted on:

**0300 123 7572**  
9am – 5pm Monday to Friday

[www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing](http://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing)




## Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Class 6** (*For lining up well and good dining room behaviour*) & **Class 7 & 8** (*Coping well with the changes at lunchtimes*).



## Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is **Class 3** with **94.6%**.

Monday 24 January	Tuesday 25 January	Wednesday 26 January	Thursday 27 January	Friday 28 January
Menu 1				
Monday 31 January	Tuesday 1 February	Wednesday 2 February	Thursday 3 February	Friday 4 February
Menu 2				
Monday 7 February	Tuesday 8 February	Wednesday 9 February	Thursday 10 February	Friday 11 February
Menu 3				Class Group Photos
Monday 14 February	Tuesday 15 February	Wednesday 16 February	Thursday 17 February	Friday 18 February
Half - term				



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## Term Dates Academic Year 2022 / 2023



### Spring Term 2022



Monday 14 February – Friday 18 February	-	Half-term
Monday 21 February	-	<b>INSET Day 4 - school closed to children</b>
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
Monday 18 April	-	<b>Bank Holiday</b>



### Summer Term 2022



<b>Tuesday 19 April</b>	-	<b>Holiday</b> - school closed to children
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 <i>(including the Spring Bank Holiday and additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.</i>
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.**

## Academic Year 2022 / 2023

24 October 2022 - 28 October 2022	-	Half term holiday
22 December 2022 - 4 January 2023	-	Christmas holiday
13 February 2023 - 17 February 2023	-	Half term holiday
3 April 2023 - 14 April 2023	-	Easter holiday
29 May 2023 – 2 June 2023	-	Half term holiday
24 July 2023 - 31 August 2023	-	Summer holiday
Thursday 1 September 2022	-	<b>INSET Day 1</b> - school closed to children
Friday 2 September 2022	-	<b>INSET Day 2</b> - school closed to children
Friday 25 November 2022	-	<b>INSET Day 3</b> - school closed to children
Monday 28 November 2022	-	Occasional Day - school closed to children
Monday 20 February 2023	-	<b>INSET Day 4</b> - school closed to children
Friday 26 May 2023	-	<b>INSET Day 5</b> - school closed to children