



# ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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## NEWSLETTER 18

Dear Parents/Carers & Pupils,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. The word of the week was Resourceful. I am so grateful to the Ashtree team for their resourcefulness. This week they have: delivered food parcels, delivered hardcopies of remote learning, offered doorstep support, outreach phone calls, delivered data only SIMS and Chromebooks to support home learning, signposted families to specific outreach services and continued educating pupils both onsite and remotely including finding resourceful ways to balance phones and story books whilst recording lessons. I also know parents and carers have been using all the resources available to them in order to keep their own families running and to support the school. Please call us if you need anything.

This quote from: "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse" by Charlie Mackesy has kept me going this week, "This storm is making me tired", said the boy. "Storms get tired too," said the horse, "so hold on".

### Notification of Positive Tests

Please notify school immediately if your child receives a positive Covid test. This can be done over the weekend, as well, on [admin@ashtree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashtree.herts.sch.uk). Your child will then have to isolate for 10 days. If an adult in the family home receives a positive Covid test your child should isolate for 10 days. If your child shows symptoms they should isolate at home until they have received a negative test or for 10 days from onset of symptoms.

### Free School Meal Provision

During the national lockdown, we continue to provide meal options for all pupils who are in school. We also continue to provide free school meal support to pupils who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, including to those pupils who are not attending school. From Monday 25 January, we are moving over to FSM vouchers from the DFE. We will be ordering these on Thursday 21 January as a 3 week block for each eligible pupil. This will cover up to and including Friday 12 February and will be sent as an Ecode voucher to your email as before. If you have recently changed your email, please let us know. Please email [admin@ashtree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashtree.herts.sch.uk) if you have not received the voucher by the end of next week.

### Remote Learning and Support with getting online

Please see our remote learning policy which is on the school website. This follows the DFE requirements and best practice guidance.

We have already allocated 33 of our 33 Chromebooks to families who qualify and have requested them. The Chromebooks are issued with a school user agreement which must be kept to. They are the property of the school and will need to be returned to school once this lockdown has ended. Please contact the school if you are having difficulty accessing remote learning and we will do everything we can to help you

We have placed an additional order for 17 more via HCC so please do continue to email [admin@ashtree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashtree.herts.sch.uk) with requests for a Chromebook for home use.

We can also support disadvantaged children get online using free mobile data increases or 4G wireless routers provided by the DFE. Again, we have placed orders so please do get in touch with us to request support with mobile data increases or routers.

### **Nursery Applications: September 2021 - We are now accepting applications for September 2021**

Applying for a school Nursery place for 2021-2022 (For children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018).

Admissions for Nursery are now dealt with by the school.

For all enquiries relating to children being admitted into our Nursery, please contact the school office 01438 351090.

Our Admissions Application Form for children starting Nursery in September 2021 can be downloaded from our website.

Our Nursery Admissions Policy is also on our website.

Applications for Nursery are now open – offers are made on a first come, first served basis. We offer 30 hours provision in Nursery as well as 15 hours.

### **Word of the week for next week is: Reasoning**

We promote the '6 Rs' at Ashtree School. These are Respect, Reflective, Resourceful, Reasoning, Responsible and Resilience. The week beginning 25 January we will be focussing on 'Reasoning'. We would be grateful if you could spend some time with your child discussing what they have learnt at school and how this will help them in the wider world.

### **Prospective Reception Parents / Carers September 2021**

Please have a look at our website, virtual tour which will give you information about our school. Please phone the school office if you have any direct enquiries. We look forward to welcoming you to the school.

*E. Kirwan*  
*Headteacher*

### **Term Dates Academic Year 2021**



**Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February** - **Half Term**  
Friday 26 March - Last day of term - **finish at 2.15pm**



**Monday 12 April** - **INSET Day 4 - school closed to children**  
**Tuesday 13 April** - First day of term  
**Monday 3 May** - **BANK HOLIDAY**  
**Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June** - **Half Term**  
**Wednesday 21 July** - Last day of term - finish at 2.15pm  
**Thursday 22 July** - **INSET Day 5 - school closed to children**