



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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NEWSLETTER 19

DATE: 4 February 2022

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

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week I have had many meetings looking at areas of the school that need updating. I know that a number of you are keen to see improvements made to the main school gate. The lock was a temporary measure whilst we looked at how we could afford to install an electronic system. It will be not surprise you to find out that this is going to be very expensive, the governing body and I are on the case.

I mentioned before that the First Friends building will need to be demolished and this was planned for the half - term. The work is going to take longer than we thought and so will not be happening over the half - term. Please keep the imaginative designs coming in from the children as to what the space could be used for.

The number of Covid cases are slowing down and although there are, still cases in Year 5 this year group is no longer in an outbreak. I hope that this trend will continue, thank you to everyone for continuing to be cautious. Group photos will still be happening on Friday 11 February, these are in year groups and class bubbles only and so we anticipate these going ahead.

Can I please remind all parents / carers that electric scooters, peddle scooters and bicycles should be walked through the site. I am sure you will agree with me that safety has to be a priority. The school grounds are a busy place and is not appropriate to ride on the school grounds. Thank you for your support.

There are a number of PTA events coming up and they are trying hard to find activities that fit in with current measures. I know that they would appreciate your support.

Thank you for all of the photographs showing me the birds that you all saw during the 'Big Garden Birdwatch'. There is still time to log your result online.



These are the top 10 birds that I saw. This diagram would be a good maths talking point for your children. The might be able to work out the following, I only saw 1 Goldfinch, so how many Starlings did I see?

Mrs M 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
OR SEND US A MESSAGE VIA FACEBOOK
FOR TICKETS.



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Outside Achievements:



Oliver from Y5 auditioned for a part in Peter Pan at the Gordon Craig Theatre last weekend. He received his letter yesterday and was over the moon to be offered a main role as John, with solo speaking parts. Oliver will attend rehearsals for 12 weeks; the show will be in May.

'Wear something you Love Day'

We would normally have a school disco planned for the children for Valentines, but under the current circumstances with Covid, and children still in their bubbles, we felt that a disco is still not plausible. With this in mind, we have arranged a 'Come to school wearing something you love day' to help raise vital funds for the school.

On **Thursday 10 February**, children can come in their most loved outfit, please make sure it is suitable for the playground, for a suggested donation of £1.00

We would like to thank you for your continued support in our fund-raising efforts.

Friends of Ashtree - PTA



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 classrooms. Please make sure your child comes in with a jumper/cardigan and an extra t-shirt if needed.
- 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.
- **Parking-** We have had a few complaints from residents who live on Chertsey Rise about parking during pick-up and drop-off times. We understand that you want your children to arrive on time and safely. We ask that you are mindful of residents and park considerately, so drives are not blocked, and double lines are avoided. Thank you for your help in keeping everyone safe.

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 many 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>





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Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Class 3** (For lining up well) & **Class 9** (For making the right choices).



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is **Class 6** with **97%**.

Monday 7 February	Tuesday 8 February	Wednesday 9 February	Thursday 10 February	Friday 11 February
Menu 3			'Wear something you Love Day' (uniform day)	Class Group Photos
Monday 14 February	Tuesday 15 February	Wednesday 16 February	Thursday 17 February	Friday 18 February
Half - term				
Monday 21 February	Tuesday 22 February	Wednesday 23 February	Thursday 24 February	Friday 26 February
INSET Day School Closed to pupils	Menu 1			
Monday 28 February	Tuesday 1 March	Wednesday 2 March	Thursday 3 March	Friday 4 March
Menu 2				



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Term Dates Academic Year 2022 / 2023



Spring Term 2022



Monday 14 February – Friday 18 February	-	Half-term
Monday 21 February	-	INSET Day 4 - school closed to children
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	-	Bank Holiday



Summer Term 2022



Tuesday 19 April	-	Holiday - 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	-	INSET Day 1 - school closed to children
Friday 2 September 2022	-	INSET Day 2 - school closed to children
Friday 25 November 2022	-	INSET Day 3 - school closed to children
Monday 28 November 2022	-	Occasional Day - school closed to children
Monday 20 February 2023	-	INSET Day 4 - school closed to children
Friday 26 May 2023	-	INSET Day 5 - school closed to children