



# Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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## NEWSLETTER 2

DATE 16 September 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week Senior Leaders have had the chance to visit classes to listen to children reading and talk about some of their work in other subjects. As always it is a pleasure to talk to the children, they are keen to tell us about what they are doing in various subjects. Last year we purchased a number of books with money from the PTA and from the Bungee jump to support Little Wandle, our phonics scheme. The children were able to talk to us about what they had learnt in phonics and to talk about the books they were reading. In the Parrots and Robins class they have been creating a beautiful reading and storytelling area with the help of a donation from Cromwell Cars. The area is set up like a home from home with a small sofa, soft comfy spaces and books displayed so that the children can choose what they would like to read.



When we talked to the children about other subjects we were asking them what they have learnt so far and about other times that they might have learnt it. When children are able to add to their learning or to repeat it in different contexts it helps that learning to stick. A really good example of these links came from Year 3. They were looking at the Stone Age on a timeline and talked about when it was and why it was called the Stone Age.

But when they were asked the question about why tools were made from stone, they were very keen to tell us all about their work on materials in Science and how stone was a strong material that doesn't break easily. This is something that you can use at home to support them, maybe using the sentence 'Do you remember when..' to remind them of similar experiences in their play or when helping them with homework.

If you follow us on Facebook you may have noticed that we have a job advert at the moment. Please do take a look if you think you might be interested, or share it with friends. [https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,11-send-support\\_76563.htm](https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,11-send-support_76563.htm)

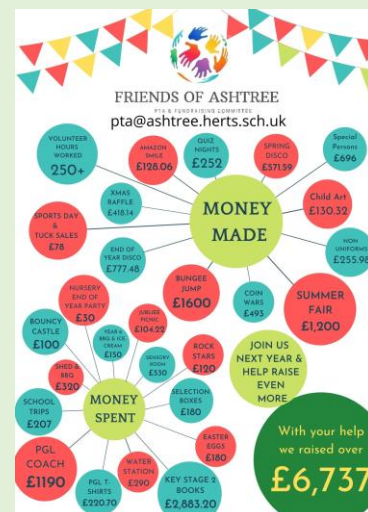
A reminder again that schools are closed on the bank holiday for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth. If you want to share some of the day with your children but feel that the general news coverage is too much, Newsround presents stories really well for children, we often use the program in our school work.

Finally, I am pleased to say that the 'book pile' of names showing who has completed the Summer book challenge is growing. Keep those coming in to class teachers. Well done to those children that found a way to enjoy reading over the Summer holiday.

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you back in school on Tuesday

Mrs Janes  
Headteacher







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## Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Magpies** (for good lining up and good behaviour) & **Buzzards** (settling in well in the KS2 playground)



## Attendance Cup



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

Breakfast Club Details from September

Email: [breakfastclub@ashtree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:breakfastclub@ashtree.herts.sch.uk)

07564864497 from September

Monday 19 September	Tuesday 20 September	Wednesday 21 September	Thursday 22 September	Friday 23 September
<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Menu 1</b>			Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm)
Monday 26 September	Tuesday 27 September	Wednesday 28 September	Thursday 29 September	Friday 30 September
<b>Menu 2</b>				Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm)

## Term Dates Academic Year 2022 / 2023

24 October 2022 - 28 October 2022	-	Half term holiday	
Friday 25 November 2022	-	<b>INSET Day 3</b>	- school closed to children
Monday 28 November 2022	-	Occasional Day	- school closed to children
21 December 2022	-	Last day of term	
22 December 2022 - 4 January 2023	-	Christmas holiday	
Thursday 5 January 2023	-	First day of term for pupils	
13 February 2023 - 17 February 2023	-	Half term holiday	
Monday 20 February 2023	-	<b>INSET Day 4</b>	- school closed to children
3 April 2023 - 14 April 2023	-	Easter holiday	
Friday 26 May 2023	-	<b>INSET Day 5</b>	- school closed to children
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	