

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

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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Outside Achievements



Joe from Y6 brought in a book today which was written by his grandfather. He was very proud to show us a published book and partially keen to show Mr Yates because the book is all about football.





Rachael from Y6 passed her 1 mile swimming distance award last week.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Friends of Ashtree would like to invite you to their Annual General Meeting on Monday 30th September 2022 at 6:30pm at Ashtree School, doors open at 6pm and refreshments will be available.

All key roles within the Friends of Ashtree are up for re-election at the AGM; key roles include Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. If you would like more information on these roles, or any other roles, please email the Friends of Ashtree on the email below.

We will also be making fundraising plans for the current school year, so it will be a great opportunity for you to have your say and bring forward any ideas you may have about how to support and strengthen our school community.

Friends of Ashtree is a registered charity run by a group of volunteers who organise events to raise money to support Ashtree Primary School and Nursery. The volunteers are mostly parents of pupils at Ashtree School, supported by some of the school's teaching staff; however, we also welcome grandparents, aunts and uncles etc.

You can get involved with the Friends of Ashtree as little or as much as you like. From supporting us by attending our events, to helping with manning stalls at our fairs and discos or attending our meetings, helping with the planning, setting up and running of the events, or putting yourself forward for one of the key roles within the Friends of Ashtree.

If you have any enquiries or would like further information as to what the key roles involve, then please contact us at pta@ashtree.herts.sch.uk. We are also on Facebook; search 'FriendsofAshtreePTA' to follow us. We would love to see as many of you as possible to help us support our wonderful school, so please do come along to the meeting.

Kinds Regards,

Friends of Ashtree Fundraising Committee





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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)



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

Breakfast Club Details from September Email: <u>breakfastclub@ashtree.herts.sch.uk</u>

07564864497 from September

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

Term Dates Academic Year 2022 / 2023

24 October 2022 - 28 October 2022

Friday 25 November 2022 Monday 28 November 2022

21 December 2022

22 December 2022 - 4 January 2023

Thursday 5 January 2023

13 February 2023 - 17 February 2023

Monday 20 February 2023

3 April 2023 - 14 April 2023

Friday 26 May 2023

29 May 2023 - 2 June 2023

Friday 21 July 2023

24 July 2023 - 31 August 2023

Half term holiday

INSET Day 3

Occasional Day

Last day of term

Christmas holiday

First day of term for pupils

Half term holiday

INSET Day 4

- school closed to children

- school closed to children

- school closed to children

Easter holiday

INSET Day 5

- school closed to children

Half term holiday Last day of term

Summer holiday