



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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NEWSLETTER 2

DATE: 17 September 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

As I am sure you all know, the Governors have appointed a new Head for Ashtree. On Monday we interviewed the shortlisted candidates and chose Mrs Janes, our Deputy Head, who is currently filling the Head's role temporarily, to be our permanent Headteacher.

We are confident that the school will continue to grow stronger under Mrs Janes' leadership. We are looking forward to a visit from Ofsted inspectors, probably this term, and everyone is working hard to ensure that Ashtree is graded Good again.

Covid-19 has made the governors' task more difficult over the last eighteen months, but we have continued monitoring the work of the school with the help of technology. Our first meeting this term is on September 20 at the school, as things get back to normal, we hope.

I am sure that all parents and pupils will join the governors in wishing Mrs Janes every success for the future.

Are You Interested in Joining the Governing Body?

There is a vacancy on the Governing Body for a parent to join us. We meet eight times a year, usually on a Monday between 6.30pm and 8.30pm.

Governors have to oversee the work of the school, with special emphasis on Financial matters and Pupil Progress and Well-being. We check on lots of things, including Safeguarding and Curriculum. We are involved in interviewing applicants for job vacancies at the school. We monitor Health and Safety issues. Sometimes we deal with complaints.

Perhaps most important of all, we set the vision and aims for the school in conjunction with other stakeholders. If you think you'd like to be involved in any of those areas, please let the school office know and leave me contact details. I will get in touch and give you more details.

Bill Spicer - Chair of Governors

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been a very busy week this week. As part of the changes we are introducing assemblies will look slightly different on a Friday. I will be replacing the 'Effort Certificate' with a range of celebration assemblies, these will include celebrating our values in action (this half-term is community), achievements outside of school, achievements in learning and behaviours. I would love to hear from you or your children if you would like us to celebrate their effort and achievements outside school.

On Monday, I was able to see a lesson in Sunshines the activity was adult led PSED they talked about feelings using the book 'Monkey Puzzle'. The children were eager to listen and ready to learn, thank you for your help in making this happen.

Finally, I am pleased and excited to accept the post of Headteacher and looking forward to all of us working together.

Mrs Janes - Acting Headteacher

Reception / Nursery Spaces

We still have spaces in Nursery and Reception. Can we ask parents to share this information to any families that may be interested in a space - Thank you.



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Summer Reading Challenge - Wild World Heroes

I am very pleased to reward Joseph from Nursery a 'Headteacher Award' sticker today for completing his Summer Reading Challenge. If any other children have completed the challenge, please let your class teacher know.

Just a couple of reminders:

- Although we are asking children to wear black shoes indoors/outdoors please remember to provide a pair of plimsolls to wear inside should the weather turn bad.
- In order to keep our Community safe, you should be only driving on the school grounds if you have a school permit.



The **Nursery** children have had a great time settling in and exploring the nursery setting. We have really enjoyed getting to know your children and look forward to having lots of fun together!



Nursery Reminders:

Please return the 'All about me' sheets.

Can we ask that a named fresh water bottle is brought in each day – thank you.



Finally, can we ask that you provide a pair of named welly boots to remain in school so your child can enjoy the garden in all weathers!



In **Year 3**, we have been making sedimentary sandwiches, using different foods to represent different parts of sedimentary rock.

The breads were sand and dust. The jams were old plants and animal remains. The raisins were big rocks. The hummus was mud. The crackers represented clay.

The sandwiches showed the different layers of sedimentary rock.





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Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are Sunshines & Class 14.



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is Class 4 with 99.6%.

Monday 20 September	Tuesday 21 September	Wednesday 22 September	Thursday 23 September	Friday 24 September
Menu 1				
Monday 27 September	Tuesday 28 September	Wednesday 29 September	Thursday 30 September	
Menu 2			School Nurses Year 1 Vision & Hearing Screening	

Friday 1 October
School Nurses Year 1 Vision & Hearing Screening

Monday 4 October	Tuesday 5 October	Wednesday 6 October	Thursday 7 October	Friday 8 October
Menu 3				
Monday 11 October	Tuesday 12 October	Wednesday 13 October	Thursday 14 October	Friday 15 October
Menu 1				
Monday 18 October	Tuesday 19 October	Wednesday 20 October	Thursday 21 October	Friday 22 October
Menu 2			Individual Photo/Siblings	
Monday 25 October	Tuesday 26 October	Wednesday 27 October	Thursday 28 October	Friday 29 October
HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM

Monday 1 November	Tuesday 2 November	Wednesday 3 November	Thursday 4 November	Friday 5 November
INSET Day 3 - school closed to children	First day of term for pupils			



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Term Dates Academic Year 2021



Autumn Term 2021



Tuesday 21 December - Last day of term – finish at 2.15pm



Spring Term 2022



Wednesday 5 January 2022 - First day of term for pupils
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



Summer Term 2022



Tuesday 19 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 *(including the Spring Bank Holiday and additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.*
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.