



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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Newsletter 2

Date: 19 January 2024

Across the school the children are now very good at quoting and showing our ABC of moving around. I am sure that if you ask them, they will tell you that:

A is Always Quiet

B is Be Polite

C is Calm Body and Mind

We have been using this for a while now and so this week we have started to introduce our classroom expectations. These are all about what will help us all to learn. I am sure that the children will soon be able to tell you these as quickly as they can talk about our ABC's. We have linked these to our values.

Lessons are for Learning. To help us learn we...

Community

Listen to others

Work as a team

Are always kind

Pride

Keep our work neat

Keep our classroom tidy

Take care of our things

Resilience

Give it a try

Ask for help

Enjoy learning something new

One of the classes that has really managed to show the ABC's this week is Nursery. They have been walking around the school quietly, calmy and politely. Well done to Nursery.

There are lots of children that have been working hard on their handwriting this week, Mrs Allen our Writing Lead, has been introducing a new format for our handwriting lessons and it is really working! This is also helping with our classroom expectations 'keep our work neat'. I am sure that you will be very proud of their efforts when you see the books at the next parent consultation.

Mrs M Janes – Headteacher

Emotion Based School Avoidance - Parent Workshop - Mr Yates - Assistant Headteacher

Do you have difficulty in the morning with your child not wanting to come to school? Does your child display a range of emotions throughout the morning routine? The NHS Mental Health Support Team are delivering a parental workshop at Ashtree School on Wednesday 31 January, 2.45-3.25pm. Please see the attached flyer for information.





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Attendance Cup:

The winner for this week is **Penguins** with **96.1%**

This week's trophy winner is:

KS2 Resilience trophy – Ava (Eagles)

KS2 Pride trophy - Ruben (Falcons)

KS2 Community trophy - Tommy (Kestrels)

Class	Authorised / Unauthorised Sessions Missed
Harriers	14
Robins	14
Buzzards	17
Hawks	18
Falcons	20
Kestrels	21
Swifts	23
Red Kites	24
Eagles	30
Wrens	34

House Points - Special Mention:

Ruben (Falcons) awarded an immediate house point for displaying the school values. He took pride in his Geography work by speaking with confidence and enthusiasm. He also helped his friend to understand concepts in greater detail by using the globe to travel around the world together. **Awarded by: Mrs Allen**

Oliver (Eagles) Well done Oliver for your hard work in your handwriting lessons. This has meant that your handwriting looks beautiful, what a transformation in such a short time. **Awarded by: Mrs Janes**

Ava (Eagles) awarded an on-the-spot house point for her wonderful English work. She tried hard to improve her handwriting and thought carefully about each word choice producing an awesome piece of writing! **Awarded by: Mrs Allen**

Tommy (Kestrels) At the end of lunch, Tommy contributed to his class community by collecting in coats left outside by his classmates and returning them, without being asked to do so. **Awarded by: Mrs Cox**

Presley (Eagles) awarded an on-the-spot house point for turning things around. He has listened to feedback and had a great end to the week: improving his handwriting, trying hard with his pronunciation and contributions in French and for being helpful and enthusiastic in science. **Awarded by: Mrs Allen**

Finley (Wrens) awarded pride house point for completing his maths tasks all week with great number formation. **Awarded by: Mrs Staddon**

Athlete Visit to School - 30 January 2024

We're very excited to be welcoming Commonwealth Games Gold Medal Winner Steve Frew to the school to lead a sponsored fitness circuit. Steve will then be delivering a motivational assembly and a Q & A session for the pupils.

The event will both connect the pupils to an extraordinary athlete role model and raise money to improve physical activity in the school, as well as supporting both athletes and para-athletes, so that they can continue to inspire the next generation.

For more information about the organisers, please visit: www.sportsforschools.org



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Monday 22 January	Tuesday 23 January	Wednesday 24 January	Thursday 25 January	Friday 26 January
Menu 3 12.30-1pm Warriorz Street Dance Volleyball Y5/6 (lunchtime) Premier Education Gymnastics Club Rec – Y6 After School Club 3.15-4.15pm	Table Tennis Y3/4 (lunchtime) Premier Education Archey/Fencing/Tri-Golf Rec- Y6 3.15-4.15pm GoShin Karate Club Y3-Y6 After School Club 3.30-4.30pm	Stevenage Royals Basketball Y1 – Y6 After School Club	Stay Active (lunchtime) Rec – Y2 SFC Football Rec- Y2 After School SFC Football Y3- Y6 After School Premier Education Tennis Rec-Y6 After School Girls Football Training Mr Allen Y5/6 After School	FitKidz UK Fitness Club Rec – Y6 AM Club SFC Multi-Sports – Rec - Y2 Lunchtime 12.30-1pm) Boys/Girls Netball Training Y5 – Y6 (Mrs Cox) After School 3:30-4:30pm
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School Dates 2023 | 2024

Half-term Holiday: Monday 19 February 2024–Friday 23 February 2024

Easter Holiday: Friday 29 March 2024 – Friday 12 April 2024

Inset Day 4 – Friday 3 May 2024 (school closed to pupils)

Half-term Holiday: Monday 27 May 2024 – Friday 31 May 2024

Inset Day 5 – Monday 22 July 2024 (school closed to pupils)

Occasional Day – Tuesday 23 July 2024 (school closed to pupils)

Summer Holiday: 24 July 2024 - 1 September 2024

School Dates (2024|25)

Start of term: 2 September 2024

Half term holiday: 28 October 2024 - 1 November 2024

Christmas holiday: 23 December 2024 - 3 January 2025

Half term holiday: 17 February 2025 - 21 February 2025

Easter holiday: 7 April 2025 - 21 April 2025

Half term holiday: 26 May 2025 – 30 May 2025

Summer holiday: 24 July 2025 - 3 September 2025

Inset Day 1 - 2 September (Monday)

Inset Day 2 - 25 October (Friday)

Occasional Day 20 December

Inset Day 3 - 6 January (Monday)

Inset Day 4 - 22 April (Tuesday)

Inset Day 5 - 23 May (Friday)