



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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NEWSLETTER 20

DATE: 11 February 2022

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

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been another busy half term with children and staff working hard, Covid numbers going up and down and working with Hertfordshire for Learning on the continued development of the school. Unfortunately, we still have not had the final published OFSTED report, so I am not able to tell you more about the content. Fingers crossed that we are able to share it with you soon and talk to you about our next steps.

This week Mrs Cox, Mrs Garnham and Mr Allen have been working hard to further develop the Science, Art and History curriculum. We are very lucky at Ashtree to have subject leaders that love their subject, meaning that they put a huge amount of effort into adapting and refining the curriculum to ensure that children are enjoying their learning and that the content is based on an understanding of how children's understanding develops through their time at primary school. I know that they are keen to share with you the work that they have been doing.

Mrs Livings, Friends of Ashtree and Mrs Garnham have also been deep in discussion looking at ways that Ashtree Primary School & Nursery can be a part of Stevenage Day. I have spoken to you all before about my visions for Ashtree being a vital part of the wider community and I know that being a part of this day will support this vision. Thank you to Mrs Livings for taking a lead with this and we will keep you updated as to how you and your children can also take part.

The school value for this half term has been 'Resilience' and with all of the Covid-19 cases and changes to government guidance we have shown real resilience as a school community. The children have managed changing break times, lunchtimes in bubbles and staff have been flexible in moving in and out of outbreaks. We are once again moving into the holiday with lower case numbers and a hope that we will be able to reduce some of these measures after half term. Not least of which are clubs, I know that you are all waiting eagerly for these to start up again and the plan is to start up clubs from 28th February as long as the number of cases does not rise again.

Finally today marks half a year in my first Headship role and I would like to say thank you to all of you; children, staff and parents for your support and hard work so far this year. I look forward to the rest of the year and the many ways that I know we will, together, move the school further forward.

Mrs M Janes
Headteacher



We raised £254.25p

Thank you everyone for your
support



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Outside Achievements:



Aoife from Y4 took part in the choir at Gordon Craig Theatre for the Opera Boys Show. Her stagecoach school were asked to support and she did amazing – Well done Aoife



Over the last year and half, Sadie from Reception has been growing her hair to donate it to the Little Princess Trust – she is almost there!

This was Sadie's own idea and she has been determined throughout

The date is set for next month for the big chop. Sadie has started collecting donations to help towards the costs of making the wigs and towards research into cancer within children. <https://bit.ly/3rxBdHs>

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.
- When on school property, please make sure that you and your children walk scooters and bikes through the grounds.
- 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.





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Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Class 4 & Class 7**.



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is **Sunshines** with **99.3%**.

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 PTA - Coin Wars Fundraising (starts)			
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 *(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.

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