



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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NEWSLETTER: 20

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Dear Parents & Carers,

This week we have had a lot of visitors, but one thing that they have all said is how impressed they are by the learning behaviours in the classroom by the children. I know that when I was showing a visiting Headteacher around I was very proud of them all, they were working hard, asking questions and enjoying their lessons.

At the end of the week Key Stage 2 held the first of their sessions where parents were able to take part on a lesson with their children. There was some very impressive pasta making in Y3 where they used the skills that they had been learning throughout the topic. In Y5 adults and children joined together in an Art lesson where they created their own painted version of an object from nature inspired by William Morris prints. The children chose a small section of a print and sketched an enlarged outline before painting blocks of colour and adding finer details.

Key Stage 1 were also joined by a visiting author, where they listened to the author reading the book, were able to complete work about the book and they were even given a signed copy of the book. The best bit about this visiting author was that it was our very own Mrs Judge who has written the first of a series of books about Charlie's Zoo with a story about Elliot the Elephant. We are very proud of her and hope to have her talk to us about many more books in the series.



Next week is half term and time for a well-earned rest for everyone, but I am sure that the children will soon be looking for something to do. There are a lot of local cheap and free activities that you can enjoy as a family. Take a look at this website for some ideas <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/media-library/documents/comms-team/herts-half-term-fun.pdf> when you get to the website just click on the links.

Herts Half Term Fun

Take part in a junior parkrun	Explore Ashridge Estate	Visit Howard Park and Gardens	Play in the park at Bancroft	Discover new parks around you with ParksHerts
Visit a local farm	Spend the day at The British Schools Museum	Visit Hitchin Market	Pick up a second hand bike at a Reuse Shop	Spot the Meerkats at Cedars Park
Explore Heartwood Forest	Walk the Sculpture Trail in Broxbourne Woods	Sign up for a library card	Go Geocaching	Visit Herts Archives
Listen to an Audiobook through the Borrowbox app	Go for a bike ride	Explore the Alban Way	Attend a Services for Young People youth project	Take a ride at East Herts Miniature Railway
Have an adventure at Leavesden Country Park	Uncover Oughtonhead Common	Spend the day at the Natural History Museum in Tring	Check out an activity at your local library	Visit a local museum
Do some DIY Street Orienteering	Walk around the Lee Valley Sculpture trail	Drop in to a parent cafe	Attend a Family Fun Event at a Family Centre	Go fly a kite
Spend the day at Cassiobury Park	Find a Dragonfly at Amwell Nature Reserve	Play Posh Sticks at Aldenham Country Park	Visit the historic St Albans Cathedral	Baby Rhyme Time at your local library
Visit Stevenage Museum	Family Fun session at a Family Centre	Discover Berkhamsted Castle	Explore Panshanger park	Make your own playdough
Unearth the Roman Ruins	Walk the Wheathampstead Heritage Trail	Discover the woods of Chipperfield	Sign up for a SaverCard	Find new places playing Pokémon Go
Go bird watching	Have an arts & crafts day	Play Disc Golf at Lee Valley	Search local area with Rights of way Google Map	Visit a Lark in the Park event

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Have a fun filled half term and we will see you back at school on Tuesday 21 February.

Mrs Janes - Headteacher



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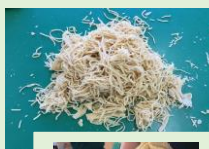
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Teacher Strikes:

As you are aware some school staff across the county will be striking on 1 March. Ashtree takes the education of your children very seriously and will endeavour to ensure that school remains open. An assessment will be made to decide whether it is safe for the school to operate. However we may not know which union members will decide to take strike action, right up to the morning of the strike days. Where we can we will inform you of any full or partial closure next week, however final confirmation may need to be given on the morning of each strike day.



As part of their DT project Y3 made their own pasta! They made spaghetti and sauce and were able to share it with their family who came into school.

Y5 enjoyed a very successful Art session yesterday afternoon which many of our parents attended. It was lovely to see the array of artistic talents from both our children and their adults. Thank you so much to all who attended!



As part of our Understanding of the World, EYFS had a visit from the Police. We asked them lots of questions like "What do the police do?", "How do the radios work?"

Police Officer Carl and PCSO Neil spoke about how they keep people safe in our community.

We sat inside a police car, watched the lights and listened to the sirens!

Outside Achievements:



Lacey from Y5 was awarded the 'Student of the Week' at her Karate class for her trying her best on her second week.

Riley from Y4 was awarded January Player of the Month at his Futsal club and received this hoodie as his reward.





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On Saturday 4 February 7 of our athletes took to the St Albans countryside to run in the Hertfordshire Primary Cross Country Championships. It was great to see our athletes running against the best runners in the county. There were over a hundred runners in each of the races. Freddie was our highest finisher as he came in a very respectable 39th out of 106 competitors. Well done to Freddie, Rachel, Ayla, Evangeline, Nella, Emmanuella and Aoife. YOU DID US PROUD!!!

Monday 13 February	Tuesday 14 February	Wednesday 15 February	Thursday 16 February	Friday 17 February
HALF-TERM		HALF-TERM		HALF-TERM
Monday 20 February	Tuesday 21 February	Wednesday 22 February	Thursday 23 February	Friday 24 February
INSET DAY – School closed to pupils	<i>Menu 1</i>		Crochet Club Y6 (lunchtimes)	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm)
Monday 27 February	Tuesday 28 February	Wednesday 1 March	Thursday 2 March	Friday 3 March
<i>Menu 2</i>				Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm)



Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Wrens** (for good behaviour and listening at lunchtime) & **Falcons** (for championing good behaviour at lunchtime).



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is **Parrots**

Lunchtime Superstar
Award

Tommy (Kestrels)

Class	Sessions Missed
Parrots	4
Robins	6
Owls	10
Buzzards	12
Swifts	15
Harriers	17
Kestrels	19
Wrens	23
Hawks	24
Red Kites	26
Eagles	32
Magpies	43
Falcons	43

Term Dates Academic Year 2023

13 February 2023 - 17 February 2023	-	Half-term Holiday
Monday 20 February 2023	-	INSET Day 4-school closed to pupils
3 April 2023 - 14 April 2023	-	Easter holiday
Friday 26 May 2023	-	INSET Day 5-school closed to pupils
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