



# Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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## NEWSLETTER 21

DATE: 25 February 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

### This half term our school value is Empathy

It is lovely to see everyone back at school safely after the half-term break. Covid-19 measures have changed again and after a week following our school risk assessment I am pleased to say that we will be back to clubs, usual break times and lunchtimes, matches and some face-to-face assemblies from next week. We will still be asking visitors to the school to wear a mask if they are able to, this will help to keep everyone safe now that we will not be testing.

The Friends of Ashtree have lots of plans for things to slowly move back to in person and face to face events. I know that they are keen to get these started and hope that you will be able to support these either as a member or by joining in. Look out on their Facebook page for details.

Something that is very important to us here at Ashtree is that we are able to support parents and carers with questions, problems and concerns. Now that making appointments with staff face to face is much easier, I want to remind you of the best people to help resolve your concerns and questions.

The class teacher should always be your first point of contact, they are best placed to support you with the things that happen day to day. They are in the classroom with your children and speak to the MSAs about lunchtimes, this means that they can quickly answer questions and resolve problems. They know your children best out of all of the adults in the school.

If you feel that you need to escalate, a question or concern once you have spoken to the class teacher then we have phase leaders throughout the school. Miss Sinnott is EYFS lead, Mrs McQueen is KS1 lead, Mrs Cox Lower KS2 lead and Miss Kiernan upper KS2 lead. The easiest way to make an appointment to see these members of staff is through the office.

The Senior Leadership Team are always here to help should you feel that the matter is confidential, or you have spoken with the phase leaders and want to escalate it further. Mr Yates is Assistant Head, Ms Ruprai is Deputy Head and then myself as Headteacher. Again, the best way to make an appointment is through the office.

We have also been looking at streamlining our office procedures recently, we are a large school site and hand delivered messages are not always the most efficient way of doing this. Moving forward, if you have a message about your child, particularly a change in collection arrangements, please phone the school office where they will take a message and pass this electronically to the relevant staff. We will also contact you to confirm that it was you that phoned in, this gives us an additional way to keep your children safe. The confirmation will be sent through SchoolComms.

Mrs M Janes  
Headteacher

### Class Photos

Please be aware the Class Photos will be coming home today after school. **The deadline for ordering online is Thursday 3 March 2022. Orders are online only.** Any orders after the set deadline will be subject to postage and packing costs.

If you lose your proof card or have trouble ordering, you can contact DSP directly via email [equiries@dsp-academy.com](mailto:equiries@dsp-academy.com)

**PLEASE NOTE** – We have a new ordering site, which is:  
[www.dsp-academy.gotphoto.co.uk](http://www.dsp-academy.gotphoto.co.uk)



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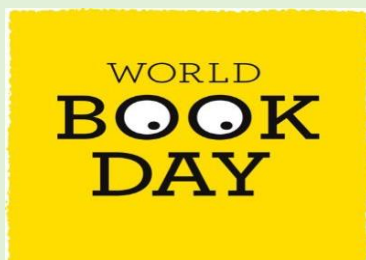


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## Thursday 3 March World Book Day 2022



We will be kicking off our celebrations of Reading for Pleasure by taking part in a Sponsored Read - Ready Steady Read! Running from the 28 February - 7 March.

The money raised will be used to buy books for our school. Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in EXTRA FREE BOOKS to our school. Therefore, for every £600 raised, we will get an extra £360 in FREE Usborne books! In addition to this, the child that either raises the most money or reads the most will win a prize.

On Thursday 3 March, children can come to school dressed in a costume or simply dressed as a Muggle! During the day, they will be completing reading-based activities in class with their teachers. Any reading they do during the day can also count towards their Sponsored Read.

On Friday 11 March, we will have an Usborne book fair, run by our amazing PTA, after school at 3.15pm. You will be able to use your £1.00 World Book Day Token towards your purchase.

## Outside Achievements:



Finley from Y5 and Riley from Y3 completed in the Stevenage Swimming Club Turtles Gala on 20 February. Finley completed in 3 races and got one 2<sup>nd</sup> place and two 3<sup>rd</sup> places. Riley completed in 2 races and came 4<sup>th</sup> in both.



Finley from Y2, Scarlett and Mayson from Y3 have been raising money for SANDS the Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity. This charity is important to them and their family. During March, they will be taking on the challenge of walking or jogging 50 miles between them. *'They want to help other people who have had their babies go to heaven'*. We all very proud of them!

## 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/carers concerns, please ensure that you bring these to the class teacher or the office and **do not** approach children directly.
- Please be considerate of local residents and follow the Highway Code by not parking on yellow lines outside of the school and across people's drives.

From Monday 28 February, Breakfast Club will be merging together (KS1/KS2).

Entrance for dropping of children will NOW be KS2 dining room.



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## Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Rainbows** (listening to instructions) & **Class 8** (lining up well).



## Attendance Cup



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

Just to let you know that the HCC Meals for the Juniors (KS2) will be changing from 1 April 2022 to £2.80

Monday 28 February	Tuesday 1 March	Wednesday 2 March	Thursday 3 March	Friday 4 March
<b>Menu 2</b>	<b>World Book Day – Costume Sale</b> KS1/KS2 playground (run by PTA)	<b>Netball Training</b> Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)	<b>Netball Home Match vs Knebworth</b>	
	<b>Ready Steady Read - Sponsored Read</b> 			
Monday 7 March	Tuesday 8 March	Wednesday 9 March	Thursday 10 March	Friday 11 March
<b>L2 Cycle Training – Years 5 &amp; 6</b>				
<b>Menu 3</b>				<b>Usborne Book Fair,</b> (run by PTA) after school at 3.15pm
	<b>Ready Steady Read - Sponsored Read</b> 			
Monday 14 March	Tuesday 15 March	Wednesday 16 March	Thursday 17 March	Friday 18 March
<b>Menu 1</b>				<b>Netball Training</b> Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)
Monday 21 March	Tuesday 22 March	Wednesday 23 March	Thursday 24 March	Friday 25 March
<b>Menu 2</b>			<b>Special Person Sale</b> 	<b>Netball Training</b> Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)



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## Term Dates Academic Year 2022 / 2023



### Spring Term 2022



- |                                  |   |   |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Friday 1 April                   | - | End of term – <b>finishes at 2.15pm</b> |
| Monday 4 April – Monday 18 April | - | Half-term - Easter Break                |
| Monday 18 April                  | - | <b>Bank Holiday</b>                     |



### Summer Term 2022



- |                               |   |  |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Tuesday 19 April</b>       | - | <b>Holiday</b> - 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 ( <i>including the Spring Bank Holiday and additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.</i> ) |
| 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           | - | <b>INSET Day 1</b> - school closed to children |
| Friday 2 September 2022             | - | <b>INSET Day 2</b> - school closed to children |
| Friday 25 November 2022             | - | <b>INSET Day 3</b> - school closed to children |
| Monday 28 November 2022             | - | Occasional Day - school closed to children     |
| Monday 20 February 2023             | - | <b>INSET Day 4</b> - school closed to children |
| Friday 26 May 2023                  | - | <b>INSET Day 5</b> - school closed to children |