



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Reading, books and dressing up! World Book Day was a huge success this week. Mrs Cox was joined by children and parents for story reading sessions before school and on Thursday children and staff dressed up as book characters to celebrate the day. Well done to Mrs Cox our Reading Lead and all of the staff for sharing their love of books with the children. At the end of the day the Friends of Ashtree ran a book fair which was very busy, I hope that your children managed to get a book to enjoy. Next week the staff will be receiving training from an English Advisor on how to develop our curriculum even further.

This week the staff from Sunbeams have started to sort and set up the building ready to welcome children into the preschool. I know that there is a lot of interest in the preschool and Sunbeams will start to send out details and open their doors for parents to find out more very soon. This is a fantastic opportunity for the school to welcome younger children into our Ashtree family, and although Sunbeams are a separate provider, I know that we will be working closely together.

We are starting to look at planning for next September and our Nursery places are filling up quickly. If you are interested in a place for next September, then please ask for the application form at the office. For Reception places in September, **even for those in our Nursery**, you will find out if you have been allocated a place on 17 April, you then need to accept the place by 1 May.

To keep up with all the exciting things happening at Ashtree join our Facebook page and Twitter and the Friends of Ashtree Facebook page where we regularly update with photos and information. <https://www.facebook.com/AshtreeSchool>

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all back on Monday.

Mrs Janes - Headteacher



Y6 Art Work

World Book Day



Once again, World Book Day at Ashtree School was a fun and exciting event. Seeing all of the amazing characters and books that children brought in to help celebrate the day, definitely brought a smile to my face!

The day's activities included 'Start your day with a Story'; our very own author, Mrs Judge, talking to Lower Key Stage 2 about writing a book; sharing books with other classes; the book fair at the end of the day, run by our fantastic FOA, as well as activities completed in class.



It has also been wonderful to see the children's whole school homework from last week, with some creative and detailed examples of our children's being made.

These are in the process of being put up on display.





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St Nicholas v Ashtree Y5 Netball Match

Ashtree were looking forward to their first game of the term, which took place on Thursday afternoon at St Nicholas school. It was only the first or second league match for some of the team and it was fantastic to see their confidence grow as the game progressed, resulting in some great decisions being made. Their channelling of the ball and reading of the game has definitely progressed.

It was a close game and ended in a 6-6 draw. Our captain for this game was Niamh and Ms Cook's player of the match was Sienna. The player of the match, as chosen by the St Nicholas team, was Emmanuella, for her constant energy and movement to create opportunities to intercept the ball.

Coronation Tulip Trail

Waste Not Want Not Community Nursery, based in Stevenage, hopes to celebrate King Charles' coronation by showcasing a tulip trail within our community. Around 66 Hertfordshire schools, scout groups, care homes, gardening clubs and other organisations contacted the charity to each have at least 100 bulbs planted by the end of February.

The non-profit organisation said: "We hope you can be creative in your planting to celebrate the Kings Coronation."

Ashtree School have 100 'Big Smile' tulip bulbs and we would like you to either design a pattern for planting the bulbs in the ground or suggest an interesting upcycled container to plant the bulbs into.

Please hand your design or idea to your class teacher by Monday 6 March. The Eco – Club will choose a design or container and plant up the bulbs.



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Spaces available for Nursery and Reception for September 2023.



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Red Nose Day is back on Friday 17 March. To celebrate, we have decided that we will all wear red. Please bring to school a suggested donation of £1, this will then be sent to the charity.

From 1 April Meal prices for KS2 will be increasing from £2.60 to £3.20. This is to cover HCC process increase due to costs.

Monday 6 March	Tuesday 7 March	Wednesday 8 March	Thursday 9 March	Friday 10 March
Menu 3 Art Club Y5/Y6 (lunchtimes) Y4 Violin Lessons KS1 Stop & Read 3pm	Origami Club (lunchtimes)		Crochet Club Y6 (lunchtimes) Y3 Lee Valley Trip	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm) Special Persons Gift Sale (permission slip returned by 3.15pm)
Monday 13 March	Tuesday 14 March	Wednesday 15 March	Thursday 16 March	Friday 17 March
Menu 1 Art Club Y5/Y6 (lunchtimes) Y4 Violin Lessons KS1 Stop & Read 3pm	Special Persons Gift Sale Origami Club (lunchtimes)	Teacher Strike Day (details to come)	Teacher Strike Day (details to come)	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm) Red Nose Day
Monday 20 March	Tuesday 21 March	Wednesday 22 March	Thursday 23 March	Friday 24 March
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Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Parrots** (for playing nicely together and good listening) & **Owls** (for responsible behaviour during indoor play).



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is **Swifts**.

Term Dates Academic Year 2023

3 April 2023 - 14 April	-	Easter holiday
Friday 26 May 2023	-	INSET Day 5-school closed to pupils
29 May 2023 – 2 June	-	Half-term Holiday
Friday 21 July 2023	-	Last day of term
24 July 2023 - 31 August	-	Summer Holiday
Friday 1 September	-	INSET Day
Monday 4 September	-	Start of term
23 October – 27 October	-	Half-term Holiday

Class	Sessions Missed
Swifts	1
Owls	2
Red Kites	4
Kestrels	6
Wrens	7
Buzzards	9
Parrots	12
Falcons	17
Magpies	22
Eagles	22
Hawks	25
Robins	26
Harriers	36