



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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NEWSLETTER 23

DATE: 11 March 2022

This half term our school value is Empathy

Dear Parents & Carers,

At school this week, we have been focusing on books and reading. We had a book fair run by Usborne Books where the children were able to purchase books, the money raised will help support the school to buy new books. You have also supported the 'Ready Steady Read', the total raised as of yesterday was £495.00.

Ms Ruprai has been introducing an updated phonics program, which will support children's' early reading skills, and purchasing books will address one of our involvement points in the recent Ofsted report. She has secured a grant for £6,000 towards this. We still need to raise some money for books and KS2. The Friends of Ashtree and some of the staff have challenge me to do a sponsored bungee jump to raise money for these books! The Friends of Ashtree will be sending out more details on how you can sponsor me, the tower that I will be jumping from is 160 foot!

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sponsored-bungee-jump?utm_id=1&utm_term=Wag3RXVVg

Y5 and Y6 have been taking part in Bikeability this week, you may have seen the children out on the roads with the instructors. PCSOs Lucy Cooper and Neil Dowler also joined the children to talk about road safety and security markings for bicycles. Look out for some photos next week and a report from the children.

The School Council held a meeting on Thursday and voted for different ways to celebrate Red Nose Day on Friday 18 March 2022. The children decided that it would be a wear red day with a voluntary donation of up to 50p. The children were very thoughtful about what wearing red would entail and suggested wearing something as small as a hair band or wristband with your favourite clothing, which would be perfect if you do not own red clothing.

Stevenage Football Club came in during the week to meet with the MSA leads, Mr Yates had contacted them to see if they could help with improving our lunchtime provision. They will be working with children and training the MSAs in running some structured playground activities. Something that schools are finding is that following the pandemic and lockdowns children have not had the opportunity to learn or play group games. We are looking into other organisations that can support the children with this.

Have a good weekend and I hope you get the chance to take a walk and look at the daffodils and snowdrops.

Mrs M. Janes
Headteacher

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



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Decorate an Egg Competition



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Friends of Ashtree PTA have an egg-citing event for your children to take part in this Easter – the traditional, decorate a hard-boiled egg competition!

All you need to do is hard boil an egg and once cooled let your child decorate it any way they wish. You can use whatever materials you like. The more creative and colourful, the better! You may want to have a theme, dress your egg up, or just simply decorate it with sparkles. Bring your egg to school on Thursday 31 March to enter.

There are no rules to how you decorate your egg - just ENJOY and HAVE FUN!

2 winners will be chosen from each class by the PTA and they will each receive a chocolatey Easter prize.

We would like to thank you for your continued support in our fund-raising efforts.



Friends of Ashtree



Ashtree Netball Team



After only a handful of training sessions this school year and with no league matches played for two years, the Ashtree Netball Squad had their first game of the season on Thursday. Playing away at St Ippolyts, the Ashtree pupils once again made us very proud.

The improvement in their play, as we progressed through the match, was inspiring to see. The scores themselves show the difference with the first quarter ending 6-0 to St Ippolyts and the last quarter ending 2-1.

Unfortunately, we lost the game 17-1, but potential for the Ashtree squad is amazing.

Well done to every one of the players for your enthusiasm and gamesmanship.

The **Player of the Match was Dinali** for her fantastic defensive play with great interceptions and movement around the court, but a special mention must also be made for Evangeline for scoring the first Ashtree goal.



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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 transmission 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.
- 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.



Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Class 6** (Visitors to the school commented on how well behaved the children were on the playground) & **Class 13** (for being respectful and helpful).



Attendance Cup



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

Monday 14 March	Tuesday 15 March	Wednesday 16 March	Thursday 17 March	Friday 18 March
Menu 1		Cheerleading 3.15pm-4.15pm		Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm) Special Person Sale Red Nose Day
Monday 21 March	Tuesday 22 March	Wednesday 23 March	Thursday 24 March	Friday 25 March
Menu 2		Cheerleading 3.15pm-4.15pm	Y6 Trip – Bentley Priory Museum	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)
Monday 28 March	Tuesday 29 March	Wednesday 30 March	Thursday 31 March	Friday 1 April
Menu 3		Cheerleading 3.15pm-4.15pm	Decorate an Egg Competition	Netball Training 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 – **finishes 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