



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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NEWSLETTER: 23

DATE: 10 March 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

I have spent most of this week watching the weather nervously and keeping everything crossed for light snow and nothing more! I don't want to speak too soon but we seem to be ok. Mr Street has been gritting and keeping pathways safe.

One of the problems that we still have in our playground which is impacting on the safety of our children and parents is the number of cars that are coming onto the school site. I know that it is tempting to sneak in behind contractors' vans or parents' cars in the morning but this puts us in a very difficult position. The only parents on site should be those with a pass. We do not have a large car park or area to turn so please support us by not coming onto site.

During our staff meeting this week we have focussed on reading. We spoke about how children learn to read, successful teaching strategies and how to encourage enjoyment of reading. The meeting was led by the Herts for Learning English Advisor, and I know that staff came away with some ideas to use in their classrooms.

We had some sad news this week, many of you will remember Mrs Long who worked at Ashtree supporting our SEND pupils. She had been unwell for a short time and sadly died earlier this week. The staff have been remembering some of the memorable times that she spent here, particularly when she brought a donkey into the assembly! She was well liked and will be missed, we send our love to her close friends and family.

Thank you to everyone for sharing the post on Facebook about the preschool open day. The team at Sunbeams have been working hard painting, sorting and setting up in the building. I look forward to seeing it at their open day, if you are interested in coming along then contact them to find out more.

Have a lovely weekend and I will keep my fingers crossed for nothing more than a dusting of snow.

Mrs Janes – Headteacher



Teacher Strikes:

On Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March 2023, due to Strike Action we will need to restrict attendance. Currently Parrots and Robins are closed to Nursery children only, Magpies and Swifts, Owls and Buzzards, Red-kites and Kestrels will be closed to pupils. **Wrens, Harriers, Hawks, Falcons and Eagles will be opened as normal.** Unfortunately we do not have sufficient staffing to allow children of key workers to attend on this occasion. A letter will come out on Monday confirming this. Thank you for your understanding

Please be aware that staff do not have to inform me until the morning of the strike and the above information may change.



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Y5&6 Ashtree boys Football

On Friday 24 February we played against Roebuck Academy. The boys won 3-0. The boys were a credit to the school and played very well. The Man of the Match goes to Ciaran for his quality play on and off the ball. There is a Y3 & 4 match on Friday 17 March 2023 away to Giles.

Reminder:

Can I please remind all parents that you should not be approaching other people's children or parents on the playground if you have a concern. Please contact your child's teacher in the first instance and discuss your concerns, they will then be able to deal with this appropriately. All members of our school community are entitled to feel safe and free from intimidation on or coming into the school. Thank you.



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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 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)	Year 5 Girls Away Match v Shephalbury Park Red Nose Day
Monday 20 March	Tuesday 21 March	Wednesday 22 March	Thursday 23 March	Friday 24 March
Menu 2 Art Club Y5/Y6 (lunchtimes) Y4 Violin Lessons KS1 Stop & Read 3pm	Origami Club (lunchtimes)		Crochet Club Y6 (lunchtimes)	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm)
Monday 27 March	Tuesday 28 March	Wednesday 29 March	Thursday 30 March	Friday 31 March
Menu 3 Art Club Y5/Y6 (lunchtimes) Y4 Violin Lessons KS1 Stop & Read 3pm Parents Evening	Origami Club (lunchtimes) Parents Evening		Crochet Club Y6 (lunchtimes)	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm)



Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Magpies** (for good listening and good manners in the dining room) & **Buzzards** (for being kind and courteous to each other)



Attendance Cup



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

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
Kestrels	3
Buzzards	5
Owls	6
Parrots	7
Eagles	9
Harriers	16
Wrens	17
Red Kites	19
Swifts	24
Hawks	24
Falcons	26
Magpies	26
Robins	32