



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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NEWSLETTER 25

DATE: 25 March 2022

This half term our school value is Empathy

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week we had one of our first large face-face gatherings of parents, Mr Allen, Mrs Allen (and two delightful young Allen's), Mrs Cockburn and Mrs Mulqueen went through some of the arrangements for this year's Y6 residential trip. The children will also be joined by Miss Castle and Miss Tobin. Although June seems a way away yet, I know that the trip will soon be upon us.

The Year 6's have also been on our first 'post pandemic' day trip and they were very excited as I waved them off on Thursday morning and very tired when they came back having had a busy day out.

The Friends of Ashtree also had their Special Person Sale which went very well on Thursday with many secret gifts going home to surprise their special person at the weekend. A reminder that the egg decorating competition is coming up on 31st March.

I spoke with some children this week about what they would like the money from my sponsored bungee jump to be spent on. They talked about the authors that they like and the types of books but also felt that new up to date books were really important because they 'don't just help with your reading but also your imagination, vocabulary and writing' Thank you Laycie, Charlie, Charlie, Laney and Victor. I had the opportunity to read some of the writing that Y5 have been doing and saw exactly how their reading has helped their vocabulary. I particularly enjoyed reading persuasive writing from James H, it is very important for staff to have high quality texts to use when they teach the children the different genres of writing.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sponsored-bungee-jump?utm_term=JNGMv8Kna

Ashtree has places available for our September 2022 Nursery and Reception classes. I will be sharing an advert for this on our Facebook page and would appreciate parents/carers sharing it if they can. Thank you.

Finally a big thank you to Mrs Livings who has been beaver away organising for Ashtree School, Friends of Ashtree and Brighter Days to have a stall at Stevenage Day. There will be more information coming out nearer the time so save the date in your diary.

I look forward to seeing you all next week at the Parent Consultations.

Mrs M. Janes
Headteacher



Friends of Ashtree Coin Wars

1st Place: Class 3 won £20 to spend on something for the classroom, a first place certificate, a trophy for their classroom, and medals for each pupil.

2nd Place: Class 12 won £10 to spend on something for the classroom, a trophy for their classroom, and a runner-up certificate.

3rd Place: Class 6 won 2 fidget sensory board games, a trophy for their classroom, and a runner-up certificate.
Coin Wars raised in total £493.33. A big well done to all the classes and their pupils.



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Year 6 had a fantastic time at Bentley Priory Museum today. The visit further enhanced their understanding of the Battle of Britain and the use of radar to detect incoming aircraft. The pupils really enjoyed the interactive lesson plotting the route of hostile and friendly fighters!



Friday 18 March our girls' football team took on Woolenwick. A strong performance from Woolenwick helped them towards a 2-0 win. Our girls showed great spirit and didn't stop going until the end. Player of the Match goes to Georgia from Y6.

Thursday 24 March our girls' football team took on Trotts Hill. The girls have come on leaps and bounds since our first training session – and it really showed. A dominant performance from start to finish. Ashtree finished with a strong 3-0 win. Lexie with 2 well taken goals and Remai with a great strike helped Ashtree to win their first match of the season! Player of the Match goes to Remai from Y6.

Outside Achievements:

Aoife in Year 4 achieved her level 4 in gymnastics this week. She achieved this for her great work on the Beams, the Bars and the Vault! We are all proud of her.



Reminders:

- If your child is going to be picked up by someone else, please inform the office. Thank you.
- 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.



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Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Class 5** (Good lining up and good listening) & **Class 10** (listening to instructions from the MSA Team).



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is **Class 12** with **96.4%**.

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 March	Tuesday 29 March	Wednesday 30 March	Thursday 31 March	Friday 1 April
Menu 3		Cheerleading 3.15pm-4.15pm	Decorate an Egg Competition	End of term schools finishes at 2.15pm
Monday 4 April	Tuesday 5 April	Wednesday 6 April	Thursday 7 April	Friday 8 April
HALF-TERM				
Monday 11 April	Tuesday 12 April	Wednesday 13 April	Thursday 14 April	Friday 15 April
HALF-TERM				Good Friday
Monday 18 April	Tuesday 19 April	Wednesday 20 April	Thursday 21 April	Friday 22 April
Easter Monday BANK HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	Menu 1 (New Menu) Cheerleading 3.15pm-4.15pm		Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)
Monday 25 April	Tuesday 26 April	Wednesday 27 April	Thursday 28 April	Friday 29 April
Menu 2		Cheerleading 3.15pm-4.15pm		Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm) Disco KS1 – 5.00pm – 6.15pm KS2 – 6.30pm – 7.45pm



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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 (<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	- 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