



ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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NEWSLETTER 28

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Nursery and Reception

I am delighted that our Early Years Team has been recognised for all of their hard work and success within the Early Years Strategic School Improvement Fund Project: 'Communication to Succeed'. The project supported the team to improve children's outcomes in writing and maths by underpinning their development with high quality interactions that improved children's communications skills.

Nursery Admissions

Applying for a school Nursery place for 2019-2020 (For children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016).

Admissions for Nursery are now dealt with by the school.

For all enquiries relating to children being admitted into our Nursery, please contact the school office 01438 351090.

Our Admissions Application Form for children starting Nursery in September 2019 can be downloaded from our website.

Our Nursery Admissions Policy is also on our website.

Applications for Nursery are now open – offers are made on a first come, first served basis. We offer 30 hours provision in Nursery as well as 15 hours.

KS1 Climbing Frame

Work has started on replacing this unit from Tuesday 23 April. Please keep your child away from the safety barriers. Thank you.

Y6 Parents Kingswood Meeting

There will be a meeting for this year's Kingswood visit on **Monday 13 May 2019 at 5.45pm** in the Junior Hall. We anticipate T-shirts and parent packs will be given out at this meeting. Medical Forms and Contact Numbers **MUST** be back by this meeting. Please come in via the Junior Playground doors. We still have some outstanding basis that need to be cleared, please.



Sun Hats and Water Bottles



Please can you make sure your child has a sun hat, water bottle in school and is wearing sun cream when the weather is forecast to be hot. Thank you.



Y3 Swimming



If you haven't already paid for your child's swimming lessons, this is a reminder that payment is now overdue. Lessons are £4.00 session and can be paid either by cash or on Schoolcomms. Thank you.

Stevenage Family Trail Fairlands Valley– Saturday 4 May 2019 from 10am - 4pm

This year Hertfordshire County Council and Stevenage Borough Council have organised a new family event for the May Bank Holiday Saturday to get families out enjoying the green spaces of Stevenage. It is part of the wider Stevenage Walking Festival that is now in its seventh year, this year we wanted to include an event that would appeal to families who would not normally take part.

It is being held at Fairlands Valley Park and consists of a geo cache trail around the park with clues for children to collect along the way. It is free to take part and participants are given a map to follow, there will be various activities happening around the trail and each child taking part will receive a free furry bug and can enter a free prize draw to win a scooter and other prizes.

We will be joined by various partners including Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue, the police and Herts Boat Rescue Service. It is a community event and our partners will be promoting community safety, including water safety, especially important as summer approaches.

KS2 MSA Vacancy

We have a full time vacancy in KS2 (6hrs 15mins per week 11.55-1.10 daily) term time only. Please contact the School Office for a Job Description and Application Form. Closing date is Friday 3 May 2019 with interviews to be held on Thursday 9 May 2019.



Dinner Money – Summer Term

£2.60 per day £13.00 per week

1st half term £59.80 2nd half term £91.00

Please note this price change from the 6 April 2019.

We have a number of people who continue to take dinners without payment. Please be reminded that dinners must be paid for in advance. Where a letter/text has been issued notifying that no further meals will be provided please ensure that you send your child in with a home packed lunch each day until the debt is cleared. We are no longer able to build up any dinner money debt due to Government changes. Any debt is taken out of the school budget, which has a detrimental effect on the education of our pupils. Please do not put us in the position of not paying for a meal but still expecting us to provide one. Please ensure all outstanding balances are cleared by the end of term. Thank you for your understanding. It is still possible to pay dinner money through Schoolcomms when school has closed.



Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are Rainbows & Class 13



Attendance Cup



The winners for this week are Classes 4,7 & 14 with 99.1%.



Effort Cup



Congratulations to Elena from Year 1.

E. Kirwan

Academic Year 2018/2019



Diary Dates for Summer Term



Summer Term 2019:

Wednesday 1 May – Friday 24 May

Monday 6 May

Monday 13 May – Friday 17 May

Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Monday 9 June – Friday 14 June

Monday 10 June – Friday 14 June

Wednesday 19 June

Thursday 27 June

Friday 28 June

Monday 1 July

Thursday 4 July

Friday 5 July

Thursday 11 July

Friday 12 July

Friday 19 July

Monday 22 July

Tuesday 23 July

Wednesday 24 July

- Y2 SATs Test Period
- **Bank Holiday**
- KS2 – Y6 - SATs Week
- **Half-term**
- Y6 Kingswood Trip - Isle of Wight
- Y1 Phonics Test Week
- Y3 Trip to St Albans Museum
- New to Reception/Nursery Parents/Carers Evenings
- Summer Fayre 3.15-5.00pm
- Open Evening
- EYFS / KS1 Visit to Whipsnade
- Annual pupil reports to parents
- Y6 Transition Day
- Family/Picnic & Lunchtime followed by afternoon Sports Day
- Last day of term - **finish at 2.15pm**
- **INSET Day 4 - school closed to children**
- **INSET Day 5 - school closed to children**
- **Occasional Day - school closed to children**

Academic Year 2019/2020 (next year)

Autumn Term 2019:

Monday 2 September

Tuesday 3 September

Wednesday 4 September

Friday 25 October

Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Friday 20 December

- **INSET Day 1 - school closed to children**
- **INSET Day 2 - school closed to children**
- First day of term
- **INSET Day 3 - school closed to children**
- **Half Term**
- Last day of term - **finish at 2.15pm**

Spring Term 2020:

Monday 6 January

Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Monday 24 February

Friday 3 April

Monday 6 April – Friday 17 April

- First day of term
- **Half Term**
- **INSET Day 4 - school closed to children**
- Last day of term - **finish at 2.15pm**
- **Half Term**

Summer Term 2020:

Monday 20 April

Monday 4 May

Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May

Friday 17 July

Monday 20 July

Tuesday 21 July

- First day of term
- **BANK HOLIDAY**
- **Half Term**
- Last day of term - finish at 2.15pm
- **INSET Day 5 - school closed to children**
- **Occasional Day - school closed to children**

Please ensure you do not book any family holidays during test times as they will be unauthorised.