



# ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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## NEWSLETTER 29

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

### 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. 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.

### Lost Property (School Uniform)

Please can you make sure you name your child's uniform as we have a large amount in lost property. Thank you.

### Free School Meal

For general enquiries about Universal Infancy Free School Meals, Free School Meals, Music fees, applications or to check pupil data please contact us at [howcanwehelp@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:howcanwehelp@hertfordshire.gov.uk). For enquiries about this article please contact us at [CS.enquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:CS.enquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk). Please refer to the Free School Meals Guidance for information about the introduction of Universal Credit and the phasing out of other income based benefits.



### 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.

### 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.

### Curriculum Information

The new Summer Term Curriculum Information has come out with this newsletter as a separate document.



### Dinner Money – Summer Term



**£2.60 per day      £13.00 per week**

1<sup>st</sup> half term £59.80    2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Uniform

Thank you for ensuring that your children have the correct uniform. If you want our bottle green sweatshirts carrying the school crest, and white polo shirts with 'Ashtree School' embroidered on them, these may be purchased from the school, between **2.45pm and 3.00pm on Thursdays only**. This helps us ensure that we have a strong identity as a school and do look very smart. **As already mentioned in previous newsletters, jumpers /sweatshirts or cardigans are bottle green and not black or grey.** Trousers and skirts can be grey or black. Please ensure that children's uniform is labelled with their name. Jewellery, apart from watches or Medic Alerts should not be worn, **but in the case of earrings, studs are permitted (no bling please).** Children may wear only one pair of earrings, and these should be removed, or taped over by the child for PE sessions (we provide micropore tape). I would like your support in ensuring that children with shoulder length or longer hair, come to school with their hair up (ponytail, bunches, plaits) any pupil conscious about putting their hair up can put a bandana over the ponytail, bunch or plait. This would help to reduce the spread of head lice around the school, and would meet the Health and Safety requirements of lessons, such as PE, Technology etc. (A plain or school coloured 'scrunchie' would look very smart.)

A number of you are now purchasing our lovely Jackets and Fleeces. These need to be ordered as we are unable to keep a large stock due to lack of space! **May I remind you that these items are outdoor wear.** Please ensure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes as this will help to keep our school cleaner for longer. Pupils should wear sensible footwear to school, high heels are not appropriate for playtimes. Please see our Dress Code which can be found under the Policy section on our Website [www.ashtree.herts.sch.uk](http://www.ashtree.herts.sch.uk). The uniform order form and prices can also be found on our website.

### Stevenage Cycle Hub

The Stevenage Cycle Hub is running a Bikeability course during the May half term holiday, from Tuesday, 28 to Friday 31 May. Bikeability is today's cycle training programme. It's like cycling proficiency, but better! It's about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today's roads.

The course is being run in conjunction with the Herts CC Cycling Team and covers Bikeability Levels 1 & 2. It is the same course as they run in schools and is delivered by their instructors. We are offering the course as a catch-up for those that didn't achieve at Level 2 last time, and for any that don't have the chance to do the course through their school.

The course takes place at the Cycle Hub over 4 days with 1 two-hour session per day (09:30 – 11:30). The first session will be Level 1 and will be in a traffic free situation, where we ensure participants have the skills needed to go on the road. The other sessions take place on local quiet roads, looking at how to move in traffic and negotiate parked cars, side roads and junctions. The course costs £28 per child (payable in advance) and there is a maximum of 10 places available. All participants must be in Year 5 or above (aged 9 years or older). The course can be booked online using the following

link:<https://stevenagecyclehub.org.uk/events/bikeability-level-2-stevenage-may-2019/>

## Sporting Fixtures



### Girls' Netball - Reported by Mrs Cox

Round Diamond v Ashtree Netball Match Report

Ashtree visited Round Diamond school on Wednesday afternoon to play the first A league match of the Summer term and we started it off with a bang!

It was an excellent game, with the girls successfully swapping positions, meaning we could adapt the team effectively throughout the game and they showed how well they could listen to advice, by immediately taking on board directions from the adults.

We won the match 15 – 2 and our team captain was Jessica.

The player of the match, as chosen by the Round Diamond squad, was Ruby. Ruby was a whirlwind on court, moving quickly into spaces to create passing opportunities and keeping the flow of the ball in our possession, fluid. She also worked hard to intercept the ball, by reading the game and again ensuring she was in the most effective place on court.

A special welcome back must also be said to Mrs Cook, our fantastic coach, who has taught the girls so much about netball and who has an amazing impact on their game. It was lovely to see her back umpiring and coaching the team.

Finally, I would like to say well done to Mrs Holtom and her husband who took part in the London Marathon last Sunday. If you would like to donate to their just giving page, please see link below:

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/johnkalle-holtom?utm\\_id=123](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/johnkalle-holtom?utm_id=123). Thank you.



### Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are Classes 6 & 10.



### Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is Class 12 with 99.2%.



### Effort Cup



Congratulations to Amba from Year 6.

*E. Kirwan*

## Academic Year 2018/2019



### Diary Dates for Summer Term



#### Summer Term 2019:

Wednesday 1 May – Friday 24 May	-	Y2 SATs Test Period
<b>Monday 6 May</b>	-	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
Monday 13 May – Friday 17 May	-	KS2 – Y6 - SATs Week
<b>Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May</b>	-	<b>Half-term</b>
Monday 9 June – Friday 14 June	-	Y6 Kingswood Trip - Isle of Wight
Monday 10 June – Friday 14 June	-	Y1 Phonics Test Week
Wednesday 19 June	-	Y3 Trip to St Albans Museum
Thursday 27 June	-	New to Reception/Nursery Parents/Carers Evenings
Friday 28 June	-	Summer Fayre 3.15-5.00pm
Monday 1 July	-	Open Evening
Thursday 4 July	-	EYFS / KS1 Visit to Whipsnade
Friday 5 July	-	Annual pupil reports to parents
Thursday 11 July	-	Y6 Transition Day
Friday 12 July	-	Family/Picnic & Lunchtime followed by afternoon Sports Day
Friday 19 July	-	Last day of term - <b>finish at 2.15pm</b>
<b>Monday 22 July</b>	-	<b>INSET Day 4 - school closed to children</b>
<b>Tuesday 23 July</b>	-	<b>INSET Day 5 - school closed to children</b>
<b>Wednesday 24 July</b>	-	<b>Occasional Day - school closed to children</b>

## Academic Year 2019/2020 (next year)

#### Autumn Term 2019:

<b>Monday 2 September</b>	-	<b>INSET Day 1 - school closed to children</b>
<b>Tuesday 3 September</b>	-	<b>INSET Day 2 - school closed to children</b>
Wednesday 4 September	-	First day of term
<b>Friday 25 October</b>	-	<b>INSET Day 3 - school closed to children</b>
<b>Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November</b>	-	<b>Half Term</b>
Friday 20 December	-	Last day of term - <b>finish at 2.15pm</b>

#### Spring Term 2020:

Monday 6 January	-	First day of term
<b>Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February</b>	-	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 24 February</b>	-	<b>INSET Day 4 - school closed to children</b>
Friday 3 April	-	Last day of term - <b>finish at 2.15pm</b>
<b>Monday 6 April – Friday 17 April</b>	-	<b>Half Term</b>

#### Summer Term 2020:

Monday 20 April	-	First day of term
<b>Monday 4 May</b>	-	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May</b>	-	<b>Half Term</b>
Friday 17 July	-	Last day of term - finish at 2.15pm
<b>Monday 20 July</b>	-	<b>INSET Day 5 - school closed to children</b>
<b>Tuesday 21 July</b>	-	<b>Occasional Day - school closed to children</b>

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