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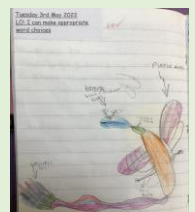
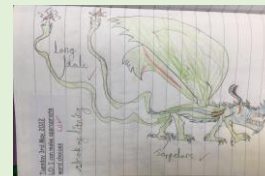
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Next half term our school value is Integrity

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week I have had the pleasure of visiting classrooms and seeing what the children are learning.

In Year 2 with Mrs Khan, the children were having an English lesson, where they were looking at similes and description. They had listened to a story about a dragon and then drawn their own dragon creation. They were then writing descriptions; the children had created a whole range of dragons from fierce and frightening ones to colourful and pretty ones.



In Year 4 Mrs Cox was explaining the difference between analogue and digital clocks. The children were learning about how to tell the time on the two different devices and about the 12-hour clock. They were keen to tell me that although a digital watch is easier to read, they preferred an analogue watch face.

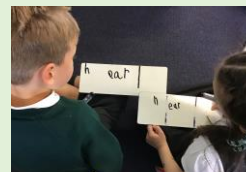
In Year 6 one class were using the English lesson to revise for their SATs tests which are coming up and having a go at comprehension practice. The children were very clear about how helpful it has been to do the comprehensions in class with the support of the staff, they said that it has really helped to build their confidence and ability.

In the other class the children and Mr Yates were enjoying the new books that Ms Ruprai bought with the money raised by the PTA at the book fair.

In Reception the children were working on their phonics, Miss Sinnott was modelling 'ear' with the class. The children sounded out words; said the whole word; they read sentences and talked about the meaning of the words. They ended by writing the words onto their frames. Ms Ruprai has been working with the English Hub to make sure that we are making the best use of the Little Wandle phonics program that they have helped us to purchase with a £6000 grant. This was another Ofsted improvement point that the staff at Ashtree have enthusiastically taken on board.

I am very proud of the staff who are dedicated to meeting the improvement points from Ofsted and the children for adapting to the changes in our curriculum and delivery.

Mrs M. Janes
Headteacher



Please go onto the Schoolcomms App and sign up (you need to sign up by 17 May as the kitchen staff need to know numbers), if you do not want to sign up please provide a home packed lunch for the day.

If you pay for dinners you will do the payment the same way through 'Schoolcomms' £2.80.

Reception/KS1 do not require payment.

KS2 if you are not in receipt of FSM and have given consent to the meal, then please pay via Schoolcomms 'Dinner money'. Any problems signing up please contact the office.



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Stevenage Day Sunday 12 June 2022

Friends of Ashtree will be running a stall on Stevenage Day to represent our wonderful school and to raise some money by holding a tombola. It should be a fantastic day full of music, games and other interesting stalls.

On Thursday 26 May, there will be a non-uniform day in school as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations where the children can come to school wearing red, white and blue. We would like to ask the children to bring in something for the tombola. It can be anything, for example, some bubble bath, a tin of soup, sweets or a bottle of lemonade. We do ask that any food items are in date and that they are non-perishable. We are unable to take any alcoholic items.

If any parents are able to contribute further, please do get in contact with me

Outside Achievements



Timothy from Year 3 plays rugby for the Hitchin under 8 team.

The season has now concluded but not before he earned two medals! One for playing in the Hertfordshire County Tournament last weekend, and a participation medal for being part of the team for the 2021/2022 rugby season.



Aisha, Mustafa and Yahya in Reception Celebrating Eid.

Celebrating Eid al-fitre

In Reception the children have been learning about Eid. Eid al-fitre is a time when Muslims celebrate the end of Ramadan. Muslims fast during the month of Ramadan for 29 or 30 days and then have a celebration with friends and family. Some of the children talked about their own experiences of celebrating Eid and they emailed photos for the rest of the Reception Class to see, and they also brought in artefacts to show.

The children in Reception learned about visiting mosques and wearing new clothes for Eid. In the classroom the children had an Eid party and Mrs Mohiuddin brought some; bhajis, dates, pilau rice and chana chaat for the children to taste. The children tried on various outfits and talked about what they liked about Eid.

They learned to say "Eid Mubarak!"





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Ashtree welcomed St Ippolyts to a Home Netball Game on Thursday afternoon, for a mixed league match.






The improvements the Ashtree team had made in their play, since their last match, was evident for all to see and was commented on both by parents and the opposing team.

The channelling of the ball along the court was wonderful and we created amazing opportunities and defended well, particularly in the second half.

Unfortunately we lost the game, but I am sure that with the continued improvement we have seen, our remaining matches will be very exciting to watch.

Player of the Match, as chosen by the St Ippolyts team, was our Centre, Kirsty, for her never-ending energy, interceptions and reading of the game.

Monday 9 May	Tuesday 10 May	Wednesday 11 May	Thursday 12 May	Friday 13 May
Menu 1		Cheerleading 3.15pm-4.15pm	Netball Mixed League Home Match v Knebworth 3:45pm - 4:45	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)
Monday 16 May	Tuesday 17 May	Wednesday 18 May	Thursday 19 May	Friday 20 May
Menu 2		Cheerleading 3.15pm-4.15pm		Y6 Swimming Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)
Monday 23 May	Tuesday 24 May	Wednesday 25 May	Thursday 26 May	Friday 27 May
Queens Jubilee Menu	Menu 3	Cheerleading 3.15pm-4.15pm	Non Uniform Day (Red, White & Blue)	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
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As part of the Queens Jubilee we are planning many activities for a week of celebration. This is a big historical event and a celebration which will most likely never happen again in your child's lifetime.

As part of the celebration we are hoping to decorate the school and its surrounding fields in red, white and blue bunting. But we need some help. If you have any clean OLD/ TATTY light coloured clothing or material that you are happy to give to us that would be great.

We are going to recycle the material and make bunting from it. This is a school wide project. Please just pass the material to your class teacher ASAP so we can cut it ready for the children to use in few weeks' time.



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We were very sad to hear that Barry Boreham died this week. Those of you with older children may remember Barry and his wife Carol as our cleaners for many years. We also have many fond memories of Barry helping out in Santa's grotto or delivering gifts to children at the Christmas parties. We all send our love and best wishes to Carol and the family.

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.



Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Class 5** (well behaved and good manners in the dining room) & **Class 13** (As they have shown respect and have been courteous to their peers from other classes and staff).



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is **Class 7** with **97.7%**.

Term Dates Academic Year 2022 / 2023



Summer Term 2022



Monday 2 May

Friday 27 May

Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

Monday 6 June

Friday 22 July

- **May Day Bank Holiday**
- **INSET Day 5** - school closed to children
- Half Term *(including the Spring Bank Holiday and additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee)*
- First day of term for pupils
- 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 2022	-	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