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NEWSLETTER: 29

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I don't think I have seen bunting as often as I have over the last few years, we are starting to see the bunting and decorations being put up in the kitchens for the Coronation Menu. We will be doing our Royal March around the field today and I hope to see you all there. Did you know... Westminster Abbey has been the setting for every Coronation since 1066. Before the Abbey was built, Coronations were carried out wherever was convenient, taking place in Bath, Oxford and Canterbury.

This week I have been talking to some of the children about their Maths work and spent some time talking to Y6 about their preparations for the SATs tests next week. With the additional bank holiday this year, the tests will continue into the Friday. I know that the children have worked hard to prepare for the tests and I wish them luck next week. Year 2 have also been doing tests and these will continue past next week. It is important that the children have the chance to shine and to do their best but at the same time we want to make them feel relaxed and confident. Please can you make an extra special effort to be in on time in Y6 next week.

I know that you will want to join me in congratulating Mrs Judge who is expecting her second baby. She will be with us for the rest of this year and is due to give birth after the summer holiday. This is an exciting time for her and I look forward to being able to share more news next year.

There will be more details to follow nearer the time but we plan to run our sports day on 6 July with Reception and Nursery in the morning and KS1 and KS2 in the afternoon with a picnic in between. We hope that this will be far enough into the term to avoid the wet cold weather and soon enough to avoid the excessive heat of last year.

I would also like to thank Mrs Foley. She has been working for Ashtree Primary School and Nursery for 6 years in a number of different roles and classes. Her calm, professional and caring way with all children I know has been appreciated by parents, staff and children. I know that she will be hugely missed and we wish her well in her new role outside of the school environment.

I hope that you all enjoy the extended weekend, whether that is watching the coronation or just enjoying your time together.

Maria Janes
Headteacher





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Outside Achievements:



Timothy received a certificate at the end of the current rugby season, for most improved player in his year group. He plays with Hitchin Rugby Club.



Sporting Achievements:

Football - Ashtree 1-1 St Nicholas

Team: Ollie, James, Ollie, Babatounse, Andrew, Ciaran, James, Freddie, Freddie, Kevin

I had the pleasure of taking the boys' football team on Wednesday afternoon to St Nicholas school for a fixture. The focus for team was the following: hard work, encouragement, and enjoyment. Every single player excelled in these areas. The way the children helped each other out, and played as a team was wonderful to see. Although the boys were disappointed not to have won a match which they dominated, they can all take heart from a magnificent team performance.

Player of the match: James T - for showing maturity to support the younger players throughout the game. A role model performance!

Match report by Mr. Yates

Ashtree v Bedwell Mixed League Match 4 May

We welcomed Bedwell to Ashtree for our second game against them and our first match of this term.

We knew that playing the Bedwell team was going to be challenging from our previous game and we made sure that we put all of the skills that we had learned in our training to good use.

We won the game 6 – 4 and the player of the match, as chosen by the Bedwell team, was Ben who made some amazing interceptions as Goalkeeper and helped to keep the Bedwell score down. Our captain for this game was Charlie and our coach's player of the match was Oliver.

Well done to the whole team for giving this game 100% effort and I hope that you have rested enough for our game against Knebworth this afternoon!

Match report by Mrs Cox



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Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Wrens** (for good listening/behaviour in the dining room), & **Eagles** (for calm safe behaviour).



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is **Magpies**

| Class | Authorised / Unauthorised Sessions Missed |
|-----------|---|
| Magpies | 3 |
| Buzzards | 4 |
| Kestrels | 5 |
| Parrots | 6 |
| Wrens | 7 |
| Robins | 9 |
| Harriers | 10 |
| Owls | 10 |
| Falcons | 15 |
| Red Kites | 17 |
| Swifts | 18 |
| Eagles | 21 |
| Hawks | 27 |

| Monday 8 May | Tuesday 9 May | Wednesday 10 May | Thursday 11 May | Friday 12 May |
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| BANK HOLIDAY | Menu 1 Origami Club (lunchtimes) | | | Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm) |
| Monday 15 May | Tuesday 16 May | Wednesday 17 May | Thursday 18 May | Friday 19 May |
| Menu 2 Art Club Y5/Y6 (lunchtimes) Y5 Violin Lessons KS1 Stop & Read 3pm | Origami Club (lunchtimes) | | Census Menu | Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm) Y6 Swimming Starts |
| Monday 22 May | Tuesday 23 May | Wednesday 24 May | Thursday 25 May | Friday 26 May |
| Menu 3 Art Club Y5/Y6 (lunchtimes) Y5 Violin Lessons KS1 Stop & Read 3pm Y5/Y6 Cycle Training | Origami Club (lunchtimes) Y5/Y6 Cycle Training | Y5/Y6 Cycle Training | Y5/Y6 Cycle Training | INSET DAY – School Closed to pupils |
| Monday 29 May | Tuesday 30 May | Wednesday 31 May | Thursday 1 June | Friday 2 June |
| BANK HOLIDAY | HALF-TERM | HALF-TERM | HALF-TERM | HALF-TERM |

Term Dates Academic Year 2023

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|--------------------------|---|--|
| Friday 26 May | - | INSET Day 5-school closed to pupils |
| 29 May 2023 – 2 June | - | Half-term Holiday |
| Friday 21 July 2023 | - | Last day of term – 2.15pm finish |
| 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 |