



# Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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## NEWSLETTER 3

DATE 23 September 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

As the weather continues to look and feel more like Autumn we have been starting to plan some of the usual Autumn events. It is only when I look back to last year that I remember how many were unable to go ahead in the usual way.

This year we will be having a traditional Harvest with donations. For some of us the cost of living has hit hard and I wanted to remind you that donations are completely voluntary. However, we have 311 children and over 50 adults at Ashtree, if we all bring in one item we will be able to make a beautiful display.

This year we will be sending most of the donations to The Food Shed <http://www.stevenage-vineyard.co.uk/compassion/foodshed/> a food bank that can be accessed by those in need of a bit of help with buying food. They do have a Facebook page that lists the items most needed right now but they will always be able to use tins of meat, veg, potatoes and fruit, cereal, biscuits, UHT milk, tea and coffee.

Some of our Year 6 children will hopefully also be taking some Harvest goodies along to the residents at Woodlands View. Prior to Covid this was a very enjoyable experience during which the children took packs of tea, coffee and biscuits, talked to the residents about their lives and often found someone who had lived in Stevenage all of their life. With our first value each year being Community it is very important that we help and share stories and experiences within our wider community and Harvest is a perfect time to do this.

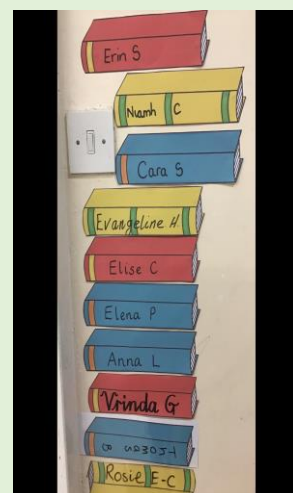
Once we have booked in a visit to Woodlands View we will let you know how and when to bring in your donations.

During October we will be having our school photographs, again I really hope that this will be an occasion that is back to normal and we aim to have younger pre-school siblings in the photos too. The office is working hard to arrange the finer details and the information will be out to you soon.

Mixed aged classes have been a new way of working at Ashtree this year and senior leaders, middle leaders and subject leaders have spent time looking at the planning, talking to children and seeing what is happening in classes. I would like to say a huge thank you to the staff for the hard work that has gone into making sure that all of the children are learning at the right level, enjoying their classes and mixing well outside. I know that it is always a pleasure to go into the classrooms or pass children in the corridor and be greeted with a happy smile and a cheerful 'Hello Mrs Janes'. If you still have questions about the way that this works or what your child is specifically doing, please come and talk to the class teacher, the phase leaders (Miss Sinnott or Mrs McQueen) or me. I know that it can be difficult to settle into something new and we want to reassure you and answer your questions so that you are as confident as us that this works for your child.

Enjoy your weekend and we will see the children back in school on Monday.

Mrs Janes  
Headteacher





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## Outside Achievements:



Connie from Y6 competed in her first ever championships with her horse Sassy Star. She done absolutely amazing in.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Friends of Ashtree would like to invite you to their Annual General Meeting on Friday 30 September 2022 at 6:30pm at Ashtree School, doors open at 6pm and refreshments will be available.

All key roles within the Friends of Ashtree are up for re-election at the AGM; key roles include Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. If you would like more information on these roles, or any other roles, please email the Friends of Ashtree on the email below.

We will also be making fundraising plans for the current school year, so it will be a great opportunity for you to have your say and bring forward any ideas you may have about how to support and strengthen our school community.

Friends of Ashtree is a registered charity run by a group of volunteers who organise events to raise money to support Ashtree Primary School and Nursery. The volunteers are mostly parents of pupils at Ashtree School, supported by some of the school's teaching staff; however, we also welcome grandparents, aunts and uncles etc.

You can get involved with the Friends of Ashtree as little or as much as you like.

From supporting us by attending our events, to helping with manning stalls at our fairs and discos or attending our meetings, helping with the planning, setting up and running of the events, or putting yourself forward for one of the key roles within the Friends of Ashtree.

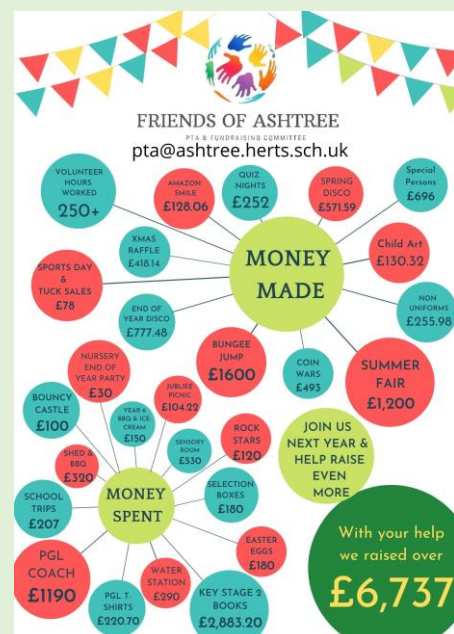
If you have any enquiries or would like further information as to what the key roles involve, then please contact us at [pta@ashtree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pta@ashtree.herts.sch.uk).

We are also on Facebook; search 'FriendsofAshtreePTA' to follow us.

We would love to see as many of you as possible to help us support our wonderful school, so please do come along to the meeting.

Kinds Regards,

Friends of Ashtree Fundraising Committee





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## Afterschool Club Update:

I understand how difficult not having an afterschool club is for parents and I certainly didn't envisage that we would be without one this term. Unfortunately, the circumstances meant that this was unavoidable.

I am speaking with Hertfordshire County Council to try to set up something as soon as possible but the process is not a short one. If we set this up ourselves or invite an external provider to run this, there is still a process to go through.

One of the things that will help is knowing that there will be sufficient children using the club to make it financially viable. Can I please ask parents therefore, to fill in the following survey, this also includes the need for a preschool, this process is further along than the afterschool club and I hope that it will be a reality later this year. As soon as Herts County Council has posted the advert, I would ask that as many of you share it as possible in order that we can find a high-quality provider.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeakOi8dNwhHNngsHzJI-d4y3PGuwGSnm-w\\_qNQiMYm9IWpsA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeakOi8dNwhHNngsHzJI-d4y3PGuwGSnm-w_qNQiMYm9IWpsA/viewform?usp=sf_link)



## Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Swifts** (for prefect behaviour & lovely manners) & **Owls** (for making the right choices)



## Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is **Owls** with 97.6%.

Monday 26 September	Tuesday 27 September	Wednesday 28 September	Thursday 29 September	Friday 30 September
<b>Menu 2</b>				Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm) AGM Friends Ashtree Meeting 6.30pm
Monday 3 October	Tuesday 4 October	Wednesday 5 October	Thursday 6 October	Friday 7 October
<b>Menu 3</b>			Census Day – Special Menu	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm)

## Term Dates Academic Year 2022 / 2023

24 October 2022 - 28 October 2022	-	Half term holiday	
Friday 25 November 2022	-	<b>INSET Day 3</b>	- school closed to children
Monday 28 November 2022	-	Occasional Day	- school closed to children
21 December 2022	-	Last day of term	
22 December 2022 - 4 January 2023	-	Christmas holiday	
Thursday 5 January 2023	-	First day of term for pupils	
13 February 2023 - 17 February 2023	-	Half term holiday	
Monday 20 February 2023	-	<b>INSET Day 4</b>	- school closed to children
3 April 2023 - 14 April 2023	-	Easter holiday	
Friday 26 May 2023	-	<b>INSET Day 5</b>	- school closed to children
29 May 2023 – 2 June 2023	-	Half term holiday	
Friday 21 July 2023	-	Last day of term	
24 July 2023 - 31 August 2023	-	Summer holiday	