



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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NEWSLETTER 3

DATE: 24 September 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

Across the school this week we have been looking at kindness and friendship. In Reception the children have been looking at 'The Rainbow Fish' and the children been learning about sharing. In Year 3 they have been using role play to think about the way our words and actions make others feel.

The first few weeks of a new school can feel a little scary, I am very proud of the way that the children have welcomed and supported our new pupils. I have seen children encouraging others to join in their games, helping them to come into school in the morning and enjoying learning about the things that our new pupils are interested in.

The staff have been thinking about all of the ways that we can tidy up and freshen up our school. We have thought about what we need to paint, what we need to repair and what gardening will need doing. If anyone thinks that they can help, we would love to hear from you!

Mrs Janes – Acting Headteacher



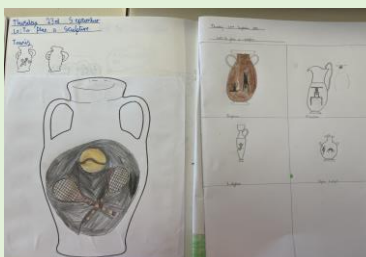
Reception – This week the children have been focusing on playing some number games.

They have been looking at different items and noticing when the amount is the same, even if it looks different. The children are encouraged to “subitise” which means to recognise the amount without counting.



Year 1 - This week the children in Year 1 made a startling discovery! A Gruffalo had broken into the school and messed up their classrooms. The children wrote to the Gruffalo and asked questions, making sure to use a question mark.

After some great questioning, the children enjoyed making maps and went on a Gruffalo hunt to look for important clues. They agreed that the Gruffalo must have been hungry and then wanted to curl up with a good book in our reading area.



Year 6 - Have enjoyed planning their Greek Vase sculptures decorated with Olympic sports in Art.

This has linked to their History learning about the Ancient Greeks. The children are really looking forward to using clay to make their sculptures in their upcoming art lessons.





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Summer Reading Challenge - Wild World Heroes

Children have been speaking to me when they complete the Summer Reading Challenge. If any other children have completed the challenge, please let your class teacher know.

I have been asking children about their favourite book, if you are able to send in a picture of the front cover I will be displaying them in my office. I am hoping to have lots of suggestions to read over the half-term.



Well done to Zachary for being selected for the Ashtree Football Captain. He is the only boy selected to play for the district team.

Zach says, "I'm excited to be the school captain, I'm going to help my teammates win a trophy this year!"

Just a couple of reminders:

- We are having a lot of children arrive late through the office to follow to our Covid safety measures please can you ensure your child arrives in good time to enter through their class door. Thank you.
- Can I please remind all parents to take care with comments about other children on social media, group chats and on the playground. These can be very upsetting for the parents of the children mentioned. In our 'Code of Conduct' we state that *"we will not tolerate threatening or abusive content about pupils, parents, carers or staff on social media"*.
- If your child is absent from school, please either leave a message on the absence line or on schoolcomms giving your child's name and reason for their absence. This would help us as if we do not receive a message from you we do have to contact you to ask the reason for your child's absence. Thank you.
- **Reception / Nursery Spaces**
We still have spaces in Nursery and Reception. Can we ask parents to share this information to any families that may be interested in a space Thank you.

Friends of Ashtree AGM

The next meeting will be held on Monday 18 October at school.

If you would like to join the Friends of Ashtree please come along to the meeting.



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Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are Class 5 & Class 13.



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is Rainbows with 98.5%.

Monday 27 September	Tuesday 28 September	Wednesday 29 September	Thursday 30 September	
Menu 2		ART Club Years 4,5&6 (3.20pm-4.15pm)	School Nurses Year 1 Vision & Hearing Screening	

Friday 1 October
School Nurses Year 1 Vision & Hearing Screening
Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)

Monday 4 October	Tuesday 5 October	Wednesday 6 October	Thursday 7 October	Friday 8 October
Menu 3		ART Club Years 4,5&6 (3.20pm-4.15pm)	Cross Country Festival Year 5&6	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)

Monday 11 October	Tuesday 12 October	Wednesday 13 October	Thursday 14 October	Friday 15 October
Menu 1		ART Club Years 4,5&6 (3.20pm-4.15pm)		Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)

Monday 18 October	Tuesday 19 October	Wednesday 20 October	Thursday 21 October	Friday 22 October
Menu 2 Friends of Ashtree AGM		ART Club Years 4,5&6 (3.20pm-4.15pm)	Individual Photo/Siblings	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)

Monday 25 October	Tuesday 26 October	Wednesday 27 October	Thursday 28 October	Friday 29 October
HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM

Monday 1 November	Tuesday 2 November	Wednesday 3 November	Thursday 4 November	Friday 5 November
INSET Day 3 - school closed to children	<u>First day of term for pupils</u> Reception Height/Weight/Hearing Vision Screening	ART Club Years 4,5&6 (3.20pm-4.15pm)		Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)



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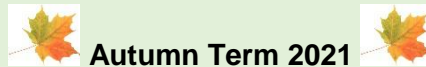
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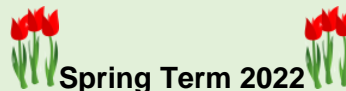
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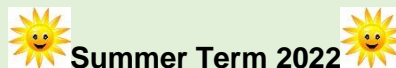
Term Dates Academic Year 2021



Tuesday 21 December - Last day of term – finish at 2.15pm



Wednesday 5 January 2022	-	First day of term for pupils
Monday 14 February – Friday 18 February	-	Half-term
Monday 21 February	-	INSET Day 4 - school closed to children
Tuesday 22 February	-	First day of term for pupils
Friday 1 April	-	End of term – finish at 2.15pm
Monday 4 April – Monday 18 April	-	Half-term - Easter Break



Tuesday 19 April	-	First day of term for pupils
Friday 27 May	-	INSET Day 5 - school closed to children
Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June	-	Half Term <i>(including the Spring Bank Holiday and additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.</i>
Monday 6 June	-	First day of term for pupils
Friday 22 July	-	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.