



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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Dear Parents & Carers,

We are so proud of our Y6 and Y2 children this week 🍀. It is important to recognise the hard work that has gone into getting the children to these points, in the years leading up to the SATs week / month. The staff at Ashtree Primary School & Nursery work hard to make sure that the children get the knowledge that they need, develop the skills that they need and to give them the confidence to know that as long as they try their best and learn from their mistakes that we are proud of them. This is particularly the case for those children that have been learning during the pandemics at home and school. Well done everyone and keep going Y2 we are nearly there.

This week we are having the police visit us for Mini Police in Y5 and a talk about raising awareness around the reality of criminal exploitation and knife crime. This is approached in an age appropriate way but covers an important topic about peer pressure and keeping safe.

We have also had **Stevenage Futsal** in on Thursday to work with the children on their football skills. Thank you to James and Steve for a great workshop.

Coming up we have our Open Evening on the 26 June where you will have a chance to meet the new teachers, look at your child's new classrooms and at 6:00pm there will be another chance to meet Mr Mark Lewis from Hart Schools Trust. More details will be coming out soon.

As you are probably aware from the media funding in schools is very tight and a number of services that had previously been funded are stopping. One of those at Ashtree will be the free fruit at KS2. The fruit will continue at KS1 and EYFS but if your child is in Y3 - 6 they will need to bring their own healthy snack after half term.

Although there had been a delay waiting for some of the paperwork to come from the DfE, I am really pleased that Sunbeams will be opening next week. I know that they are keen to show people around and welcome new children and families into their provision. Just give them a ring on 01438 353746.

Finally I am sorry to end on a negative note but I need to remind parents that we do not tolerate swearing or aggressive behaviour from adults on the school site, not matter who it is directed at. Please do not put me in the difficult position of potentially having to stop you from entering school grounds whilst other adults are around. I am sending out once again the document outlining our expectations for adult behaviour on school grounds. We are all the role models for the children in our care and we want those role models to encourage tolerant, polite and kind behaviours and to create an understanding school community which is safe and where pupils and parents/carers know that they are safe, healthy and happy.

Thank you for your support in making Ashtree Primary School & Nursery a place that we are all proud to belong to.

Maria Janes
Headteacher



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Sporting Achievements:

Knebworth v Ashtree Mixed League Match 05.05.23

The Mixed League team have had a busy week as we went to Knebworth to play our second league game in as many days.

The weather held despite the ominous clouds, and luckily, we were able to play a full game. It was a challenging match, and we were grateful for some of our Year 5 squad stepping up to play, leading to us winning the game 3 – 4.

Our captain for today's game was Evangeline and the Player of the Match, as chosen by the Knebworth team was Emmanuella, for her constant movement and drive around the court, leading to important interceptions and repossession of the ball.

Well done to everyone.

Match report by Mrs Cox



Funded mental health workshops, advice and support for Parents and Carers in Hertfordshire



Nessie is funded by Hertfordshire County Council to support parents/carers of children and young people with emotional and mental health issues. The aim of this work is to help parents/carers develop a positive and more confident approach to supporting their young person, whilst offering a chance to gain peer support; useful strategies and practical tools.

What we offer:

- **Free online and face-to-face workshops on a range of mental healths that affect children and young people**
- **Parent Support line**
Tel: 07932 651319
(open Thursdays 9 am - 12 pm or by appointment)
- **Private moderated Facebook support groups:**
- **[NESSie Parent/Carer Support Group](#)**
- **1-1 support and advice sessions**
- **Peer support groups:** A confidential group, where parents will have an opportunity to share their experiences, support each other through challenges, and identify coping strategies.

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Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Robins** (for being nice to each other and playing nicely) & **Red Kites** (for coping well with changes at lunchtimes).



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is **Owls**

Class	Authorised / Unauthorised Sessions Missed
Owls	0
Buzzards	2
Red Kites	3
Harriers	4
Robins	5
Eagles	5
Wrens	7
Kestrels	8
Parrots	9
Hawks	11
Magpies	12
Falcons	12
Swifts	20

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 Red – Baked Chicken Burger/Beef Burger Green – Quorn Pattie Burger Blue – Jacket Potato Yellow – Cheese Sandwich	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

Sports Day 6 July 2023 – Reserve Sports Day 19 July 2023
Open Evening – 26 June

Term Dates Academic Year 2023

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
Friday 1 st September	-	INSET Day 1
Monday 4 September	-	Start of term