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NEWSLETTER 31

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. I would like to say thank you and well done to all of the children who have worked so hard on their tests this week. In Y6 every one of the pupils observed the strict test conditions and I am proud of their attitude. I would like to pay particular thanks to Mrs Allen, Miss Ruprai and the Teaching Assistant team for organising the extremely popular SATs breakfast club, feedback from children and parents has been fantastic and we hope to run the same thing next year. I hope that pupils across the school enjoy a really good rest this weekend and are able to look back on this week with a real sense of achievement. We need to be mindful that pupils in Y2, continue to work on their assessments. Let's help these pupils keep their concentration going. We are also looking forward to the week of 10 June when Y1 take their phonics test and when Y4 trial the Y4 timetables test.

Nursery Admissions

Applying for a school Nursery place for 2019-2020 (For children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016).

Admissions for Nursery are now dealt with by the school.

For all enquiries relating to children being admitted into our Nursery, please contact the school office 01438 351090.

Our Admissions Application Form for children starting Nursery in September 2019 can be downloaded from our website.

Our Nursery Admissions Policy is also on our website.

Applications for Nursery are now open – offers are made on a first come, first served basis. We offer 30 hours provision in Nursery as well as 15 hours.

Y5 & 6 Sex Education

Our Y5 & 6 Sex Education Programme will take place during the week beginning 17 June. There will be a **Y5 & 6 parents meeting on Wednesday 5 June at 6pm in Class 14** with regards to this programme. Please use the Junior Playground doors when you arrive.

Hertfordshire County Show - 25 & 26 May 2019

We have been given 35 children (5-15 years) tickets for the Hertfordshire County Show at Redbourn Showground. If you would like one of these free tickets (sale price £10.00), please come to school office to collect one – first come first served.



Stevenage Cycle Hub

The Stevenage Cycle Hub is running a Bikeability course during the May half term holiday, from Tuesday, 28 to Friday 31 May. Bikeability is today's cycle training programme. It's like cycling proficiency, but better! It's about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today's roads.

The course is being run in conjunction with the Herts CC Cycling Team and covers Bikeability Levels 1 & 2. It is the same course as they run in schools and is delivered by their instructors. We are offering the course as a catch-up for those that didn't achieve at Level 2 last time, and for any that don't have the chance to do the course through their school.

The course takes place at the Cycle Hub over 4 days with 1 two-hour session per day (09:30 – 11:30). The first session will be Level 1 and will be in a traffic free situation, where we ensure participants have the skills needed to go on the road. The other sessions take place on local quiet roads, looking at how to move in traffic and negotiate parked cars, side roads and junctions. The course costs £28 per child (payable in advance) and there is a maximum of 10 places available. All participants must be in Year 5 or above (aged 9 years or older). The course can be booked online using the following link:<https://stevenagecyclehub.org.uk/events/bikeability-level-2-stevenage-may-2019/>

Walk to School Week - Monday 20 May to Friday 24 May & Clean Air Day – Monday 20 May

Please see separate document that has come with this week's Newsletter.

KS2 MSA Vacancy

We have a full time vacancy in KS2 (6hrs 15mins per week 11.55am-1.10pm daily) term time only. Please contact the School Office for a Job Description and Application Form. Closing date is Monday 20 May 2019 with interviews to be held on the afternoon of Thursday 23 May 2019.

Friends of Ashtree – Need your help!

We are looking for new DJ options for our Friends of Ashtree Discos. If you know of anyone that would be interested and are DBS checked, please email the school. Thank you.

Sporting Fixtures



Boys' Football - Reported by Mr Yates



Ashtree 2-7 Mossbury

The boys' football team came away from this match knowing they had achieved success despite the score line. Playing in bigger than normal goals, the boys came off the pitch at half-time trailing 6-1. After a brief chat together as a team, they entered the second half with a new found belief in their ability. The result in the second half only was 1-1. All of the boys knew that the determination they showed and their improvement from the first half to the second meant that they had still achieved success. An enormous well done to them all. Goals from Joy and Freddie. Player of the Match goes to Ronnie for his calm head on the ball and excellent defensive positioning.



Girls' Netball - Reported by Mrs Cox



Bedwell v Ashtree

On Thursday afternoon, the Ashtree A league team played Bedwell for the first time. We were unsure of how the game would play, as they were a formidable squad last season.

After taking a few minutes to settle into the game, we soon showed fluidity in our channelling of the ball and the skills that the girls had been taught at netball club, were put into practise. It was a fast paced and competitive match which saw the girls having to work hard through-out.

The final score was 1 – 12 to us, a great score line, but which doesn't truly show how hard we had to work! Our captain for the game was Bella, and she was also selected by the Bedwell team as Player of the Match for her defence skills and interceptions.



Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are Classes 4 & 12



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is Class 8 with 100%.



Effort Cup



Congratulations to Emmaleigh from Year 5.

Finally, I would like to say a well done to Lilianna from Y6 for representing the North District-Hertfordshire in the HSSA Primary Schools Swimming Gala on Friday 10 May.

E. Kirwan

Academic Year 2018/2019



Diary Dates for Summer Term



Summer Term 2019:

Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Monday 9 June – Friday 14 June

Monday 10 June – Friday 14 June

Wednesday 19 June

Thursday 27 June

Friday 28 June

Monday 1 July

Thursday 4 July

Friday 5 July

Thursday 11 July

Friday 12 July

Friday 19 July

Monday 22 July

Tuesday 23 July

Wednesday 24 July

- **Half-term**
- Y6 Kingswood Trip - Isle of Wight
- Y1 Phonics Test Week
- Y3 Trip to St Albans Museum
- New to Reception/Nursery Parents/Carers Evenings
- Summer Fayre 3.15-5.00pm
- Open Evening
- EYFS / KS1 Visit to Whipsnade
- Annual pupil reports to parents
- Y6 Transition Day
- Family/Picnic & Lunchtime followed by afternoon Sports Day
- Last day of term - **finish at 2.15pm**
- **INSET Day 4 - school closed to children**
- **INSET Day 5 - school closed to children**
- **Occasional Day - school closed to children**

Academic Year 2019/2020 (next year)

Autumn Term 2019:

Monday 2 September

Tuesday 3 September

Wednesday 4 September

Friday 25 October

Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Friday 20 December

- **INSET Day 1 - school closed to children**
- **INSET Day 2 - school closed to children**
- First day of term
- **INSET Day 3 - school closed to children**
- **Half Term**
- Last day of term - **finish at 2.15pm**

Spring Term 2020:

Monday 6 January

Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Monday 24 February

Friday 3 April

Monday 6 April – Friday 17 April

- First day of term
- **Half Term**
- **INSET Day 4 - school closed to children**
- Last day of term - **finish at 2.15pm**
- **Half Term**

Summer Term 2020:

Monday 20 April

Monday 4 May

Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May

Friday 17 July

Monday 20 July

Tuesday 21 July

- First day of term
- **BANK HOLIDAY**
- **Half Term**
- Last day of term - finish at 2.15pm
- **INSET Day 5 - school closed to children**
- **Occasional Day - school closed to children**

Please ensure you do not book any family holidays during test times as they will be unauthorised.