



# Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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## NEWSLETTER: 31

DATE: 19 May 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week I have been talking to the children about how safe they feel in school, one of my favourite comments was 'when the fire alarm goes my teacher is almost like my Mum because they keep me safe'. There were a few children that spoke about the fire alarm and how the noise upset them, so this term we will be doing some work around reassuring the children that the fire drill is just like any other practice that we do. They also spoke a lot about how rules keep them safe and that they like knowing what the rules are and that they are reminded about them. They knew who to speak to when they feel worried or upset and all of them could give a range of staff that they would talk to which is lovely to hear.

Next week members of the governing body will be coming into school to talk to the children and staff about reading and phonics. Miss Sinnott and Mrs Cox will be showing them just how successful our Little Wandle phonics is in supporting children's reading and how we are working to develop a love of reading. When you come along to the Open Evening I hope that the Library will be there and you can help with developing that love of reading by signing up to the Library Summer Reading Challenge.

I know that some of you have already heard that Mr Flynn will be leaving us at the end of the year. He has been working at Ashtree for 5 years and I know that he is the reason that many of our children enjoy sports and physical activity. He has been involved in much more than just the PE lessons, he has supported the football team and sports day events and introduced new sports to the children. I know that you will join me in wishing him all the best in his next school.

We will also be losing Mrs Wicksey who has been a Teaching Assistant in Y6 for the majority of her time with us. She has supported children in their SATs tests and has been at Ashtree for 6 years. We will all miss her and her calm and warm manner with the children always being a listening ear for them.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Janes  
Headteacher

### Reminder:

Just to remind you that children should not be wearing any jewellery to school unless it has a medical or religious significance. Headbands should not have ears etc and the uniform should meet the criteria set out in our website. <https://ashtree.herts.sch.uk/parents/uniform/> Thank you for your support with this.

### May Half-Term Free School Meal Vouchers:

Pupils who are entitled to benefits assessed Free School Meals will receive a £15 supermarket voucher for May half-term. This voucher will be emailed directly to you from Edenred.co.uk, between 19 May - 21 May.

If you would like to register for Free School Meals, please follow this link to see if you are eligible:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>



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## Outside Achievements:

Edie Y5 performed in Grease the musical at the Gordon Craig theatre last weekend. It was a fantastic show!



Bedwell Rangers Dyanmos played in a local tournament. The team of 9 contained Y3 and Y4 Ashtree boys, Devon and Jacob, Aaron and Jack.

It was a great day with the boys winning their group. The semi-final went to penalties with Jack completing 3 hero saves to put us through to the final. Unfortunately they lost in the final but it was a huge achievement for the boys to be overall runners up from 20 teams.

Well done to Jack as he was super nervous about being in goal but he fought against it and helped the team get into the final.



## Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Swifts** (for being respectful to each other on the playground) & **Owls** (for being kind and courteous to staff).



## Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is **Buzzards**

Class	Authorised / Unauthorised Sessions Missed
<b>Buzzards</b>	<b>2</b>
Robins	4
Kestrels	4
Falcons	10
Harriers	12
Owls	13
Wrens	18
Parrots	18
Eagles	20
Swifts	24
Red Kites	28
Hawks	32
Magpies	37

## Monday 22 May 2023

### WORLD CULTURAL DIVERSITY THEME DAY

#### Food Fusion

#### Menu

Chicken & Chorizo Jambalaya  
(African/ Spanish/ French)

Or

Sweet Potato Samosa Burrito (Ve)  
(Indian/Mexican/Spanish)  
with Mint Raita

Served with Tex Mex Corn  
(American/Mexican)

Mixed Salad

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Apple Streusel Pizza with a Caramel Drizzle  
(Italian/German)

**Blue** Option – Jacket Potato

**Yellow** Option – Tuna Roll



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Monday 22 May	Tuesday 23 May	Wednesday 24 May	Thursday 25 May	Friday 26 May
<b>Menu 3</b> Art Club Y5/Y6 (lunchtimes) Y5 Violin Lessons KS1 Stop & Read 3pm Y5/Y6 Cycle Training	<b>Origami Club</b> (lunchtimes)		Y5/Y6 Cycle Training	<b>INSET DAY – School</b> Closed to pupils
Monday 29 May	Tuesday 30 May	Wednesday 31 May	Thursday 1 June	Friday 2 June
<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>	<b>HALF-TERM</b>	<b>HALF-TERM</b>	<b>HALF-TERM</b>	<b>HALF-TERM</b>
Monday 5 June	Tuesday 6 June	Wednesday 7 June	Thursday 8 June	Friday 9 June
<b>Menu 1</b> Y4 School Trip Knebworth				Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm) FOA Special Person Y6 Only Y6 Swimming Starts
Monday 12 June	Tuesday 13 June	Wednesday 14 June	Thursday 15 June	Friday 16 June
<b>Menu 2</b> Y6 PGL Trip			FOA Special Person	

**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 <sup>st</sup> September	-	INSET Day 1
Monday 4 September	-	Start of term

### Friends of Ashtree Dates:

23 June Non-uniform day

24 June Summer Fair

7 July – Family Fun Day

20 July – Whole School Cinema

29 July – Quiz Night