



# ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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## NEWSLETTER 32

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to this week's newsletter

### 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.



### Y5 Parents Kingswood Meeting for 2020



Parents of pupils currently in Y5 are invited to our 2019 Kingswood trip meeting which will be held at **6.00pm on Wednesday 26 June** in the Junior Hall. We have provisionally booked our **2020 visit from 7 - 12 June**.

### 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.



### Free School Meals for Children in Year 3 or older



Your child could get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than **£16,190** a year)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on** (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- **Universal Credit** (with annual earned income of no more than **£7,400** after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Apply today if you receive any of these benefits. It takes **5 Minutes** and in most cases we can tell you straightaway if your child can get free meals at school.

Have your National Insurance number or Home Office number to hand when you apply.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until 2022, or until they finish their current phase of schooling (primary or secondary), if that's after 2022.

**If you are already registered for free school meals you will not need to reapply.** Please refer to the separate sheet that has come out with this week's Newsletter.

### **Dragon Boat – Reported by Miss Ruprai**

On Thursday 24 May, a group of our year 6 children represented Ashtree School at Dragon Boat racing. The day began with them achieving an excellent time of 1.22.66 - a great position of 9th out of 20 schools. Unfortunately, this meant we did not go through for the qualifying round however, I am extremely proud of their teamwork, effort and good sportsmanship. The children made the most of all the opportunities available and took part in canoeing, orienteering and archery.



### **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/>



### **Y3 Trip to St Albans Museum – 19 June**



Please could all outstanding money for this trip (£16.00) be paid as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **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 7 June 2019 with interviews to be held on the afternoon of Tuesday 11 June 2019.



### **This 'n That – Stevenage Library**



Drop in for tea and biscuits, have a chat and make new friends. Various activities and themed sessions. Stevenage Central Library – 10.30am – 1200pm (Monday 17 June, Monday 22 July and Monday 12 August). Contact the library for more information

### **Sporting Fixtures**



### **Girls' Netball - Reported by Mrs Cox**

Ashtree v Longmeadow A league netball match

On Thursday, the Ashtree A league netball team played against Longmeadow, at Ashtree. It was a closely fought match and another one which was extremely exciting to watch, with both teams giving 100% to the game. The final score was 7 – 8 to Longmeadow.

Our captain was Lauren and the player of the match, chosen by the Longmeadow squad, was Ruby, who played in both the Centre and the Wing Defence positions during the game. She showed determination, resilience and energy throughout and created many opportunities to gain possession of the ball.



## Girls' Football - Reported by Mr Allen



Girls went to a tournament at Stevenage Academy on Friday last week. They won 3 out of their 5 games. They should be very proud of their effort and achievements. Player of the Tournament was Jessica for some excellent effort up front.



### Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are Classes 3 & 14.



### Governors Cup



The winner for this week is Class 10 with 98.7%.



### Effort Cup



Congratulations to Jevan from Year 1.

Finally, we wish Malcolm, our grounds maintenance colleague from Frank Cooper and Son, all the best as he retires after 44 years. EYFS and KS1 pupils will always be grateful for his foresight, 30 years ago, in planting 3 white beam trees at the edge of the playground. The shade now provides a lovely spot for children to eat their packed lunches under. We will remember these trees as 'Malcolm's Trees'.

*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.