



ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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NEWSLETTER 33

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. **We only have 7 places (afternoons) remaining for September 2019.**

Reception Places – September 2019

We have a few spaces available for Reception 2019 starters. Please let family or friends know and they can contact the school office on 01438 351090 or admin@ashtree.herts.sch.uk if they are interested.

Year 6 Kingswood Residential

Good luck to the intrepid Year 6 team who will be at the Isle of Wight next week. We hope you will all have a totally brilliant time and the school will look forward to receiving daily updates on your progress. This information will be posted on the website, Schoolcomms and on the entrance doors to the school. Miss Ruprai will be teaching the remaining Y6 pupils. Mrs Alton will be teaching Class 8 and Mr Steadman will be teaching Class 10. Many thanks to Mr Tatton, Mrs Allen, Miss Marriott, Miss Castle and Mr Allen for attending this residential visit.



Y1 Phonics Screening



It will be the turn of Y1 to be put through their paces next week. We wish the children all the best as we are very proud of the progress they have made with their phonics.



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.**



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.

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 17 June 2019 with interviews to be held on the afternoon of Thursday 20 June 2019.

Open Evening – 4.00pm – 6.30pm - 1 July

As you know, our Open Evening is not just an opportunity to look around the school and see some of the work that has been taking place, but also to meet some of the support groups that are available to you as parents or the activities available to the children.

During our Open Evening we are holding our New to Year Group meetings. Therefore, between 4.00pm - 4.30pm and 6.00pm - 6.30pm please visit your child's new class to find out information about next year. I will be sending class information out in a separate letter on Tuesday 25 June.

Please note for New Nursery Parents/Carers and current Nursery moving to Reception, your chance to meet the teachers will be on Thursday 27 June, 3.30pm for Reception and 5.00pm for Nursery.



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



Friends of Ashtree Summer Fair – 28 June, 3.15pm-5.00pm



Please keep this afternoon in your diary. We will be having a non-uniform day for the pupils on the 28 June in return for an item for the tombola stall. The following stalls: tombola, Inflatable Slide & Castle, Raffle, Festival Glitter, Animal Encounter, Hook a Bag, Go Karts, Cakes, Usborne Books, Games and much more will be running.

Athletics at Ridlins

Ashtree Y5/6 participated in one of the most anticipated events of the year, the athletics festival at Ridlins. Collecting 6 gold medals and multiple top 10 finishes, no one could be more proud of the people who went. Everyone put in 100% on what was a very hot day, and the encouragement and support from the children and parents was second to none. I myself could not be prouder of the children. A special mention to Miss Tobin and Miss Baker for their support and help throughout the day. Bring on next year!

Breakfast Club

An excellent asset to our school opening at 07.55am term time. Providing a nutritious, varied breakfast with table toys and supervised outside play. Pupils transferred to classrooms at 8.55am. **From September 2019 the cost per session will be £3.75 per child or £3.25 for siblings.**

There are several options with vouchers schemes for working parents or Child Tax Credits may be available to help with costs –please contact the School Office. Payment for Breakfast Club is in advance or pay on day. Please inform Breakfast Club if your child is booked in to a session but will not be attending or you may still be charged for the session.



Girls' Netball - Reported by Mrs Cox



Ashtree v Bedwell Netball Match Report.

On Thursday 6 June, our A league team played their penultimate game of the season, against Bedwell, at Ashtree. The girls played another good game and although taking a while to achieve the fluidity we know they are capable of, dominated the play from the start. The final quarter of the match was particularly impressive, with 7 goals being scored. We won the game 14 – 2, and our captain for the game was Megan.

Our player of the match, chosen by the Bedwell team, was Bella, our Goal Defence. Bella utilized her placement skills honed by her netball time on the netball court in this netball match. She constantly found space to move into so that she could receive the ball and created many opportunities to channel the ball down the court, to our goal.



Dinner Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Classes 5 & 9.



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is Class 14 with 99%.



Effort Cup



Congratulations to Callum from Year 5.

E. Kirwan

Academic Year 2018/2019



Diary Dates for Summer Term



Summer Term 2019:

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

- 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.