



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the last half term of this year. Time has flown by again and we are back to Celebrating Success as our value for this half term. I hope to see lots of outside school achievements sent in for our newsletters during the next half term, there are some very talented children, and we would like to celebrate their successes.

Open Evening - I have a little more information about Open Evening, you will be able to meet your child's new teacher and find out a bit more about what may happen in that year group. These will be at 4:00pm and 5:30pm. Please do bring your children along, there will be some activities including a slide show of the PGL trip in Y6; the library will be in Y4 where you can find out about the Summer Reading Challenge and Sunbeams Preschool will be in EYFS. At 6:00pm Mr Lewis from Hart Schools Trust will be joining us to talk to you a bit more about what joining the trust would mean for us. I hope that you will be able to come along and listen and ask questions, I am confident that Hart Schools Trust are a very good fit for Ashtree and have many of the same priorities including being a part of the wider community. This will be your chance to ask the questions that you have and hopefully be reassured and just as confident as I am.

Finally I would like to wish our Y6 children the very best time over the next week, whether they are on a zip wire in Grantham or playing a steel drum in Nobel. I look forward to the photos and stories and being able to celebrate the children's successes.

Mrs Janes
Headteacher

Year 4 Knebworth House History Trip



On the first Monday back after half term, Year 4 visited the wonderful Knebworth House and Gardens as part of their history learning on the Tudor period.

The day was divided into two parts, with the morning taking place in the house and the afternoon taking place in the gardens.

While in the house, we learned about the timeline of the Tudor monarchs, investigated Tudor musical instruments, learned a Tudor dance, practiced writing our names using calligraphy pens and the Tudor alphabet, learned about coats of arms and why they were on shields and finally we learned about how wealthy people would dress in Tudor times, by dressing up as rich Tudors ourselves!

After lunch, we had a quest to find the answers to different questions in different parts of the garden. The answers to the questions would tell us what a Royal feast in Tudor times might have been like. We worked together to find the answers in the maze, by the pond, in the woodland walk and in the walled and herb gardens. We found out that while the rich Tudors did eat some similar things to us, they also ate some strange things, like swans or stags.

All in all, we had an amazing time and learned a lot about the Tudors and what life would have been like for a rich person in Tudor times. Our Year 4 Ashtree pupils yet again behaved impeccably and were perfect ambassadors for our school.



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Sports Day & Family Picnic

Sports Day and our Family Picnic will take place on **Thursday 6 July**. We have allocated Wednesday 19 July as a reserve Sports Day. Our Sports Day will follow a different format this year, and will be split into the different phases within the school. All pupils, irrespective of which year group they are in, will take part in the Family Picnic at the same time.

Please note, that there will be no hot dinners available on this day. **There will be a Yellow Packed Lunch option only.**

The specific timings of the day are as follows:

Year 1 and Year 2 - 9.30am-11am

Early Years - 10.15am-11am (children will join in with the Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day)

Family Picnic - 11.30am-12.30pm

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 - 1pm-3pm

Pupils will compete in their Houses, and it is therefore requested that they attend the day wearing a suitable sport outfit of the colour of their House.

House colours are:

Elm - **Yellow**

Beech - **Blue**

Willow - **Red**

Oak - **Green**

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will know already which House they represent. Younger children will be informed over the coming weeks, and class teachers will communicate this to you. There will be further information sent out about Sports Day at the end of the month.

The Friends of Ashtree would like to say a big well done and thank you to all the children who took part in our sponsored Royal March, and everyone who came along to buy cakes at our cake sale. **We would like to announce that the Royal March raised a total of £422.70, and the cake sale raised an additional £59.60, making a grand total of £482.30.**

The Friends of Ashtree's Summer Fair is drawing close now and we are still in need of volunteers to help us on the day. If any of our Parents/Carers or grandparents could offer some of their time to help out we will be extremely grateful. Please email the Friends of Ashtree at pta@ashtree.herts.sch.uk or speak to one of the team if you could spare some time to help us raise vital funds for our school.

Thank you from the Friends of Ashtree fundraising committee.

Sat 24th June

FRIENDS OF ASHTREE
PTA & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

SUMMER FAIR

Volunteers Needed

FOR

- WHITE BAGS •
- Spin The Wheel •
- Tin Can Alley •
- Soak the Teacher •
- Hook A Duck •
- Pre-Loved •
- Marshalls •
- Plus More

If you can help out please Email pta@ashtree.herts.sch.uk, or speak to one of the team. Thank you



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Ashtree v St Ippolyts Mixed League Match 25.05.23



The Mixed League squad were excited to welcome the St Ippolyts team to Ashtree for our first game against them this season. We knew that St Ippolyts have amazing netball teams and that it would be a hard game, but we were ready for the challenge.

It really was a close game, with us tying in goals scored for the first two quarters. Unfortunately, we were unable to hold them to this in the remaining quarters and we lost the game 10 – 16. However, we knew that we had really challenged them and felt proud of our game play.

Our captain for this game was Nevaeh and the Player of the Match, as chosen by the St Ippolyts team was Emmanuella, for her ability to drive forward to either intercept the ball or to create space to receive it.



St Vincent v Ashtree Year 5 Girls League Match 07.06.23



The Year 5 team were excited and ready to face the St Vincent team for the second time this season. With only having 7 players available for the game, all the team would be playing for the full match, and this was the afternoon that the sun and the warm weather decided to show itself!

Our team were amazing, and it was heartening to see those girls, who have not had a lot of match experience, use the skills they have learned in training during the game. Unfortunately, we lost the game 14 – 1, but all our players should be extremely proud of how they gave 100% effort throughout.

Our captain for this match was Cara, who was also selected as the Player of the Match by the St Vincent team, for her constant movement to find space to receive the ball. Ms Cook's Coach's Player of the Match was Erin, for her excellent tracking when marking her St Vincent player.

Thank you! 😊

Mrs Cox

A reminder as the weather warms up to send your children in with a hat and water bottle.

If you are applying sun cream before school please take care that it does not contain nut oils, for some children just being around others with nut oils on their skin can make them very unwell. Sun cream shouldn't be applied in school unless your child has a medical condition and then please fill out a medicines form at the office. Thank you



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Attendance Cup

The winner for this week is **Kestrel**

Class	Authorised / Unauthorised Sessions Missed
Kestrels	3
Parrots	8
Magpies	14
Falcons	16
Swifts	17
Buzzards	19
Owls	19
Eagles	19
Wrens	24
Hawks	24
Robins	25
Red Kites	26
Harriers	30

Monday 12 June	Tuesday 13 June	Wednesday 14 June	Thursday 15 June	Friday 16 June
Menu 2 Y6 PGL Trip			FOA Special Person	Netball Training Year 5 (3.25pm-4.15pm)
Monday 19 June	Tuesday 20 June	Wednesday 21 June	Thursday 22 June	Friday 23 June
Menu 3				Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm) Y6 Swimming Non-Uniform Day
Monday 26 June	Tuesday 27 June	Wednesday 28 June	Thursday 29 June	Friday 30 June
Menu 1 Y1 & Y2 Knebworth Trip Open Evening		Special Menu EID AL-AHDA		Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm) Y6 Swimming
Monday 3 July	Tuesday 4 July	Wednesday 5 July	Thursday 6 July	Friday 7 July
Menu 2			Sports Day	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm) Y6 Swimming Family Fun Day

Term Dates Academic Year 2023

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