



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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Dear Parents & Carers,

The weather this week has been perfect for our intrepid explorers in Y6. I know that we have all enjoyed following news of their adventures on our school Facebook page. We are all looking forward to welcoming them back later today and I hope that you don't all spend too much of your weekend doing the washing! I would like to say a huge thank you to the staff on the PGL trip and to those taking out the children here at school, your children have been in very safe hands.

At the start of the week Mr Yates, Ms Ruprai and were joined by Mr Lewis and had a lovely afternoon talking to children about the ways that the staff help them with their learning. The children told us about the way that the staff explain the work, show them examples and help them individually if they are not sure. They were all very excited and proud to show us their work.

Sadly, Mr Steadman and Mrs Garnham will be leaving us at the end of the year. Mr Steadman has been with us 4 years and has taught children in Y1 and Y5. I would like to thank him for everything that he has done in his time at Ashtree and I know that everyone will miss him.

Mrs Garnham has been with us 4 years and I'm sure that the PTA would like to join me in thanking her for all of the discos, fairs and Friends of Ashtree meetings that she has attended. She has imparted a love of art to the children as Art Lead and running an art club. We all wish her well in her new school.

At our busiest times Chertsey Rise and the car park can become very busy. It is important to make the school grounds as safe as possible for children and adults. To help us with this we only allow cars on site with a pass. This is issued by the office where drivers have evidence of a disability badge or there is a vulnerability needing access to the site. Whilst we will try to issue passes to everyone that needs them, we can only safely have a certain number of cars on site. Please remember to be courteous with the office staff if one is not available for you.

Please can we ask that children do not ride their bikes and scooters in the school grounds during drop off and collection at the end of the day.

Mrs M Janes – Headteacher



Ashtree v St Nicholas – Friday 9 June

Our Year 5 girls' team were pleased to welcome St Nicholas to Ashtree for our return Y5 League match. Despite the hot temperatures, once again the Ashtree team gave total commitment and effort to this game. We lost the game 1 – 9, but with an inexperienced team playing, it was brilliant to see the progress they had made.

Our Captain was Edie and the Player of the Match, as selected by the St Nicholas team, was Sienna our Goal-Keeper, who defended the goal well, deflected shots on goal and intercepted St Nicholas' balls coming into the D.

St Ippolyts v Ashtree – Wednesday 14 June

Our Mixed League team were not at full strength for their last game of the season, due to many of our squad being on their residential trip, but this did not stop the Ashtree team from making this game challenging for the excellent St Ippolyts team. Due to the heat, we played a shorter game than usual, but it was still hard work for all the children.

Ashtree lost the game 0 – 8, but again, with many of our most experienced players not available, it was good to see St Ippolyts having to work very hard to keep possession of the ball and to score.

Our Captain for this game and the Player of the Match, as chosen by the St Ippolyts team, was Ibrahim for his ability to dodge his opposing player and to drive forward into space. Thank you! 😊

Mrs Cox



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Nursery:

In our outdoor area, the Nursery children took part in a group activity. They had to build an obstacle course together. Once it had been completed, the children were seen taking it in turns to make their way along it. The children were able to use their gross motor skills to decide whether to crawl, walk or run along the planks and tyres depending on the width. The children had lots of fun.

We had a visit from the police as part of the EYFS curriculum. The children asked the police lots of questions like "What do the police do?", "How do the radio's work?" and "What's it like inside the police car?" Police Officer Carl spoke about how he has an important job to keep people safe in the local community. We sat inside the police car, listened to the noise the sirens made when they were switched on and turned on the lights.



Outside Achievements:

Darcy completed her first dance show last weekend. Well done Darcy.



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)

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.



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The Y6 children who have not attended PGL this week have had a great week of activities. Some of which have been speed stacking competitions, learning to play steel pans with the Hertfordshire Music Service, high ropes, zorbing and laser tag!

We have had a great week.

Mr Boxall and Ms Ruprai



Sat
24th June


FRIENDS OF ASHTREE
PTA & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Sat
24th June

**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,



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Attendance Cup

The winner for this week is **Eagles**

Class	Authorised / Unauthorised Sessions Missed
Eagles	5
Robins	6
Parrots	9
Buzzards	10
Wrens	10
Hawks	11
Kestrels	14
Red Kites	14
Harriers	14
Swifts	16
Owls	22
Falcons	28
Magpies	31

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 – 1.30pm finish

24 July 2023 - 31 August

Friday 1 September

Monday 4 September

23 October – 27 October

Friday 1st September

Monday 4 September

- Summer Holiday

- INSET Day

- Start of term

- Half-term Holiday

- INSET Day 1

- Start of term