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## NEWSLETTER 35

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Welcome back to the Y6 Kingswood intrepid explorers. They all had an absolutely fantastic time and the children were a credit to us all. I hope they spent last weekend sharing their stories with you. I'm also incredibly proud of the Y6 pupils who remained in school, they had great fun and enjoyed the special curriculum that the staff created for them. Thank you to Y3 for being excellent ambassadors for the school yesterday, when they were on their trip to the St Albans Museum.



### 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**.

### Grand Opening of EYFS / KS1 Play Equipment

We had a grand opening ceremony yesterday with ribbon cutting and test runs! Thank you to Mrs Canfield and Mrs Cuzner for attending. The children and staff would like to thank The Friends of Ashtree and our community for your tremendous donation of £10,000 towards the new climbing frame. See photos on website.



### 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.

### Women's World Cup – Menu – 1 July

We will be having a special menu on 1 July to celebrate the 'Women's World Cup'. The menu for this day will be: **Please note there will be no Yellow option this day.**

**Roasted Ratatouille Chicken**, served with new potatoes and summer vegetables (**Red** Option),

**Pissaladière** – A thin Crust French Style Cheese and Tomato Pizza), served with diced potatoes and side salad (**Green** Option)

**Dessert** – Tart Tatin (French Apple Pie), served with Vanilla Custard

### 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 for September out in a separate letter (via pupil post) on Tuesday 25 June. Please note for current Nursery parents we will be informing you of your Reception class teacher in the New to Reception Meeting on Thursday 27 June at 3.30pm, if you are unable to attend this meeting we will post information to you.**

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.

### End of Year Reports

Pupils' end of year reports will be going out on Friday 5 July (Nursery will hand reports out after their morning Sports Day session). Remaining class teachers will hand the envelope to you when you collect your children from the class. Envelopes that have not been collected will be put into 1<sup>st</sup> class post that evening. This is to

ensure that personal data is safely received in line with General Data Protection Regulations. Please ensure we have the correct postal address for you on our system. If you are expecting a posted copy and it does not arrive please come to the school office where a copy of your child's report will be made available. If you are unable to come to the office, please make a request for a second copy to be posted out to you.

### **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.



### **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.**

### **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 1 July 2019 with interviews to be held on the afternoon of Thursday 4 July 2019.

### **SPLAT**

We currently have a variety of employment opportunities available at SPLAT, offering after school and holiday care in Stevenage as well as full/part time roles in Henlow. If this is of interest to you, please contact [www.splat.ltd/recruitment](http://www.splat.ltd/recruitment) or telephone 01462 342050.

**SPLAT After School Club** - Places available now for after school care until 6:15pm each day. Prices from £6 per session. Also offering a sibling discount. Find out more by visiting [www.splat.ltd](http://www.splat.ltd)

**SPLAT Holiday Club (Featherstone Wood School)** - Currently taking bookings for summer holiday care, from 7:15pm-6:15pm. Open to children from all schools aged 5-12 Find out more by visiting [www.splat.ltd](http://www.splat.ltd)

## 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.

## HCC to secure school site for the long term

Ashtree Primary School site (and the adjacent former secondary school site) are currently held in county council ownership on a long lease. This lease has less than 50 years to run. To permanently secure both the Ashtree Primary School site and the adjacent former secondary school site, the county council plans to make a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) to acquire the freehold of this land.

As part of this process, public notices were put up on the gates of the school site and mentioned in the Comet newspaper. **Note from Ms Kirwan. Ashtree Primary School is remaining as it is, we will just know that HCC owns the land that we are on rather than the current lease situation which apparently goes back 500 years! Business as usual.**



## Girls' Netball - Reported by Mrs Cox



Ashtree v Peartree Spring – 19.06.19

Wednesday afternoon saw the final A league game being played for this season. We were lucky with the weather and we were able to complete the game before the downpour began. It was also lovely to have such a large group of spectators and I hope we kept those waiting for Year 3 to return from their trip entertained! The girls played brilliantly and it is fantastic to see how well they have developed and progressed over the two years they have been at netball club. The game tonight showed fluency and great communication between the team. We won the game 14 – 0 and this means that the A league team have only lost 3 games this season! Well done to all of the girls! Our captain for the game was Leila, and the Player of the Match, chosen by the Peartree team, was Jessica. Jessica listened carefully to instruction and followed it perfectly. She zoomed around the court, creating many opportunities and enabling the fluid and accurate passing we know the whole team are capable of.



## Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are Classes 3 & 12.



## Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is Class 5 with 99%



## Effort Cup



Congratulations to Niamh from Year 1.

*E. Kirwan*

## Academic Year 2018/2019



### Diary Dates for Summer Term



#### Summer Term 2019:

Thursday 27 June	-	New to Reception/Nursery Parents/Carers Evenings
Friday 28 June	-	Summer Fayre 3.15-5.00pm
Monday 1 July	-	Open Evening
Thursday 4 July	-	EYFS / KS1 Visit to Whipsnade
Friday 5 July	-	Annual pupil reports to parents
Thursday 11 July	-	Y6 Transition Day
Friday 12 July	-	Family/Picnic & Lunchtime followed by afternoon Sports Day
Friday 19 July	-	Last day of term - <b>finish at 2.15pm</b>
<b>Monday 22 July</b>	-	<b>INSET Day 4 - school closed to children</b>
<b>Tuesday 23 July</b>	-	<b>INSET Day 5 - school closed to children</b>
<b>Wednesday 24 July</b>	-	<b>Occasional Day - school closed to children</b>

## Academic Year 2019/2020 (next year)

#### Autumn Term 2019:

<b>Monday 2 September</b>	-	<b>INSET Day 1 - school closed to children</b>
<b>Tuesday 3 September</b>	-	<b>INSET Day 2 - school closed to children</b>
Wednesday 4 September	-	First day of term
<b>Friday 25 October</b>	-	<b>INSET Day 3 - school closed to children</b>
<b>Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November</b>	-	<b>Half Term</b>
Friday 20 December	-	Last day of term - <b>finish at 2.15pm</b>

#### Spring Term 2020:

Monday 6 January	-	First day of term
<b>Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February</b>	-	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 24 February</b>	-	<b>INSET Day 4 - school closed to children</b>
Friday 3 April	-	Last day of term - <b>finish at 2.15pm</b>
<b>Monday 6 April – Friday 17 April</b>	-	<b>Half Term</b>

#### Summer Term 2020:

Monday 20 April	-	First day of term
<b>Friday 8 May</b>	-	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May</b>	-	<b>Half Term</b>
Friday 17 July	-	Last day of term - finish at 2.15pm
<b>Monday 20 July</b>	-	<b>INSET Day 5 - school closed to children</b>
<b>Tuesday 21 July</b>	-	<b>Occasional Day - school closed to children</b>

**Please ensure you do not book any family holidays during test times as they will be unauthorised.**