



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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Next half term our school value is Celebrating Success

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week I have had the chance to walk around classes again and see what is happening in the school.

I visited Year 2 at the start of the week where they were learning about classifying objects as living, dead or never lived. This resulted in some very interesting conversations with the children trying to explain their answers which can be a little complicated. I wonder what answer you would give if you tried to classify a table? Do we say that it is dead because it is made of wood and wood comes from trees or never lived because as a whole table it never has been a living table? I was very impressed with the Y2's and the way that they thought hard about their answers.

On Wednesday the whole of KS1 went on a school trip, they chose a very hot day but took plenty of water and hats and made sure that the children sat in the shade regularly. I spoke to some of the Year 1 children about the trip and this is what they told me.

I visited the Nursery at the end of the week where they had been looking at Transport. They were watching a video about types of transport and they had been talking about the different places that they had been in cars, busses or trains. They read 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and did the actions. Reading stories and adding actions is a lovely way to engage your children with books, reading the same story over and over again may seem repetitive but it helps your child to learn the pattern of the story and help them join in.

Some of the Early Years team attended training which was very useful. It talked about the importance of communication, talking to and listening to children. We learnt about how talk supports brain development as well as vocabulary and language. There are some great ideas about what you can do with your child at a variety of ages here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/activities/zjh8hbk>

We are sadly going to be saying good bye to Miss Castle at the end of this term, she will be semi retiring although if I know Miss Castle she will be keeping herself very busy. Miss Castle has worked at Ashtree Primary School & Nursery since 2003, in a number of different roles both in and out of class. I know that you will join me in wishing her all the best for the future, many of you have worked with her as your class teacher or as a SEND teacher. She will be very much missed by everyone.

Finally make sure that you take a look at the activities that you can sign up for in the Fit Fed and Read and HaPpy clubs running at Ashtree over the holiday. You can find the links on our Facebook page.

Maria Janes
Headteacher



Sports Day will take place on **Tuesday 12 July** between **12pm-3pm**. This is for pupils in Reception - Y6. Should there be inclement weather on this day, we have allocated Tuesday 19 July as a back-up date. Further details will be sent out regarding Sports Day after the May half-term.



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Outside Achievements:

Timothy from Y3 was recently at the Hertfordshire County show and he met a Queen's guard. He was allowed to wear the real bearskin hat and red tunic! He learnt that the hat is made from Canadian Black Bear fur.



Riley from Y3 played in a football festival on Saturday 18 June in Letchworth where his team played 4 games. Riley's team drew 2 and won 2 and scored a brilliant headed goal from a corner kick. Well done Riley.

Riley from Y3 collected his marathon band on Sunday 19 June for completing 21 junior park runs and getting a personal best of 10m 46s.



Brandon from Y5 has passed level 2 and can swim 5 meters and is now moving up to level 3, he is very pleased.

Come along for a Great Family Afternoon

Raffle Shows

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FRIENDS OF ASHTREE Presents Club

SUMMER FAIR

Arts & Crafts Hook A Bag Tombola Inflatables Kiosk Ice-Cream

Pre-Loved Books & Toys Handmade Cards & Gifts Face Painting Games Name the Teddy

1ST JULY AT 3.15PM

Ashtree Primary School
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The Mayor of Stevenage will be officially opening our summer fair
Closing Show - VINCENZO
Ex Ashtree Pupil Entertainment

Sponsored By KALM ESTATE AGENTS And Lots More!



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Netball Mixed League – Wednesday 22 June

Ashtree welcomed Knebworth for the last time this netball season, for our final two matches before the end of term.

Luckily, the weather held for us, so that we were able to play both games and yet again, I was so impressed with the way in which the Ashtree team have improved and developed over the course of this year.

We lost the first game 0 – 1 and won the second game 4 – 3, in what were two brilliant matches to watch. These are a huge improvement on the result from our first match and I am so glad we were able to end the season with a win.

My Player of the Match for the first game is Annie, for her excellent defence of the goal in her role as our Goal Keeper. And my Player of the Match for the second game is Charlie, who really impressed me with his ability to read the game, create opportunities, and keep the Ashtree possession flowing.

While our matches have now finished, we do have two training sessions planned for Friday 8 July and Friday 15 July, where we look forward to welcoming some Year 4 children to join the Year 5 and Year 6 players and learn about the game.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the pupils and adults who have supported the club this year.

Mrs Cox

Monday 27 June	Tuesday 28 June	Wednesday 29 June	Thursday 30 June	Friday 1 July
Menu 1		Cheerleading 3.15pm-4.15pm		Ashtree Summer Fair pick up time is 3:00pm
Monday 4 July	Tuesday 5 July	Wednesday 6 July	Thursday 7 July	Friday 8 July
Menu 2		Cheerleading 3.15pm-4.15pm		Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)
Monday 11 July	Tuesday 12 July	Wednesday 13 July	Thursday 14 July	Friday 15 July
Menu 3	Sports Day 12pm-3pm	Nursery Sports Day 9.30am Cheerleading 3.15pm-4.15pm		Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm) KS1 / KS2 Disco
Monday 18 July	Tuesday 19 July	Wednesday 20 July	Thursday 21 July	Friday 22 July
Menu 1				Last Day of Term 2.15pm Finish



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Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are Class 4 (for good lining up during dinner time and at the end of play) & Class 8 (for getting along on the playground nicely).



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is Class 7 with 95.0%.

Term Dates Academic Year 2022 / 2023



Summer Term 2022



Friday 22 July

- Last day of term – finish at 2.15pm



Autumn Term 2022/2023



Thursday 1 September 2022

- **INSET Day 1** - school closed to children

Friday 2 September 2022

- **INSET Day 2** - school closed to children

Monday 5 September 2022

- First day of term for pupils

24 October 2022 - 28 October 2022

- Half term holiday

Friday 25 November 2022

- **INSET Day 3** - school closed to children

Monday 28 November 2022

- Occasional Day - school closed to children

21 December 2022

- Last day of term

22 December 2022 - 4 January 2023

- Christmas holiday

Thursday 5 January 2023

- First day of term for pupils

13 February 2023 - 17 February 2023

- Half term holiday

Monday 20 February 2023

- **INSET Day 4** - school closed to children

3 April 2023 - 14 April 2023

- Easter holiday

Friday 26 May 2023

- **INSET Day 5** - school closed to children

29 May 2023 – 2 June 2023

- Half term holiday

Friday 21 July 2023

- Last day of term

24 July 2023 - 31 August 2023

- Summer holiday