



ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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NEWSLETTER 36

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

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:

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

Please note there will be no Yellow option or Blue Option this day.

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.

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.

We have the following spaces in these year groups: Y1 = 1, Y3 = 2 and Y5 = 7. Applications need to be made to County for spaces in these year groups. Please contact the County Admissions Team on 0300 123 4043.



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.

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.

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 1st 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.



Summer Reading Challenge 2019 – Space Chase



This challenge takes place in all Hertfordshire Public Libraries during the Summer Holidays. We really enjoyed our visit from the School Librarian, who explained this year's challenge to us. Children choose books to read with family and friends, then talk to Library staff about their reading. They collect incentives to mark their progress and a Certificate and Medal are presented to all children who complete the Challenge by reading six books. Books can also be read on Ipads or listened to as audio books. I will be delighted to award a Headteacher Sticker to every pupil who comes and shows me their Certificate in the Autumn Term. Children will get a special mention in the September Newsletters.



Ms Kirwan's Summer Writing Challenge



Yet again I am going to have to order more Headteacher Stickers because I am hoping as many pupils as possible will have a go at this challenge. If your child would like to write either a 500 word story of their own subject choice or keep a diary of the exciting things they got up to this summer, then I would be delighted to receive these in September and have the children share them with me. This can be handwritten or typed. I would prefer, of course, for the work to be of the children's own doing, however, I am sure the odd bit of adult help may be required. **Please ensure any work has reached me by Friday 13 September.** Children will get a special mention in the September Newsletters. We have been extremely proud of the pupils' achievement in writing across the school this year, and this will be another way to celebrate their love of writing.



Sports Day and Family Picnic – Friday 12 July – 12 - 3.00pm



Our biggest gathering of the year takes place on Friday 12 July, when we hold our Sports Day and Family Picnic. This year we will be starting our sport day with a family picnic at 12.00pm (gates open at 11.45am). **Please see the separate information about sports day, which will be coming out next week.** Don't forget the sun hat and sun cream if the weather behaves! If it is very hot, you may wish to bring some form of shade. **We ask that you do not sit and eat your picnic on the running tracks that have been marked out.** There will be no hot school dinners, children are expected to bring in their own packed lunches. For pupils entitled to Universal Free School Meals (Reception and KS1) or Free School Meals (KS2) or for pupils who would like a school packed lunch please order a packed lunch from the kitchen (which will be a selection of filled rolls), please still provide your child with a drink as the packed lunch only includes a small carton of juice. Children will be required to collect their packed lunch from the canteen before they come out onto the field. The children will go back in to school at 12.45pm when they will be registered, and join up with their teams for the afternoon start of 1.00pm.



Girls' Netball - Reported by Mrs Cox



Ashtree v Knebworth Netball Match – Tuesday 25 June

This afternoon saw the penultimate match for the B league and the girls worked hard throughout the whole game.

With many of our squad with still only two or three matches experience, it was fantastic to see the progress they have made in such a short space of time.

Despite losing the game 1 – 11, we did not make it easy for the Knebworth side. Our defence players, supported by our centre, played with real determination and energy and stopped the score line against us from being much higher. The Knebworth team had to work extremely hard to earn their goals!

Our captain for the game was Jessica and the Player of the Match, selected by the Knebworth team was our Centre, Olivia. Olivia continues to impress all those involved in matches with her never ending energy and the way in which she looks for space within the court, making it difficult for her opposing player to keep up with her.



Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are Sunshines & Class 13.



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is Class 4 with 98.8%



Effort Cup



There will be no award this week because of the Summer Fayre setup. We will do a double header next week.

E. Kirwan

SPORTS DAY 12 JULY 2019 - PACKED LUNCH REQUEST

Please return back to school by Monday 8 July

I would like to order a packed lunch for:

..... Class

..... Class

Cheese

Tuna

Signed:

Academic Year 2018/2019



Diary Dates for Summer Term



Summer Term 2019:

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 - finish at 2.15pm
Monday 22 July	-	INSET Day 4 - school closed to children
Tuesday 23 July	-	INSET Day 5 - school closed to children
Wednesday 24 July	-	Occasional Day - school closed to children

Academic Year 2019/2020 (next year)

Autumn Term 2019:

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

Spring Term 2020:

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

Summer Term 2020:

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

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

CLASS ALLOCATION FOR 2019/20

Nursery: Mrs Mohiuddin, Mrs Manak, Mrs Graham and Mrs Harvey

Reception 1: Mrs Butt (Mon-Wed), Mrs Compton (Thurs-Fri) and Mrs Dunlop

Rainbows 

Reception 2: Miss Sinnott, Mrs Graham and Mrs Foley

Sunshines 

<u>Class 3:</u>	Mr Yates	(Rainbows from Reception)
<u>Class 4:</u>	Ms Goode (Mon-Wed), Mrs Khattran (Thurs-Fri)	(Sunshines from Reception)
<u>Class 5:</u>	Mrs McQueen	(Was Class 3)
<u>Class 6:</u>	Mrs Barber	(Was Class 4)
<u>Class 7:</u>	Mrs Garnham	(Were Year 2)
<u>Class 8:</u>	Mr Allen	(Were Year 2)
<u>Class 9:</u>	Mrs Cox	(Was Class 7)
<u>Class 10:</u>	Mr Steadman	(Was Class 8)
<u>Class 11:</u>	Mrs Somiah	(Was Class 9)
<u>Class 12:</u>	Miss Kiernan (Mon-Wed), Mrs Judge (Thurs-Fri)	(Was Class 10)
<u>Class 13:</u>	Miss Ruprai	(Was Class 11)
<u>Class 14:</u>	Mrs Allen	(Was Class 12)

Mrs Janes' role from September will continue to be that of a non-teaching deputy for our school.

Mr Yates is the Assistant Head Teacher.

Mrs Clark will be delivering music across the school and French to Y3 – Y6 (Mon-Wed).

Miss Castle will continue to be a SEN teacher across our school (Wed – Fri).

Mrs Rook will be teaching in the school on Thursdays.

Mrs Compton will be providing PPA cover on Tuesday and Wednesday.

We will be welcoming Mr Steadman to our teaching team. Mr Steadman has worked for the school regularly in the last year.

Mrs Holtom will be supporting pupils in Y2.

Finally, I would like to thank Miss Marriott, Mrs Butterworth and Miss Larty for all of their fantastic work on behalf of the Ashtree Team. Miss Marriott is moving out of county to take up a position in another school and Mrs Butterworth is going to be enjoying more time with her family. Miss Larty is taking up another position at another school. We will miss both staff very much and I am sure you will join with me in wishing them all the best for the future.