



# Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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## NEWSLETTER: 38

DATE: 14 July 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week I have met so many members of the Stevenage community, charities and support groups, specialist provision settings and some individuals that needed a helping hand. It makes me very proud to see how many people we have been able to help.

It all started earlier in the week when the small pallet of free anti-bacterial wipes that I had applied for turned up. It really wasn't a small pallet, however, it was 8 large pallets!!! The school was overrun with wipes!



After sharing this on our Facebook page and offering out the wipes to local charities we have had a constant stream of people all week. ❤️ We still have a few boxes left if you think a charity that you know could do with a free box.

Miss Hembra may have been a little shocked to see the room that she and a number of other staff cleared out last week and this week full of wipes! Once they have all gone, she is setting this room up as a music room. Developing a love of music is very important to me and she has worked hard to do this, a room dedicated to music lessons will certainly help this. I am looking forward to hearing the choir and recorder players perform to their parents in assembly on Friday.

I also had the pleasure of watching the Y6 end of year performance with the parents. This had us all laughing at the jokes and there were also a few very proud tears from the adults. I know that you will want to join me in thanking staff for all of their efforts and hard work and to say well done to the children. They certainly did us all proud, from the way that Rachel delivered her lines; to the backstage support from Bailey; to the way that James stepped in at the last minute to the comedic delivery of Oliver with his line 'after 47 years in her majesty's army'. It also took me a while to realise that it was Joe playing a Glamorous Granny. Well done all of you.

On Thursday the children here at Ashtree met their new teachers and spent some time in their new classroom. There was a lot of excited chatter on the playground and in the dining rooms after their visit. Everyone that I spoke to is really looking forward to next year. The Y6's visited their secondary schools today as well, I hope that they all feel just as excited after their time meeting new teachers and seeing new rooms.

Mrs M Janes  
Headteacher

FSM vouchers – should arrive via email this weekend.

### Year 5 Mini-Police:

Our local PCSOs visited us in Year 5 over a period of 7 weeks this Summer Term. The children learnt about how we should behave within a community and how our actions could affect our community negatively or make it a better place, when we behave positively. They can give examples of positive behaviour such as keeping the streets clean, playing music softly and using polite language in public places. As part of their drive to improve the local community, they went out litter picking with the PCSOs and staff. Our Year 5 children had a go at the 'Bleep Test' and got the chance to take their own fingerprints too! The highlight was when a police dog and his handler came to visit us. The children were delighted with this!





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## Outside Achievements:



Darcie passed her Level 6 Gymnastics. She also wanted to share a photo of her sunflower that she brought home from school as a seed a few months ago.



A reminder that we ask parents not to use phones when in the classroom unless we have said that it is ok, in the performance for example. Staff have been seeing a lot of phones out recording during reading sessions and when joining the children in class. Please support us to keep your children safe.

I know that your children will love spending some 'technology free' time with you and that this is worth more than a recorded memory or an answered text.

If you are recording in a performance, then please remember that when posting pictures on social media only your child's face should be recognisable. You could crop the picture, blur or cover the faces of other children, you don't know which of those children should not be on social media for safeguarding reasons.

Class	Authorised / Unauthorised Sessions Missed
Kestrels	7
Owls	9
Falcons	11
Harriers	15
Buzzards	16
Red Kites	16
Eagles	16
Hawks	17
Wrens	19
Swifts	20
Robins	21
Magpies	22
Parrots	30



### Attendance Cup:

The winner for this week is **Kestrels**.



Monday 17 July	Tuesday 18 July	Wednesday 19 July	Thursday 20 July	Friday 21 July
<b>Menu 1</b>				<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 1.30PM FINISH</b>

### Term Dates Academic Year 2023

<b>Friday 21 July 2023</b>	-	<b>Last day of term – 1.30pm finish</b>
<b>24 July 2023 - 31 August</b>	-	<b>Summer Holiday</b>
<b>Friday 1 September</b>	-	<b>INSET Day 1</b>
<b>Monday 4 September</b>	-	<b>Start of term</b>
<b>23 October – 27 October</b>	-	<b>Half-term Holiday</b>