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NEWSLETTER 39

Dear Parents/Carers & Pupils,

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

School Arrangements 19 July – 21 July

Following the government's Step 4 announcements, I can confirm that we will be following the DFE guidance that schools open at Step 4 can continue with existing measures to the end of term. The only change to this will be parents/carers not having to wear masks when dropping off and collecting from the school playground from the 19 July. We respectfully ask that any parents/carers visiting school for meetings during these 3 days wear a mask when inside school unless medically exempt.

During Step 4 if anyone in school develops covid 19 symptoms, however mild, they will be sent home and asked to following public health advice.

What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>;

September Start and Finish times

Class Group	Time	Enter and leave by
Nursery	8.45am – 11.45am, 12.30pm-3.30pm	Nursery door (including AM and PM only children)
Reception	8:50am (doors open for 8.55am start) – 3:15pm	Rainbows' outdoor area & Sunshine's infant playground door
Year 1	8:50am (doors open for 8.55am start) – 3:15pm	Class 3 & 4 fire door
Year 2	8:5am (doors open for 8.55am start) – 3:15pm	Infant playground door and Class 6 fire door
Year 3	8.55am – 3.15pm	Junior playground door
Year 4	8:55am – 3:15pm	Class 9 and Class 10 fire doors
Year 5	8:55am – 3:15pm	Junior playground door
Year 6	8:55am – 3:15pm	Class 13 and Class 14 fire doors

Breakfast Club (7.55am – 8.55am)

I am pleased that from September we can offer our usual 32 places at Breakfast Club. This is based in the Junior Dining Room during term times. Please contact Mrs Marlor on 07583615465 to book your sessions as we will have to turn you away at the door, without a booking. Mrs Marlor has asked that children arrive by 8.15am when breakfast is served. £3.75 a session or £3.25 per child if more than one sibling attends.

If you would like to register for breakfast club, please collect a registration form from the school office, you need to register to attend breakfast club. If you do not attend your booking you will still need to pay unless breakfast club is notified in advance. Thank you.

Sports Day

This year Sports Day will again look different. Due to risk assessments and current guidelines we will not be inviting Parents/Carers on site. On Monday 19 July pupils across the school will have the opportunity, in their bubbles, to enjoy races on the track as part of an extended PE lesson. Could all pupils please wear PE Kit on Monday 19 July. Lunchtime arrangements will be as for a normal day.

Summer Reading Challenge - Wild World Heroes

Hertfordshire are currently preparing for this year's summer reading challenge – Wild World Heroes. Every year the Reading Agency oversees this exciting programme, which is run by library staff. It starts on Saturday 10th July and runs until Saturday 4th September. This summer, children will help six fictional characters - 'wild heroes' who live in the town of 'Wilderville'. As they read library books, children will collect transformation stickers to add to a foldout town map, fixing the environmental problem in each area and making Wilderville a better home for everyone.

Research shows that children's reading can 'dip' during the long holidays and this can cause them to lose confidence when they return to school. The summer reading challenge encourages children to get into libraries and helps them keep up their reading skills. By providing fun reading activities this summer the challenge will also play a key role in supporting reading catch-up after a difficult year. It is the UK's biggest promotion of reading for children – in 2019 20,897 children took part in Hertfordshire – and it's free. Children are challenged to read six library books, eBooks or eAudiobooks of their choice during the holidays. For every two books they read they are rewarded with a set of stickers. When they have completed the challenge, they will receive a bookmark, certificate and medal. The summer reading challenge materials are suitable for visually impaired children.

Further information on the summer reading challenge in Hertfordshire and a link to Wild World Heroes can be found on the Herts Libraries website. www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries;

I would like to include the link to the Hertfordshire Libraries YouTube video about this year's Summer Reading Challenge, should you wish to send it to the parents/guardians in your next school newsletter:

https://youtu.be/dyULyEVg_N0



Nursery Applications: September 2021-We are now accepting applications for Sept 2021



Applying for a school Nursery place for 2021-2022 (For children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018).

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 2021 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.



Dinner Money - KS2



£2.60 per day - £13.00 per week

This should be paid in advance on Schoolcomms. We are no longer able to build up any dinner money debt due to Government changes. Any debt is taken out of the school budget, which has a detrimental effect on the education of our pupils. Please do not put us in the position of not paying for a meal but still expecting us to provide one. **If you are unable to pay, please provide a home packed lunch until the debt is cleared.** Thank you for your understanding.



Sun Hats and Water Bottles - Sports Day

Please can you make sure your child has a sun hat, water bottle in school on Monday 19 July and is wearing sun cream as the weather is forecast to be warm. Thank you.

Staggered Finish time – Wednesday 21 July

We normally all finish at 2.15pm but need to apply the covid staggered finish time, please see listed below your child's finish time for Wednesday 21 July.

Nursery	–	2.30pm
Reception	–	2.15pm
Year 1	–	2.10pm
Year 2	–	2.20pm
Year 3	–	2.20pm
Year 4 & Year 5	–	2.15pm
Year 6	–	2.05pm



Notification of Positive Tests



Please notify school immediately if your child receives a positive Covid test. This can be done by phone or by emailing the school email address - admin@ashtree.herts.sch.uk, at any point including over the weekend. Your child will then have to isolate for 10 days. If an adult in the family home receives a positive Covid test your child should isolate for 10 days. If your child shows symptoms they should isolate at home until they have received a negative test or for 10 days from onset of symptoms.

Government Home Lateral Flow Tests

These tests should only be used if you or your child is free from Covid symptoms. If the LFT is positive this must be followed up with a PCR test and your family must isolate until the PCR result comes back negative. If you or your child have symptoms ie. cough or high temperature, then you must get a PCR test or isolate for 10 days before your child returns back to school.



Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are Class 3 & Class 7.



Governors Cup



The winner for this half-term is Sunshines with 97.8%.



Effort Cup



Congratulations to Harrison from Year 1.

E. Kirwan
Headteacher

Term Dates Academic Year 2021



Summer Term 2021



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| Wednesday 21 July | - | Last day of term - finish at 2.15pm
(staggered finish times) |
| Thursday 22 July | - | INSET Day 5 - school closed to children |



Autumn Term 2021



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| Wednesday 1 September | - | Occasional Day - school closed to children |
| Thursday 2 September | - | INSET Day 1 - school closed to children |
| Friday 3 September | - | INSET Day 2 - school closed to children |
| Monday 6 September | - | First day of term for pupils |
| Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October | - | Half Term |
| Monday 1 November | - | INSET Day 3 - school closed to children |
| Tuesday 2 November | - | First day of term for pupils |
| Tuesday 21 December | - | Last day of term – finish at 2.15pm |



Spring Term 2022



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| Wednesday 5 January 2022 | - | First day of term for pupils |
| Monday 14 February – Friday 18 February | - | Half-term |
| Monday 21 February | - | INSET Day 4 - school closed to children |
| Tuesday 22 February | - | First day of term for pupils |
| Friday 1 April | - | End of term – finish at 2.15pm |
| Monday 4 April – Monday 18 April | - | Half-term - Easter Break |



Summer Term 2022



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| Tuesday 19 April | - | First day of term for pupils |
| Friday 27 May | - | INSET Day 5 - school closed to children |
| Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June | - | Half Term <i>(including the Spring Bank Holiday and additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.</i> |
| Monday 6 June | - | First day of term for pupils |
| Friday 22 July | - | Last day of term – finish at 2.15pm |

Academic Year 2022

KS1 – Y2 Testing window is the whole month of May 2022.

KS1 – Y1 Phonics is 6 – 17 June 2022.

KS2 – Y4 Multiplication Test is 6 – 24 June 2022.

KS2 – Y6 9 – 12 May 2022.

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