



# Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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## NEWSLETTER 39

DATE 22 July 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

It really doesn't seem possible that I have been Headteacher at Ashtree Primary School & Nursery for a year now. It has certainly not been a boring year and I think I have had my fair share of 'unprecedented' circumstances, record temperatures and National Emergencies! However, it has been an absolute pleasure to be your Headteacher and I really do feel that this is where I belong.

The memories that stand out are the children during the OFSTED inspection and the way that they talked confidently and eloquently about their experiences here at our school. The way that the staff have taken on board and run with the challenges, changes and celebrated the things that need to remain. They have worked extremely hard this year and I know that they, like you want to see Ashtree continue to grow.

The Middle Leaders, Miss Sinnott, Mrs McQueen, Mrs Cox and Miss Kiernan have lead their phases through these changes and I know that for many of you have been the point of contact for worries and questions. Mr Yates as Acting Deputy and SENDCo in the first term joined me in leading the school through an OFSTED inspection that came a little earlier than we expected and then more recently took on the Maths lead and is further developing this subject across the school, building on the good practice that we already have.

The office staff have emailed and answered phones and sent out messages dealing with Covid measures, heatwave measures and many many more things.

I would also like to thank Ms Ruprai who has been a very successful appointment to Deputy Head and without whom I know that the last two terms would not have been as successful as they have been. I know that those of you that have spoken to her in her SENDCo role have really valued the support, expertise and understanding that she is able to offer.

I also want to thank you as parents and families, without you supporting your children, supporting the school and in some cases supporting in the PTA we would not be the community that we are. I look forward to that relationship growing and our reach into the community widening.

This week has continued to offer firsts, with the unbelievable heat at the start of the week, I dread to think what everyone's electricity bills are like with the number of fans on the go. But, we got through it all safely, had some fun and even managed some learning. We were even joined by a lovely and very friendly dog who clearly thought he needed to join in on the fun (thank you to Mr Street who found the owner).

The Year 6 children have been enjoying their celebrations and memories of their time at Ashtree with a performance to parents, along with pictures of staff and children at 4 years old, Mr Flynn's photo definitely got the biggest 'awww' from parents. On Wednesday they enjoyed a BBQ with Mr Street in charge of the cooking. We will miss them as they move on to secondary school but I know that we will continue to hear about their successes. We also said goodbye to Mrs Khan, Miss Castle and Mrs Matthews this week and wish them all the best with their next step.

Finally, I wish you all a restful holiday break, stay safe and I'm sure we will hear all about the adventures next year.

Mrs M. Janes Headteacher



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## Outside Achievements



Lexi from Y1 has donated her hair to the Princess Trust.  
Well Done Lexi.

## Summer Holiday Food Vouchers

Herts County Council are once again providing supermarket vouchers for eligible pupils. These should arrive in your inbox this weekend (12-13 July). Please check your inbox and junk mail to see if you have received yours. If you have not, please e-mail the office and we will look into it for you. If your child is in Nursery, they are eligible for to receive the Household Support Fund. This is separate from the supermarket voucher scheme. You will be contacted directly from Herts County Council regarding this. It is not something that the school manages.



## Eat for £1 at Asda Cafes

Children can eat for just £1 at Asda Cafés across England and Wales this Summer – with no minimum adult spend:

<https://corporate.asda.com/newsroom/2022/07/05/children-can-eat-for-just-1-at-asda-cafes-across-england-and-wales-this-summer-with-no-minimum-adult-spend>

Asda has announced its next move in bids to help feed children this summer, meaning kids across England and Wales can eat for just £1 at any time of day in Asda Cafés, seven days a week, with no minimum adult spend required.

Breakfast Club Details from September

Email: [breakfastclub@ashtree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:breakfastclub@ashtree.herts.sch.uk)

07564864497 from September



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## Are You Interested in Joining the Governing Body?

There is a vacancy on the Governing Body for a parent to join us.

Governors have to oversee the work of the school, with special emphasis on financial matters and Pupil Progress and Well-being. We check on lots of things, including Safeguarding and Curriculum. We are involved in interviewing applicants for job vacancies at the school. We monitor Health and Safety issues. Sometimes we deal with complaints.

Perhaps most important of all, we set the vision and aims for the school in conjunction with other stakeholders. If you think you'd like to be involved in any of those areas, please let the school office know and leave me contact details. I will get in touch and give you more details.

**Bill Spicer** - Chair of Governors



## Governor's Cup



The winner for this half-term is **Class 13** with **89.7%**.

| Monday 5 September                            | Tuesday 6 September  | Wednesday 7 September  | Thursday 8 September  | Friday 9 September  |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| First day of term for pupils<br><b>Menu 1</b> |                      |                        |                       |                     |
| Monday 12 September                           | Tuesday 13 September | Wednesday 14 September | Thursday 15 September | Friday 16 September |
| <b>Menu 2</b>                                 |                      |                        |                       |                     |

## Term Dates Academic Year 2022 / 2023

|                                     |   |                              |                             |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Thursday 1 September 2022           | - | <b>INSET Day 1</b>           | - school closed to children |
| Friday 2 September 2022             | - | <b>INSET Day 2</b>           | - 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             | - | <b>INSET Day 3</b>           | - 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             | - | <b>INSET Day 4</b>           | - school closed to children |
| 3 April 2023 - 14 April 2023        | - | Easter holiday               |                             |
| Friday 26 May 2023                  | - | <b>INSET Day 5</b>           | - 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               |                             |