



# ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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## NEWSLETTER 4

Dear Parents/Carers & Pupils,

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

### Reminders:

- ❖ Mobile phones should not be used on site – for safeguarding reasons.
- ❖ Follow the 'in', 'wait' and 'out' markings when visiting the office, this facilitates a one-way system. Do not come into the office lobby until the person in front of you has left.
- ❖ If arriving by the main gate, please stay off the grass banking.
- ❖ Class 5 parents/Carers to observe the yellow wait lines and queue for the Infant Playground door rather than congregating around it both before and after school. Thank you.
- ❖ Class Teachers can be contacted about work through the year group email, if you need to speak to the Class Teacher then you will need to call the office and they will call you back. If you want to discuss a concern in class, please call the teacher and do not approach parents or the child themselves.
- ❖ Keep your children off the playground equipment at drop off and collection.
- ❖ Visitors attending meetings in school will be required to wear a mask.
- ❖ Please do not arrive earlier than your allotted time as this makes a nonsense of the whole staggered arrangements. As currently please ensure you leave the site promptly.

### Special Menu – 1 October 2020

There will be a menu change on **Thursday 1 October 2020**. The options on the day are as follows:  
**Red** = Burger in a bun, **Green** = Pizza, **Blue** = Jacket potato, **Yellow** (*School Packed Lunch*) = Ham Baguette. Served with sweetcorn, beans or salad. **Pudding** – Iced sponge, fruit bowl or jelly.

### FSM Vouchers – Updated Information

If anyone's circumstances have changed and you are now able to register for FSM, please see the information below.

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.

**All families of pupils who have moved from year 2 to 3 in September 2020 (who were eligible for a Free School Meal (means tested) in year 2 (not Universal Free School Meal) need to reapply for a FSM via [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals). Whilst these pupils are eligible via the transitional protection rule, they must still reapply if they haven't already done so. The deadline for this is 1 October 2020 which is the national school Census day.**

## Governor Vacancies

We currently have an opportunity for a new parent governor to join our governance team. If any parent/carer would like to express an interest in this role please contact the school office 01438 351090 and your details will be passed to The Chair of Governors, Mr W. Spicer. Mr W. Spicer will be very happy to outline the duties of the role and elections to the posts will be held as appropriate.



## Individual Photographs - Thursday 22 October



These will be conducted under Covid secure risk assessment. We will only be doing individual photographs – no sibling or family group photos this year. Pupils will have their photograph taken whilst standing rather than seated and remain in their class year - group bubble. The photographer will be masked and will remain at a 2 metre plus distance from the children.



## Christmas Performances



Unfortunately, due to current restrictions, we will not be producing our usual Christmas Performances for family audiences this year.



## Packed Lunches



We have pupils in school who suffer from nut allergies, please ensure that you do not provide nut products for your child's packed lunch.

If you have a child with allergies there is a new process for obtaining a special menu. Please go to the link: <https://specialmenu.hcl.co.uk> and follow the process

## Pupil Achievements

Thank you to Melika in Year 2 for her wonderful story and illustrations. Well done to Isabelle from Year 6 for completing the library reading challenge over the summer.

## Flu Nasal Spray

Current advice from the Vaccination Team is that if your child has a temperature within 24 hours of having the nasal spray, keep them at home and monitor. If the temperature comes down with normal doses of calpol and is gone within 24 hours your child can return back to school. If the temperature does not go down with calpol and persists beyond 24 hours treat as a Covid symptom.



## Medication in School



Please ensure that any medication brought in for pupils at the start of this school year, is all in date and a new permission form is completed. These can be collected from the office. Thank you. Please remember to return in date Epi-pens to the school office for pupils who require them.



## Parking



I would like to remind you that parent vehicles are not allowed on site unless in cases of emergency or through prior arrangement with the office due to medical reasons. Green passes are issued on these occasions, and a log of vehicle registrations is kept. If you have a green pass, please inform the office if your vehicle registration has changed, as we do carry out spot checks. I am sure you understand that the safety of your children is our prime concern. Please also be considerate to our neighbours and do not park across their driveways.

## Safety Reminders

**A reminder that this school does not allow dogs on site.** We are also a smoke and alcohol free zone. Please ensure that you observe these points. **Adults should not sit on the junior wall**, by the quiet area, or the Infant wall by the side of the Reception Classroom when collecting pupils. My office staff have also requested that children do not play on the disabled access ramp by the main entrance or throw stones at the windows! Please discourage your child from using the door buzzer as a game.

Please do not allow your children to play on the playground equipment before or after school, including the area outside Class 4.

Children and adults are not to ride their scooters or bicycles in the school grounds. Thank you for your support.

## Nursery Admissions

Applying for a school Nursery place for 2020-2021 (For children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017).

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 2020 can be downloaded from our website or a hardcopy is available at the school office.

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.

## Reception Places – September 2020

We have a few spaces available for Reception 2020 starters. Please let family or friends know and they can contact the school office on 01438 351090 or [admin@ashtree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashtree.herts.sch.uk) if they are interested.

## School Uniform

Order forms are available from the school office - **correct payment needs to be made at the time of ordering**. If Parents/Carers prefer to purchase school uniform from other outlets, then please continue to do so. We have a small stock of second hand uniform available. Please contact the school office, in confidence, if this would be a support to you.

Finally, we are asking that sweets are not brought into school for sharing with other children for birthday celebrations during the current Covid circumstances.



### Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are Sunshines & Class 9



### Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is Class 3 with 98.5%.



### Effort Cup



Congratulations to Evangeline from Year 4.

*E. Kirwan*

**Term Dates Academic Year 20/21 (next academic year)**

**Provisional (dependent on any further Government Update)**

**Autumn Term 2020:**

<b>Friday 23 October</b>	-	<b>INSET Day 3 - school closed to children</b>
<b>Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October</b>	-	<b>Half Term</b>
Friday 18 December	-	Last day of term - finish at 2.15pm

**Spring Term 2021:**

Monday 4 January	-	First day of term
<b>Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February</b>	-	<b>Half Term</b>
Friday 26 March	-	Last day of term - finish at 2.15pm

**Summer Term 2021:**

<b>Monday 12 April</b>	-	<b>INSET Day 4 - school closed to children</b>
Tuesday 13 April	-	First day of term
<b>Monday 3 May</b>	-	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June</b>	-	<b>Half Term</b>
Wednesday 21 July	-	Last day of term - finish at 2.15pm
<b>Thursday 22 July</b>	-	<b>INSET Day 5 - school closed to children</b>

**Academic Year 2021**

**KS1 – Y2 Testing window is the whole month of May 2021.**

**KS1 – Y1 Phonics is 7 – 18 June 2021.**

**KS2 – Y4 Multiplication Test is 7 – 25 June 2021.**

**KS2 – Y6 10 – 13 May 2021.**

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

