



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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NEWSLETTER 4

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Dear Parents & Carers,

This week we have been talking to children to follow-up on the 'retrieval practice' that I mentioned in an earlier newsletter. The staff have been using this after the children have been taught new knowledge to help them remember it. We spoke to them about Science work; one of the first curriculum areas that we worked on, I am really pleased with how successful this has been. The children were able to remember the knowledge that they had been taught very easily. They were also enthusiastic about the Science that they had learnt.

Our gates are also now automated, which is very exciting. If the gates are closed when you arrive then please press the button on the keypad and the office will be able to open the gate for you. Please be patient whilst we get used to this new system, I know that it took me a few tries before I managed to successfully let someone in.

Next week we will begin to collect our harvest donations. Please send them in to the class where they will be stored ready for the assembly. The latest wish list from the Food Shed is here

Your child can bring in a single item, a few items in a bag or a decorated box containing a number of items. We ask that we don't have fresh food e.g. fruit and veg please. Please do check that the food is in date.

Thank you for filling in the survey about a preschool and afterschool club. Unfortunately, at the moment the responses show that it would not be financially viable for Ashtree School to run our own afterschool club. However, I will continue to approach external providers who may be able to make this a possibility. In the meantime please have a look at the childminders in this list. Mrs Dunlop has asked me to let you know that, whilst she is very flattered by the parents that have approached her she unfortunately does not have any availability, although she is first on the list. <http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/childcaredirectory>



The advert for a preschool provider should be out soon and when it is I would appreciate you sharing it so that we can find the very best provider for Ashtree.

Finally, well done to the cross-country team. Mr Flynn will share more information later in this newsletter.

Mrs Janes
Headteacher



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Outside Achievements:



Elouise in Wrens received another medal this week for working extremely hard in her gymnastics class. Well done Elouise!

On Thursday our Y6 children took part in the annual cross country festival. It was the first event of the year and it did not disappoint. The Y6 girls finished 3rd overall with some great individual finishes. The Y6 boys finished 4th, 5 points away from a medal! All of the boys and girls should be very proud of their performances and should be looking forward to the Summer Athletics Festival!



Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Parrots** (for settling in well, adapting well to the routine and great behaviour in the dining room) & **Harriers** (for making the right choices in trying to include their classmates in their games)



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is **Owls** with **97.6%**.



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Monday 3 October	Tuesday 4 October	Wednesday 5 October	Thursday 6 October	Friday 7 October
Menu 3 Parents Consultations booking System Opens at 12pm			Census Day – Special Menu	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm)
Monday 10 October	Tuesday 11 October	Wednesday 12 October	Thursday 13 October	Friday 14 October
Menu 1				Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm) Parents Consultations booking System Closes at 4pm Last Day for Disco Tickets
Monday 17 October	Tuesday 18 October	Wednesday 19 October	Thursday 20 October	Friday 21 October
Menu 2 Parents Consultations Evening 5pm – 7.30pm	Parents Consultations Evening 3.30pm – 6pm		Individual / Sibling Photos	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm) Y6 Height/Weight – Schools Nurses KS1 Halloween Disco 4.30pm-6pm KS2 Halloween Disco 6.30pm-8pm
Monday 24 October	Tuesday 25 October	Wednesday 26 October	Thursday 27 October	Friday 28 October
Half-term	Half-term	Half-term	Half-term	Half-term

Term Dates Academic Year 2022 / 2023

24 October 2022 - 28 October 2022	-	Half term holiday	
Friday 25 November 2022	-	INSET Day 3	- 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	-	INSET Day 4	- school closed to children
3 April 2023 - 14 April 2023	-	Easter holiday	
Friday 26 May 2023	-	INSET Day 5	- 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	