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Dear Parents/Carers & Pupils,

Welcome to the final newsletter of the school year. Our Year 6 pupils are moving on to secondary schools and we will miss them greatly. We wish you all well for the future and would love to hear how you all get on in Year 7. Year 6 pupils were excellent ambassadors for the school on their school trip to Paradise Park last Thursday and made my last ever school trip an absolute joy. Enjoy the hoodies too.

Well done to Melisa from Year 6 for winning 3rd place in the 'logo competition' for Lister Hospital Children Emergency Department.

Sadly, there are a number of families with whom our regular contact will now end. I would like to thank you all for your contribution and involvement in the life of Ashtree School. We will miss you all.



Medication in School

Your child will be coming home with their inhalers but EpiPens and any other medication will need to be collected by a parent/carer. Please ensure that any medication brought in with them at the start of the next school year, is all in date and a new permission form is completed. These can be collected from the office. Thank you.

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.

KS1 MSA

We have a full time vacancy in KS1 (7hrs 30mins per week 11.55am - 1.25pm).

Please contact the School Office for a Job Description and Application Form. Closing date is Friday 10 September 2021. Interviews to be arranged.

Sports Day

The children enjoyed their sports day and my thanks to Mr Steadman and the whole of the Ashtree Team for organising it. Shade was taken advantage of at every opportunity! I very much hope that sports day next year can return to our family picnic and afternoon sports.

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

Finally, may I wish you a very happy and restful summer break. Ashtree Primary School and Nursery is a very caring community and I thank you for your support, which helps to make it so special. In particular, may I thank our wonderful Office staff who work tirelessly for the benefit of the pupils and all that they do is greatly appreciated. I know you would also wish me to thank all our lovely teachers, support staff and Governors for their continued hard work and commitment. On behalf of us all, may I thank you for all the end of year gifts and donations that are coming into school. They are all gratefully received and will be put to good use.

The school looks forward to seeing all children again on Monday 6 September.

Hoping that our whole community stays safe and well.

E. Kirwan
Headteacher

Term Dates Academic Year 2021



Autumn Term 2021



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



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



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.