



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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NEWSLETTER 5

DATE: 8 October 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week Mr Yates and I were looking around the school focussing on how Ashtree School supports the needs of our children. One of the things that we have been discussing is the use of social stories, visual timetables and structured days which help our children to reduce their anxieties. Two organisations that our parents have found particularly useful are: [ADD-vance](#) and [Angels](#) these groups provided information ideas and support for parents of children with ADHD and Autism. In school we use many of the strategies suggested on these sites.

I know that this week has been frustrating for many of us with plans changing at short notice. I am sure like me your priorities are to keep everyone safe, in order to do this, I have been speaking regularly to Public Health who have advised us on the measures that we needed.

I want to reassure you that our numbers of Covid cases are still low but in order to keep it this way we have had to postpone some clubs and asking parents to wear a mask on site. I will keep you updated on the guidance that I receive.

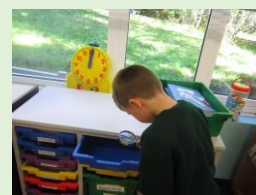
Last week in assembly we spoke about Harvest Festival and the importance of caring about everyone in our community because we are unable to collect food in school this year we are asking for a donation to one of the following: [Food Shed](#) [Feed Up Warm Up](#)

Look out next week to see what staff have been up to in school this weekend.

Mrs Janes – Acting Headteacher



Year 2 were plastic detectives this week! We compared the properties of different plastics and found out how they are created for their many different uses.



Year 3 made Metamorphic Rock this week in our science lesson. We used sweets to represent Igneous and Sedimentary rock, and then put pressure on them by squeezing them.





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As part of our learning about the Digestive System, **Year 4** recreated what happens to food in the human body. It was very interesting to see how our food changes in our bodies and quite disgusting!



Year 6 have been building on their knowledge about Animals Including Humans. We have been deepening our understanding of our double circulatory system by designing our own quizzes to test on one another. We had so much fun making one another think hard about the multiple choice answers. We purposely designed our multiple choice answers so they were very close to the correct answer. This made us think harder to recall our knowledge and helped us to remember more.



Ashtree School is now signed up to the Morrison's 'Good to Grow' scheme, where tokens are collected when money is spent in store or online. These tokens can then be used to purchase gardening equipment and it would be brilliant if parents, friends, and families of Ashtree school could help us to collect as many tokens as possible so that we can create a wonderful outdoor environment.

Just look for the 'Good to Grow' heading on the My Morrisons app and select Ashtree School from the 'My School' menu.

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I have been asking children about their favourite book, if you are able to send in a picture of the front cover I will be displaying them in my office. I am hoping to have lots of suggestions to read over the half-term.

Just a couple of reminders:

- **Reception / Nursery Spaces**

We still have spaces in Nursery and Reception. Can we ask parents to share this information to any families that may be interested in a space Thank you.

- Children under 7 should not be using Lateral Flow Tests, for children 7 and over these are only for children who have no symptoms. If your child has any Covid symptoms no matter how mild they should be taking PCR tests.

Cars on Site

It is important that Ashtree Parents are respectful of Chertsey Rise residents and prioritise children's safety. Cars must not stop for any reason in the entrance to the school, please park and walk your children into school. I understand that the road is busy, if you are able to walk please do. **ONLY cars with an agreed pass, which is on display, will be allowed on site. Any cars driving quickly or irresponsibly will have the pass removed.** It is important to me to allow access for those that need it, however the safety of our children and families is paramount. **Please do not attempt to drive on the site without a pass even if you are late. Thank you for your understanding.**

Friends of Ashtree AGM

The next meeting will be held on Monday 18 October 6.30pm at school.

If you would like to join the Friends of Ashtree please come along to the meeting.



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Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Class 4** (for lining up nicely and listening well).
& **Class 7** (they have learnt to be tolerant of others in their class).



Attendance Cup



The winners for this week are **Class 13** with **98.2%**.

Monday 11 October	Tuesday 12 October	Wednesday 13 October	Thursday 14 October	Friday 15 October
Menu 1				
Monday 18 October	Tuesday 19 October	Wednesday 20 October	Thursday 21 October	Friday 22 October
Menu 2 Friends of Ashtree AGM			Individual Photo/Siblings	
Monday 25 October	Tuesday 26 October	Wednesday 27 October	Thursday 28 October	Friday 29 October
HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM

Monday 1 November	Tuesday 2 November	Wednesday 3 November	Thursday 4 November	Friday 5 November
INSET Day 3 - school closed to children	<u>First day of term for pupils</u> Reception Height/Weight/Hearing Vision Screening	ART Club Years 4,5&6 (3.20pm-4.15pm) Cheerleading Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)		Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)
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Term Dates Academic Year 2021



Autumn Term 2021



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 *(including the Spring Bank Holiday and additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.*

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.