



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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NEWSLETTER 6

DATE: 15 October 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

The weather is suddenly colder and there are more and more winter coats appearing in the mornings, we need to keep windows open as much as possible to reduce the spread of any Covid-19 cases and so please do remember to send your child in with a jumper so that they are not too cold in class.

The staff, Friends of Ashtree and Governors worked extremely hard over the weekend to tidy up and sort out areas of the school. It is certainly not finished but we made a fantastic start. We are all very proud to belong to Ashtree and we have been looking at ways to take pride in the appearance of the school. We had experts on hand to pack the skip to maximise the space available, people to dust and sweep, people to throw away broken and unused things and we did a lot of re-organising of furniture to make the most of our environment. A number of parents have spoken to me about the ways that they would like to be involved and so we will be inviting you along to our next working party.

There are now a few things that we would really like to be able to buy and further jobs that we would need to pay someone to do. Without the Friends of Ashtree fundraising and supporting the school this and many other things would not be possible. Unfortunately, we are at risk of closing the Friends of Ashtree because of the low numbers involved, please do consider coming along to the **AGM on Monday 18 October 6:30pm** and support this important part of Ashtree School. We are asking parents to wear a mask where possible and to enter and exit via the Junior Dining room door. I look forward to seeing you there and putting into action some of the ideas that you, as a parent body, feel are important to our school.

Unfortunately, due to our contingency plan we will need to postpone the photographs which were planned for Thursday 21 October. As long as there is not another rise in cases at school, they will now take place on Tuesday 23 November. Hopefully you will still be able to give family members their Christmas presents. More details to follow shortly.

Mrs Janes – Headteacher





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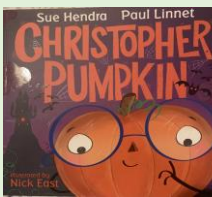


Ashtree Year 5 and 6 boys attended a tournament on Monday after school at Bedwell Primary. We played 2 games winning both, scores were 4-0 and 5-1. Zak our captain came out top goal scorer with 4 goals. Bobby with 3. Reo with 2. **Well done boys**

We now wait for the Finals on Friday at Marriott's.

We were meant to attend the Cross Country festival last Thursday. The staff and the children were disappointed after their hard work preparing for the day.

We can't wait for the Athletics festival in the summer now!



Teddy from Year 1, is the first child to send me a picture of his favourite book (Christopher Pumpkin). I am looking forward to receiving a picture of your child's favourite book to display in my office. Thank you Mrs Janes.



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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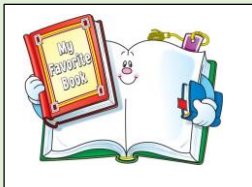
Out of School Achievements



On Saturday 9 October 2021 Elena and Nella Sladkova-Gannon took part in the Central Regional Tournament for karate which included performing Kata (a series of move for self-defence) and Kumite (controlled, point based non-contact fighting), it was a very tough competition with Nella winning in her age group, Elena just missed out on her age range but will be back stronger next time. **Well done girls.**



Benjamin from Year 4, plays for Letchworth Under 9s Rugby Club and was named player of the week after their win against Stockwood. **Well done Benjamin.**



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. 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.**



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Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Rainbows** (for lining up and listening) & **Class 11** (showing maturity on the playground)



Attendance Cup



The winners for this week are **Class 4** with **100%**.

Monday 18 October	Tuesday 19 October	Wednesday 20 October	Thursday 21 October	Friday 22 October
Menu 2				
Friends of Ashtree AGM				
Parents Consultations 5pm-7.30pm	Parents Consultations 3.30pm-6.00pm			
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)
Monday 8 November	Tuesday 9 November	Wednesday 10 November	Thursday 11 November	Friday 12 November
		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)
Monday 15 November	Tuesday 16 November	Wednesday 17 November	Thursday 18 November	Friday 19 November
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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 <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.