



# Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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## NEWSLETTER 7

DATE 21 October 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

After talking about the sounds of piano lessons and singing assemblies last week, the Music Leads and Music teachers have been hard at work looking at the music curriculum and opportunities. Miss Butt, Mrs Compton are our subject leaders and they have been busy planning the curriculum that we teach with Miss Hembra and Mrs Dunlop. Music is something that not only has important skills and knowledge to be learnt but can also bring a huge amount of enjoyment and pleasure, whether you are listening or playing.

We place a high importance at Ashtree on those opportunities and enjoyment and the staff have been looking at ways to extend the music opportunities at school for everyone. Miss Hembra also runs a recorder club for KS1, an instrument that I think all of us had a try at when we were in primary school. Mrs Compton has been talking to the Music Service who will be running whole class sessions where some of the KS2 children will be able to learn the violin, a fantastic chance to try out a new instrument and maybe we will discover a budding future violinist.

Mrs Dunlop is also going to be starting the choir back up in KS2 and as well as a performance at the Christmas Carol Concert I think that the residents at Silkin Court have already decided that Ashtree needs to return to sing a little more, after the very successful visit by the Y6 children and staff today. Mrs Garnham was so proud of their behaviour and the way that they engaged with the residents.

Having enough musical instruments in school for whole class lessons can be very expensive and I would like to say well done to Miss Hembra for securing a grant for glockenspiels to use in class. If anyone is aware of any other events or opportunities that the children could take a part in, I'm sure that the staff would love to hear about them.

Parent's evenings went well this week and it was a pleasure to talk to those of you that I managed to catch up with. Thank you to everyone that filled in the questionnaire, there were some suggestions that we will begin to think about and look at ways that we can make some of the changes suggested. If you didn't get to answer the questionnaire there is still time. <https://forms.gle/B5xAXGcbG1nmwV9ZA>

I hope that you all have a safe and enjoyable half term and I look forward to hearing about the things that the children enjoyed most when we see them again next half term.

Mrs M Janes  
Headteacher

This week in EYFS we have been learning about Celebrations in particular Diwali.

We looked at traditional clothes, made diya lamps and rangoli patterns. We listened to a story about how we get ready for Diwali and the special foods that we eat during this special time and the special clothes that we wear.

Happy Diwali to any of our families that will be celebrating Diwali on Monday 24/10/22. Please share any photos of your celebration with the EYFS team via Parent mail.





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On Monday 17 October, Ashtree Year 5/6 boys went to Bedwell Primary to attend a pre-season tournament. The boys represented the school fantastically and worked their socks off. Goals from James gave the boys a win! We will be competing in Division 2 this year.



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**ASHTREE PRIMARY  
AND NURSERY  
SCHOOL  
WRAP-AROUND  
CLUB**  
(FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-11)

**AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB**

UNTIL 4:30pm - £6.00 per session  
UNTIL 5:00pm - £8.00 per session  
UNTIL 5:30pm - £9.50 per session

MON TUE WED THU FRI  
Table Tennis Arts and Crafts Inflatables Multi-Activity Dodgeball

At our after school club, the children will start the session with the activity listed above or by having time in our chill and care area where they will have access to a variety of play activities. Children staying beyond 4:30pm will be provided with a light tea and then have further opportunities for indoor or outdoor games and play activities or quiet time if they prefer.

To book a slot please visit our website  
**risingstars.magicbooking.co.uk**  
If you need to contact us please email  
[info@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk](mailto:info@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk) 01462 790152

On registering your child for a place on our course Rising Stars will collect certain information about you/your child which will include your names, email address, telephone number, child's date of birth, gender

| 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  |
| Monday 31 October | Tuesday 1 November | Wednesday 2 November | Thursday 3 November | Friday 4 November                                |
| Menu 1            |                    |                      |                     | Netball Training<br>Years 5&6<br>(3.25pm-4.15pm) |



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## Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Robins** (for lining up nicely and behaving in the dining room) & **Buzzards** (for lining up well).



## Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is **Buzzards** with **100%**.

|           |   |       |
|-----------|---|-------|
| Magpies   | = | 95.6% |
| Eagles    | = | 94.3% |
| Hawks     | = | 93.8% |
| Red Kites | = | 93%   |
| Falcons   | = | 92.2% |
| Parrots   | = | 91.9% |
| Swifts    | = | 89.6% |
| Owls      | = | 89%   |
| Kestrels  | = | 89%   |
| Harriers  | = | 88.8% |
| Robins    | = | 88.1% |
| Wrens     | = | 88.1% |

## Lunchtime Superstar Award

**Freddie (Hawks)  
Andrew (Eagles)**

## Term Dates Academic Year 2022 / 2023

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