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NEWSLETTER 8

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Governor Vacancies

We currently have opportunities for new parent governors to join our governance team. If any parent/carer would like to express an interest in this role please contact the school office 01438 351090 and your details will be passed to The Chair of Governors, Mr W. Spicer. Mr W. Spicer will be very happy to outline the duties of the role and elections to the posts will be held as appropriate.

Nursery Admissions

Applying for a school Nursery place for 2020-2021 (For children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017).

Admissions for Nursery are now dealt with by the school.

For all enquiries relating to children being admitted into our Nursery, please contact the school office 01438 351090.

Our Admissions Application Form for children starting Nursery in September 2020 can be downloaded from our website or hardcopy available at the school office.

Our Nursery Admissions Policy is also on our website.

Applications for Nursery are now open – offers are made on a first come, first served basis. We offer 30 hours' provision in Nursery as well as 15 hours.

Reception Places –

We have a few spaces available for Reception. Please let family or friends know and they can contact the school office on 01438 351090 or admin@ashtree.herts.sch.uk if they are interested.

SEN Information Report and Core Provision Document

Teachers have now updated our SEN Information and Core Provision Documents on the school website. They are now open for consultation by our parent body. If you wish to comment, please do so by email or in writing via the school office by 4 November 2019.



Parents' / Carers' Consultation Evenings – 21 & 22 October



It was lovely to see so many of you at the start of the week during parents' evenings. Yet again our wonderful Y6 bell bongers kept us all organised and on time. Well done to Ethan, David, Cooper, Terence, Jessica H, Enoch, Matis, Ellen, Jessica P, Jasmine, Maisie and Ronnie, I don't know what we would do without you.

KS2 MSA Vacancy

We have a full time vacancy in KS2 (6hrs 15mins per week 11.55-1.10 daily) term time only. Please contact the School Office for a Job Description and Application Form. Closing date is Tuesday 5 November with interviews to be held on Friday 8 November from 9.00am.



Bonfire Night Menu



There will be a menu change on **Tuesday 5 November**. The options on the day are as follows:

Red = Pizza Posh Dog, **Green** = Beany Banger Bake (v), both served with potato wedges and vegetables, Pudding = Toffee Apple Cake.

There will be no yellow option or blue option (jacket potato) on this day.

Poppy Appeal

We will be selling Poppies after the half-term. If your child would like to buy one, please bring in a donation to the appeal. We also have a box of Poppy merchandise which includes the following: Friendship Bracelets £1.00, Silicon Wristbands £1.00, Reflectors 50p and Zip Pull 50p, these can be purchased from the school office only. We will not be selling Snap Bands.

Guitar Lessons

If you are interested in guitar lessons, there are some places available. Lessons cost £77.00 per term. Please collect a form from the school office.

Netball

On Friday 18 October, our newly established mixed league team played our first netball game of the season. For a newly formed team, the adults were incredibly impressed with how they were able to channel the ball down the court and look for and create opportunities. It really was a great game to watch. We unfortunately lost 0 - 2, but for the first game of the season, it was a positive start and there was lots of great strategic play seen. The Player of the Match, selected by the Peartree Spring team, was David, who was also our team captain. David played centre and was constantly on the move, looking for space and opportunities and making quick and positive passes. A brilliant debut for Ashtree netball. Well done David!

Severe Weather/Adverse Conditions

Please see the separate letter that has come out today outlining procedures that the school will take should we need to close due to bad weather or other incident.

E. Kirwan



Dinner Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Classes 6 & 8



Governors' Cup

The winners are Sunshines & Class 13 with 97.1%.



Academic Year 2019/2020



Autumn Term 2019:

Friday 25 October	-	INSET Day 3 - school closed to children
Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November	-	Half Term
Friday 15 November	-	Children in Need
Friday 20 December	-	Last day of term - finish at 2.15pm



Spring Term 2020



Monday 6 January	-	First day of term
Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February	-	Half Term
Monday 24 February	-	INSET Day 4 - school closed to children
Friday 3 April	-	Last day of term - finish at 2.15pm
Monday 6 April – Friday 17 April	-	Half Term



Summer Term 2020



Monday 20 April	-	First day of term
Friday 8 May	-	BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May	-	Half Term
Friday 17 July	-	Last day of term - finish at 2.15pm
Monday 20 July	-	INSET Day 5 - school closed to children
Tuesday 21 July	-	Occasional Day - school closed to children

KS1 – Y2 Testing window is the whole month of May 2020.

KS1 – Y1 Phonics is 8 – 19 June 2020.

KS2 – Y4 Multiplication Test is 8 – 26 June 2020.

KS2 – Y6 11 – 15 May 2020.

Please ensure you do not book any family holidays during test times as they will be unauthorised.