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Newsletter 8

Date: 10 November 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week the Full Governing Body were pleased to welcome Mr Yates to talk about how we spend our Sports Premium, this is an amount of money to support training for staff and to be able to run clubs and activities for children.

They were impressed to hear about all of the clubs and activities running in school and afterschool, they heard how much the children enjoyed them and how we are able to use the money to support a small number of children who would otherwise not be able to afford to attend. If you feel that your child might benefit from support, then please speak with Mr Yates.

Last week I spoke to you about how the children were asking about non-sporting clubs and Mr Yates was able to talk with governors about how we have responded to that request and the clubs that he hopes will be starting up soon.

Christmas performance preparation has started here already, staff are beginning to write the letters giving you more information about when your child's performances will be, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Today Mrs Cox took a group of children to the Fairlands Valley Park woodland that they were involved in planting, this was a ceremony where the Mayor revealed the name of the new woodland along with the chance to take part in some other activities. Mrs Cox will be updating you next week on how much fun they had.

As the weather gets colder, I really need my hot dinner at lunchtime, the children know that my favourites are the roast dinner and the chicken pie. There are plenty of choices on the menu and this is a great way to make sure that your child gets a hot meal at lunch time. Please remember to have a look at the following link to see if you are entitled to free school meals. <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Mrs Janes - Headteacher

In the lead up to **Remembrance Day** this weekend, pupils and parents have had the opportunity to contribute to our Remembrance Day display. This year, we have focused on the different poppies and what they represent.

Red Poppy - Memorial to World War One and following conflicts.

Purple Poppy - To remember animal victims of war.

Black Poppy - Remembering African, Black and Caribbean communities. contribution to war.

White Poppy - Remembering those who have died in conflict with a focus on and end to war.

We have created poppies, made information sheets and written poems about the different poppies across the school.



The children have also been learning about reflection and why we may pause over the weekend to pay our respects to those who have been involved in conflict.



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SENDCo Drop In Sessions with Ms Ruprai

These sessions are to support you after you have spoken with your child's class teacher. You will be able to discuss:

- Information to share from home.
- Initial concerns about your child.

If you would like to book a drop-in session with myself, please contact the school office by either phoning or emailing

admin@ashtree.herts.sch.uk

Slots available		
Monday 13 November 3pm – 3.15pm	Wednesday 15 November 3pm – 3.15pm	Thursday 16 November 3pm – 3.15pm
Monday 27 November 9am – 9.15am		Thursday 30 November 9am – 9.15am
Monday 11 December 3pm – 3.15pm	Wednesday 13 December 9am – 9.15am	Thursday 14 December 9am – 9.15am

Anti-bullying Week:

The week commencing the 13 November 2023 is anti-bullying week. This is a very popular event for the children, and they will be completing a multitude of tasks within their classrooms across the week. To start the week in style, we will all be wearing odd socks on Monday! This is a very clear visual way of celebrating our differences.

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/odd-socks-day>



House Points - Special Mention:

Rowan (**Swifts**) showed care for the school community by volunteering to help set up chairs for parents during the Remembrance poppy-making session. **Awarded by Mrs Somiah**



Attendance Cup: The winner for this week is **Robins** with **93.9%**

This week's trophy winner is:

- KS1 Community Champion: Rowan (Swifts)



Children in Need

We will be doing a cake sale on Monday 20 November 2023 to raise money for Children in Need. Please can cakes be brought in on Monday 20 November 2023



Class	Authorised / Unauthorised Sessions Missed
Buzzards	93.6%
Eagles	92.8%
Falcons	85.3%
Harriers	89.5%
Hawks	93.2%
Kestrels	89.2%
Penguins	93.3%
Red Kites	92.3%
Swifts	91.7%
Wrens	87.6%



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Netball Match Report – Mrs Cox

Fairlands v Ashtree Mixed League Match 19.10.2022

Ashtree netball club has had another amazing start to the school year. With 31 children from years 5 and 6 attending since September, we have again been able to enter two leagues this year, the Year 5 girls league and the Mixed League (this team will be mainly with our Year 6 girls and our Year 5 & Year 6 boys).

The Ashtree Mixed League team were excited to play our first game of the season yesterday, away at Fairlands Primary School.

It was a brilliant game to watch and the experience from our team was easy to see and new players adapted well to this high level of play. Particular mention should be made to Timmy, who in his first ever match played all four quarters as Goal Attack and scored a brilliant goal. Unfortunately, we lost the game 6 – 4.

The Fairlands team chose Emmanuella, our captain, as their Player of the Match. Emmanuella moved brilliantly around the court, sprinting into spaces and making herself available to receive passes.

Many thanks to all who came to support us and especially to Marianne and Megan, who give their time to coach the netball club and umpire at matches.

St Nicholas v Ashtree Year 5 Girls Match – 09.11.23

The Year 5 team played their first league game on Thursday afternoon and what a fantastic game it was to watch!

Despite being at the start of their netball journey, the channelling of the ball down the court and the communication between the team was brilliant. The support from spectators was also so positive and really lifted the players.

We won the game 0 – 5, with the first two goals being scored by Scarlett and the remaining three being scored by our captain for this game, Maci.

Player of the match was Aamira, who as our goal defence, anticipated the game well and made fantastic interceptions.

Well done to all of the Year 5 girls, on an amazing start to your netball season.



TRICKS & TUMBLE
4 weeks
Free

Start Date: 20th November

AT WARRIORZ
STUDIO
STEVENAGE
SG1 3LS

U8 TRICKS & TUMBLE 5.30-6.15PM
9+ TRICKS & TUMBLE 6.15-7.15PM

FREE FOR 4 WEEKS & IN HOUSE
PERFORMANCE FOR PARENTS/FAMILY ON
MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER

TO BOOK EMAIL: WARRIORZPAA@LIVE.CO.UK
WWW.WARRIORZPERFORMINGARTSACADEMY.CO.UK



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School Dates 2023 / 2024

Christmas Holiday: 21 December 2023 - 3 January 2024

INSET Day 3 – Thursday 4 January 2024 (school closed to pupils)

Friday 5 January 2024 – First day of term (pupils return)

Half-term Holiday: Monday 19 February 2024 – Friday 23 February 2024

Easter Holiday: Monday 29 March 2024 – Friday 12 April 2024

INSET Day 4 – Friday 3 May 2024 (school closed to pupils)

Half-term Holiday: Monday 27 May 2024 – Friday 31 May 2024

INSET Day 5 – Monday 22 July 2024 (school closed to pupils)

Occasional Day – Tuesday 23 July 2024 (school closed to pupils)