



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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Newsletter 8

Date: 8 March 2024

This week the focus for the Behaviours for Learning trophy has been the Pride element of our classroom rules. Lessons are for Learning. To help us learn we... keep our work neat, keep our classroom tidy and take care of our things. Everyone has been working hard at this, and by the end of the week I couldn't find anything that needed tidying up and I saw some lovely examples of neat work. The children have particularly been showing how much the handwriting intervention has been working giving them beautiful, neat handwriting in their books.

World Book Day was a cozy event with everyone coming in in pyjamas and slippers. There was extra reading in the classrooms, book displays around the corridors encouraging children to 'read something new' and themed lessons in class. At the end of the day the PTA gave out the free World Book Day books to everyone that came along. If you didn't make it don't worry because the teachers have the spare books, and everyone should be able to get one.

Parent Consultations are coming up and the letter will be out soon letting you know the arrangements. Some classes have more than one teacher leading them so look carefully at the days on the letter of you need to see someone in particular.

In last week's newsletter we asked for anyone that was interested in becoming a parent governor. We have more than one vacancy so please do contact Mr Lawson if you are interested. Becoming a school governor is a wonderful and rewarding experience and will allow you to use your skills to have a positive impact on the education of the children. There is no requirement for you to have an educational background and we welcome applications from any background if you are prepared to take on the commitment of the voluntary role. Meetings are held each half term in the evenings and there is some expectation that you will be able to attend meetings during the day. Full training will be provided. Our Chair of Governors, James Lawson or Vice Chair, Juliet Whitehead will be happy to have an informal chat with you about being a Governor. They can be contacted via the school office admin@ashtree.herts.sch.uk

Finally, you will have heard on the news recently the focus on attendance by the Department for Education. Attendance in school is vital to your child's development. The DFE quoted that *data also shows that in 2019, primary school children in Key Stage 2 who didn't achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths missed on average four more days per school year than those whose performance exceeded the expected standard.*

Did you know that *90% attendance means that your child is absent from lessons for the equivalent of one-half day every week. Over five years this is the equivalent of about one half of a school year.* There will always be valid reasons for not being in school, we ask as a school that where your child has been sick, they stay away from school for 48 hours, and we certainly don't want to be spreading illnesses such as Chicken Pox around the classes. However, unauthorised absences such as holidays in school time, persistent illnesses and unexplained absences may result in a fine or the need to show proof of illnesses. Staff work extremely hard to plan your child's learning experiences please support us by bringing your child into school whenever they are well and informing the office of the reasons when they are not.

Mrs M Janes - Headteacher

Reminders:

We had 4 trees planted around the school – please can you keep your children away from them as yesterday we have had broken branches.

Bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the school grounds.



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The Behaviours for Learning trophy for showing pride in their environment and work goes to 'everyone that has been learning in the music room' This room was the tidiest room every time I visited this week.

Sports Day 2024

We have allocated Tuesday 25 June as our school Sports Day. In the case of inclement weather on this date, Tuesday 2 July will be our reserve date for Sports Day. Please add this date to your diaries. More information about Sports Day will be communicated to you in the Summer Term.

Monday 4 March - Ashtree V Codicote

In only their second game of the season, the girls put in a very good display against Codicote. The game ended 3-0 to Codicote were unfortunate not to score in the second half with a relentless pressing game.

Player of the Match: Scarlett S for playing the whole of the second half as the only defender but putting in some excellent tackles!

Wednesday 6 March - Ashtree V Giles

The girls faced Giles in the cup competition. Despite losing the game, the girls showed excellent resilience in the second half and continued to battle hard throughout the match.

Player of the Match: Bianca Z for some excellent goalkeeping, making so many important saves throughout the game.



Attendance Cup:

The winner for this week is **Red Kites** with **97.8%**

This week's trophy winner is:

KS2 Pride trophy - Trevor (Falcons)

KS2 Community trophy - Chloe (Falcons)

House Points - Special Mention:

Jacob (Buzzards) for helping to tidy up the stationery at the end of the day.

Awarded by: Mrs Somiah

Chloe (Falcons) was the first to volunteer to pick up stationery left on the floor even though it wasn't her. She then went on to tidy up under another table where paper had been left. **Awarded by: Mrs Hembra**

Trevor (Falcons) consistently takes great pride in his work. This week, I have been particularly impressed with how neatly he presented his science work. This was used as a model of excellence to his peers. Values link = Pride.

Awarded by: Mr Yates

Class	Authorised / Unauthorised Sessions Missed
Eagles	7.9
Hawks	4.0
Falcons	12.3
Robins	7.4
Swifts	18.0
Buzzards	6.9
Penguins	15.1
Kestrels	10.8
Wrens	13.2
Harriers	7.0



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Monday 11 March	Tuesday 12 March	Wednesday 13 March	Thursday 14 March	Friday 15 March
Menu 3 12.30-1pm Warriorz Street Dance Volleyball Y5/6 (lunchtime) Premier Education Gymnastics Club Rec – Y6 After School Club 3.15-4.15pm	Table Tennis Y3/4 (lunchtime) Premier Education Dodgeball Rec- Y6 3.15-4.15pm GoShin Karate Club Y3-Y6 After School Club 3.30-4.30pm	Stevenage Royals Basketball Y1 – Y6 After Sc After school Club	Stay Active (lunchtime) Rec – Y2 SFC Football Rec- Y2 After School SFC Football Y3- Y6 After School Premier Education Tennis Rec-Y6 After School Girls Football Training Mr Allen Y5/6 After School	FitKidz UK Fitness Club Rec – Y6 AM Club SFC Multi-Sports – Rec - Y2 Lunchtime 12.30-1pm) Boys/Girls Netball Training Y5 – Y6 (Mrs Cox) After School 3:30-4:30pm Chess Club (lunchtime) 12.30pm

Red Nose Day 15 March 2024
Theme: wear Red for a contribution of money

You're Invited!

Autism in Schools coffee morning in conjunction with

ADD-vance
The ADD and Autism Trust

When?
Wednesday 13th March

Where?
Ashtree School

Time?
9-10am

Parent Carers of autistic children (both diagnosed and undiagnosed) are welcome.
No need to book!

Why not come along and find out more about:

- What Herts Parent Carer Involvement (HPCI) does in the Autism in Schools project.
- What that means for you as a Parent Carer.
- How it will help your child.
- Meet other Parents of autistic children and young people.

If you need the further information please email admin@ashtree.herts.sch.uk

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Easter Competition
28th March 2024

We are holding our annual Easter competition. Children are invited to draw, colour or make an Easter themed art piece. Prizes for 1st and 2nd place.

For more information please email Pta@ashtree.herts.sch.uk