



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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NEWSLETTER 9

DATE: 12 November 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week has been all about Maths! $\times + - \div$

On Monday Anne Peck, our Improvement Partner and Siobhan King a Maths advisor with Hertfordshire visited us for Learning. Sally Barber our Maths Lead came with us and we were all very impressed by the teaching and learning taking place. Teachers are working hard to identify any gaps in learning from last year's lockdowns and to address them in class. The children, as always, did us proud and spoke clearly, honestly and enthusiastically about, their Maths work, and even managed to drop in a few pieces of information about what they had for dinner, and how much they enjoyed their Science lesson.

Our visitors commented on how the children enjoy their learning in mathematics. They found that children in years 2, 4 and 6 were especially articulate about what they are learning and were willing and able to share what they had been learning today.

Later in the week, I was able to talk to some of the children that we did not get to see on the Monday. Laycie (Y5) brought me her book to show me how hard she has been working and was very proud to show me how much her work is improving. When I asked her what had helped her to improve, she said I got extra help from my teachers. When I started, I did not really get it but now I can do it on my own – Well done, Laycie.

The children also spent time this week reflecting on the meaning of Remembrance Day, which fits this half term's value of Respect very well. The children talked about the way that the two minutes silence is a sign of respect and remembrance, and how the day is marked around the world.

Next week, we will be wearing odd socks to reflect on anti-bullying week and the important messages of the theme of 'One Kind Word' and how important it is to show kindness and think about the impact that our words can have on others.

For those of you that are taking part in a Remembrance Day Parade this weekend, I hope that the weather is kind to you. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Janes – Headteacher

The Governors would like to congratulate Miss Ruprai on being appointed as Deputy Head from January. This means that she will be coming out of class, I know that the children will miss having her as their class teacher. We also say congratulations to Mr and Mrs Allen who will be having their second baby next year. Mrs Allen will be taking maternity leave from the end of this term. we all look forward to a visit once the baby is born.

Mr Yates has done a fantastic job this term as Acting Deputy Head but has chosen to step back into class in January. He will be taking Class 14 and we will let you know as soon as we have appointed a teacher for Class 13.



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Outside of School Achievements



The Men's National Elite Grades and Club Development Competition at Telford International Centre!

Kamran was representing the Eastern Region, club grade 1, after qualifying in the regional competition in September!



He was very pleased with his highest score of 9.3 out of 10 on vault! Well done Kamran.



We created a selection of prototypes for our new DT unit this term – Mechanical Posters. We investigated a few different designs last week and then had a go at making some of our own this week.



Message from Nursery - Sponsored Event

The sponsored event for today has been postponed due to the weather.

We hope to reschedule it for next Wednesday. Thank you for all the sponsored money already sent in.



Children In Need Fundraising Day is next Friday 19 November and we will be supporting this excellent charity as usual. We have decided to ask children to come to school dressed in their PJ's! The Children In Need suggestion is for a donation of £1.00 or £2.00 to take part in this activity, which your child can hand in to their Class Teacher. Our Ashtree community is always very generous for this special day and we thank you in advance for your support.

https://youtu.be/ewQOGvms_gQ



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The theme of this year's anti bullying Campaigns is *One Kind Word*. We will be raising awareness on **Monday 15 November** with odd socks day. We will be doing an activity every day to promote kindness, friendship and collaboration.

This link outlines some of the support that is available to parents and families of children from birth to 19 years old. <https://youtu.be/ov5uuaBTfXE>



School Reminder:

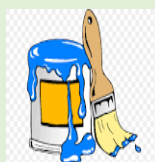
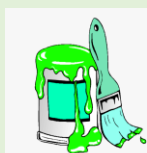
- Please can water bottles in school only contain water and not juice thank you.
- We have had a request from a local resident from Sparrow Drive, who has asked that parents do not park blocking driveways. I am sure you can appreciate how frustrating this would be if it was your driveway and you were trying to get to work. Thank you for your understanding.
- Can all children make sure they bring into school a pair of in-door (plimsolls) as the weather is changing.

We are looking for donations of paint – Are you able to help us?

Tubs of Magnolia in particular and any other colours. If you have any that you wish to donate to the school, please can you bring them to the

School Office

Thank you.



MSA Vacancy

We have a full time vacancy, hours to be discussed at interview. Please contact the School Office for a Job Description and Application Form. Closing date is Friday 19 November 2021. Interviews to be arranged.



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Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Class 6** (showing good behaviour at lunchtimes) & **Classes 13 & 14** (playing well, taking responsibility and working things out between them).



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is **Class 4** with **99.1%**.

Monday 15 November	Tuesday 16 November	Wednesday 17 November	Thursday 18 November	Friday 19 November
 Odd socks Day (Anti-bullying Campaigns) Menu 3	Flu Vaccination	 ART Club Years 4,5&6 (3.20pm-4.15pm) Cheerleading Years 6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)	Cheerleading Years 5 (3.30pm-4.15pm)	 Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)  Children in Need
Monday 22 November	Tuesday 23 November	Wednesday 24 November	Thursday 25 November	Friday 26 November
Menu 1	 Individual Photo's	 ART Club Years 4,5&6 (3.20pm-4.15pm) Cheerleading Years 6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)	Cheerleading Years 5 (3.30pm-4.15pm)	 Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)
Monday 29 November	Tuesday 30 November	Wednesday 1 December	Thursday 2 December	Friday 3 December
Menu 2		 ART Club Years 4,5&6 (3.20pm-4.15pm) Cheerleading Years 6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)	Cheerleading Years 5 (3.30pm-4.15pm)	 Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)
Monday 6 December	Tuesday 7 December	Wednesday 8 December	Thursday 9 December	Friday 10 December
Menu 3		 ART Club Years 4,5&6 (3.20pm-4.15pm) Cheerleading Years 6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)	Cheerleading Years 5 (3.30pm-4.15pm)	Flu Vaccination  Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)
Monday 13 December	Tuesday 14 December	Wednesday 15 December	Thursday 16 December	Friday 17 December
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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 (*including the Spring Bank Holiday and additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.*)

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.