



# ASHTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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## NEWSLETTER 9

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](mailto:admin@ashtree.herts.sch.uk) if they are interested.

### 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.

### 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 Monday 18 November with interviews to be held on Friday 22 November from 9.00am.



### Photographs

I would like to remind you that the proofs need to be returned back to the school office by Tuesday 12 November. Thank you.

### Aldi Vouchers

The school has registered for this Aldi promotion; any stickers would be grateful received. Thank you.



### Children in Need

Children in Need Fundraising Day is next Friday 15 November and we will be supporting this excellent charity as usual. We have decided to ask children to come to school dressed in something sporty, ready to take part in the national "Big Morning Move" with Joe Wicks which will be streamed on the BBC Website live at 9am. 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.

## Winter Fayre Non-Uniform Day – 29 November

Children can come to school in their own clothes on Friday 29 November for a donation towards the Winter Fayre Tombola stalls. Children can donate the following items: chocolate, sweets and toiletries. These will be collected in the classrooms.

## Anti-Bullying Week 11-15 November & ‘Odd Socks Day’ 12 November

This year we are participating in Anti-Bullying Week. During the week, pupils will take part in activities and assemblies based on the theme this year: Change Starts with Us. More information can be found using the following link: <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>

As part of the week we are also participating in Odd Socks Day, which is to be held on Tuesday 12 November, where we are inviting all pupils and staff to come to school wearing odd socks for the day. The purpose of this is to raise awareness of Anti-Bullying Week and to celebrate what makes us all unique. We look forward to celebrating this event as a school community.



## Friends of Ashtree Winter Fayre – Saturday 30 November - 12.00pm – 2.00pm



We cannot wait to see you all at the FOA Winter Fair. Pupils would have come home with a white bag to decorate this week for one of our stalls at the Fayre. The decorate bags need to be returned back to the school by Friday 29 November. Stalls include: Ivy’s Special Stitches, Kreate Design, Star Design, Kelly’s Catering Solutions, Walking Animal Fun, Scrumptious Bakes, Helen’s Happy Bookworms, Ashtree Allstars, Grace’s Craft Stall, Studio 66 Photography, Impressions Face Painting, Greenside School, Antonys World Challenge, Chris Lowry Charity Toy Stall, tombola, hook a bag, whack a cracker, raffle and games.

If you would like a stall or would like to lend your support on the day to help with stalls please leave your name and contact details at the office or email [pta@ashtree.sch.herts.uk](mailto:pta@ashtree.sch.herts.uk)



## Christmas Performances



### Nursery/Reception/KS1 – “The Christmas Post”

Monday 16 December:	10.00am
Tuesday 17 December:	2:00pm
Wednesday 18 December:	2:00pm

### KS2 – Performing “Aladdin”

Monday 16 December:	1:30pm and 7:00pm
Tuesday 17 December:	7:00pm

The schedule of performance times and ticket requests letter will be going out on Monday 25 November. Please can you complete the slip and return back to school by Monday 2 December at the latest. Extra tickets will be sent out on Friday 6 December.

## Reception Role Play Area

The children in Reception would like to develop their role play area by reflecting foods from countries around the world. In order to do this, we would appreciate any food packaging that you might have that would reflect this. Thank you.



## Boys’ Football Team – Reported by Mr Steadman



Thursday evening Ashtree hosted Mossbury School for a boy’s football match. It was a chilly evening and with very long grass it was always going to be a difficult match. Ashtree started well but Mossbury began to get back into the game. Against the flow of play, Ashtree found themselves 2-1 ahead.

It was going to be a tough second half but some great defending and some amazing saves from Ashton saw Ashtree still leading with 3 minutes to go. Unfortunately, Mossbury managed to equalize and then piled on more pressure but the defensive effort from Ashtree kept the final score at 2-2. Well done boys for showing great character and resilience! Player of the match goes to Ashton for his crucial saves.



## **Trotts Hill v Ashtree Y5 Girls' League Netball Match - Reported by Mrs Cox**



On Thursday 7 November, our new Y5 team travelled to Trotts Hill School for their first ever netball match. The whole squad were excited and energised and this was seen throughout the game. Despite never having competed against another school before, the girls quickly took to their positions and implemented the strategies and tactics taught to them by our wonderful coaches, Mrs Cook and Mrs Young.

After the first quarter, our team dominated the game, with much of the play taking place in our shooting third or in the centre third. When possession of the ball was lost, we quickly intercepted and channelled the ball back to our shooters. The score of 3-0 to Trotts Hill does not truly show how well we played and I am sure that in our future matches, we will be the team to watch.

Our captain for the game was Demi who played as Goal Defence. She was also unanimously selected as the Player of the Match by the Trotts Hill team, due to her brilliant defensive play. She read the game accurately and made some incredible interceptions, meaning that we could regain possession of the ball.

*E. Kirwan*



### **Dinner Behaviour Awards**



The winners for this week are Classes 3 & 9.



### **Attendance Cup**



The winner for this week is Class 4 with 99.6%.



### **Effort Cup**



Congratulations to Ciaran from Year 2 and Ashton from Year 6.

## Academic Year 2019/2020

### Autumn Term 2019

- Tuesday 12 November - Anti-Bulling Week – ‘Odd Socks Day’
- Friday 15 November - 🧸 Children in Need 🧸
- Friday 29 November - 🌲 Winter Fayre Non – Non-Uniform Day 🌲
- Saturday 30 November - 🌲 Friends of Ashtree Winter Fayre, 12.00pm-2.00pm 🌲

### Christmas Performance

- Monday 16 December - Nursery/Reception/KS1 Christmas Performance 10.00am
- Monday 16 December - KS2 Christmas Performance 1.30pm
- Monday 16 December - KS2 Christmas Performance 7.00pm
- Tuesday 17 December - Nursery/Reception/KS1 Christmas Performance 2.00pm
- Tuesday 17 December - KS2 Christmas Performance 7.00pm
- Wednesday 18 December - Nursery/Reception/KS1 Christmas Performance 2.00pm
- 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.**