



Ashtree Primary School & Nursery



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Newsletter 9

Date: 17 November 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Over the last few weeks, I have been talking with staff and children about all of the rewards, opportunities and clubs that we have been introducing. They are very proud to talk about our values and how the rewards make them feel special.

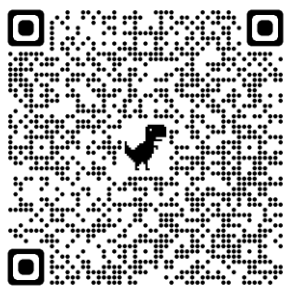
This week it is your turn, I would like to know what you think and about how we have communicated the rewards, value and opportunities to you. Can you please use this link to fill out the survey, I will be closing it next

Friday. <https://forms.gle/KAeBd3sibBjWEURP9>

I am so very proud to tell you that over the last year Mrs Holtom, an Early Years practitioner in Reception, has been working towards gaining her qualification as a teacher. She has worked so hard, and I am proud to say that she has been successful. Mrs Holtom will remain with the Ashtree community, and you will see her teaching classes next term. Well done Mrs Holtom. ❤️

In slightly less pleasant news, we have a sickness bug going around particularly in KS1. Please support us by not bringing your child into school until they have been free of any stomach upset for 24 hours. If the numbers of those unwell increase, then we will need to move this to 48 hours, I will inform you if this is the case.

On Wednesday we had the fire brigade visit us to do a risk assessment and I am pleased to say that we were signed off as fire safe. If you think you might need a home fire safety check, please follow this link.



Mrs Janes - Headteacher

Woodland Walk – Mrs Cox

In January of this year, I was delighted to take Ashtree Eco Councillors to Fairlands Valley Park, to plant trees for a new community woodland.

Last Friday morning, I took many of these same councillors, as well as our Science Leads and Eco Leads back to Fairlands Valley Park to see the official naming of this new woodland and to take part in activities related to our local environment.

The pupils were very excited to see the Mayor of Stevenage unveil the name and reveal it to be Fairlane Wood. We then began the three activities we would take part in.

First, we learned more about the trees in Stevenage, as we were led through a different woodland by Christian. He explained how Stevenage Council look after the trees in the area and he taught us how to identify different trees.

Next, we learnt about different birds of prey, and we even had the opportunity to hold them.

Finally, we learned about the seeds from the trees and about other plant and wildlife in the woods, as we walked through the Millenium Woodland with Pat and Andy. We found different seeds on our walk and planted them in pots, ready to grow our own trees at home.

It was a wonderful opportunity for Ashtree to be a part of this community event and once again, Ashtree pupils showed themselves to be enthusiastic learners and amazing ambassadors for our school.





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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 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 |

House Points - Special Mention:

Riley (Harriers) For taking pride in his group's drama presentation and volunteering to play a role that nobody else wanted. *Awarded by Mrs Somiah*

Sebastian (Robins) Was so caring to his friend who felt upset. Sebastian comforted his friend and tried to make him feel better. Such a lovely act of kindness towards others in his class community. *Awarded by Miss Sinnott*

Reggie (Robins) Has received an immediate house point for resilience. Reggie has worked so hard with letter formation and has also been practising writing his name at home, we are incredibly proud that Reggie keeps trying his best. *Awarded by Mrs Holtom*

Erina (Hawks) Was very proud to be chosen as a, 'Welcoming Friend' to a new member of Hawks class this week. She did an excellent job of showing her around the school, making sure she was included, and she demonstrated beautifully just what being a part of our Ashtree community is all about. *Awarded by Miss Kiernan*

Lola (Hawks) For selflessly and generously giving her place on the visit to Fairlands Valley Park Community morning to her sister, as she was unable to go. *Awarded by Mrs Cox*

Jacob (Buzzards) For showing resilience in music lessons. Jacob's behaviour today was exceptional, and he worked well on his task. *Awarded by Ms Hembra*

This week's trophy winner is:

- Erina - KS2 Community Cup
- Sebastian - EYFS/KS1 Community Cup.



Attendance Cup: The winner for this week is **Harriers** with **97%**

| Class | Authorised / Unauthorised Sessions Missed |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------|
| Buzzards | 96.4 |
| Eagles | 92.8 |
| Falcons | 95.8 |
| Robins | 86.1 |
| Hawks | 89.8 |
| Kestrels | 93.8 |
| Penguins | 85.6 |
| Red Kites | 86.9 |
| Swifts | 94.8 |
| Wrens | 82.8 |



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Outside Achievements:



Ben from Falcons class marched at the Stevenage remembrance Sunday parade with his St John Ambulance cadets' group - he met the mayor and did a great job despite the heavy rain!

Football Match Report – Mr Yates

Aston Primary School 7-5 Ashtree Primary School & Nursery

The boys' football team showed great spirit in a tough cup match against opposition that are two league divisions above them. They showed such resilience and scored some magnificent goals.

Squad: JJ, Presley, Riley (C), Tommy, Harvey, Ciaran, Eliseo, Babatounse

Goal scorers: Eliseo ⚽⚽, Tommy ⚽, Ciaran ⚽⚽

Player of the Match: Ciaran - For his excellent free-kick and constant encouragement of his teammates.

**Start your
musical journey
today** ➡

Making Music Improving Lives

Registration now open for music lessons

Instrumental and vocal lessons

- ▶ Music lessons are available during the school day at hundreds of schools in Hertfordshire.
- ▶ We also provide lessons in the afternoon, evening and on the weekends at our 12 music centres across the county.
- ▶ We offer various lesson types and durations. Please visit our website for more information.
- ▶ Financial support is available to pupils receiving certain benefits, to help with the cost of lessons.
- ▶ As your child progresses on their musical journey, they will be invited to join ensembles or music groups that perform regularly.

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You're Invited!

Autism in Schools Coffee Morning

WHEN

Wednesday
22 November

WHERE

Ashtree
Primary School

TIME

9 – 10 am

Parent Carers of autistic children (both diagnosed and undiagnosed) are welcome.

- What Herts Parent Carer Involvement (HPCI) does in the Autism in Schools project.
- Families in Focus Rep will be there.
- 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 would like further information, please email you@hertsparentcarers.org.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)

Summer Holiday: 24 July 2024 - 1 September 2024