



Dates for the diary

13th July: Transition sessions: children in new classes (Reception - Year 5)

13th July: 4.00 pm: Drama club production of Oliver - all welcome

14th July: Y5 trip to Royal Victoria Docks and Y6 'treat' trip

17th July: Y6 Open Morning - 9.00 - 10.00am. Leavers' Assembly at 10 am

Summer break: 20th July - 31st August

1st and 2nd Sept: INSET days - school closed to children

3rd Sept: School starts for children in Y1 - Y6

Reception and Nursery children have different start dates (please check individual letters)

Well done Year 6!

Well, it's that time of year when we say well done to our wonderful Y6 for all their hard work this year.

They have worked really hard for their SATs earlier this term and they have shown us many of their other skills as they have rehearsed and performed the brilliant 'Shrek the Musical' yesterday afternoon and evening.

This Y6 class are a really special bunch of talented youngsters and we look forward to seeing them come back and tell us all their secondary school adventures once they have flown the Ashmead 'nest'. Remember Y6, what makes us special, makes us strong, so 'let your freak flag fly!'



New safeguarding arrangements

We have recently reviewed our safeguarding arrangements and as a result we now require all parents or carers who offer to accompany us on trips to be checked against the 'Children's Barred List' (previously List 99) check. This requires parents and carers to give us their full name and date of birth so we can send off for a check. If the check is clear, then the adult is eligible to accompany a trip. These checks must be done before each trip. If you tick the box on a trip letter saying 'Yes, I can help if needed' then we will subsequently ask for your details so a check can take place. As ever, we always have your children's best interests at heart so I hope you understand our new policy.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Goodbye and thank you

Two of our class teachers, Susi Almond and Sian MacIndoe are sadly leaving Ashmead at the end of this term. We will really miss them both and wish them the best of luck for the future. We are saying goodbye to some other members of staff too so will be sending a letter out about this next week.

I am going to be spending some time travelling to Italy and Spain. Thank you for a wonderful four years here at Ashmead. The children and staff are very special and I have loved teaching here.
Susi



I am planning to move out of London so that will be a big change! I have loved working here and being part of the Ashmead community.
Sian



'My Maths' and 'Bug Club'

Don't forget to sign on with your child to their Bug Club and My Maths accounts. NB: The Bug Club website has recently migrated to www.activelearningprimary.co.uk



MyMaths.co.uk

Report from the Curriculum and Achievement sub committee

Governors in the Curriculum and Achievement committee recently met Sian (the KS2 phase leader) and Susi (the literacy leader) to discuss their roles as leaders within the school and how their work has supported the children's progress.



Susi gave governors a picture of reading and writing across the school, describing the different initiatives and support that are helping children progress. The governors were impressed by the new school marking policy and the way in which children are being given time to respond to marking as well as being given lots of opportunity to improve and redraft their work. Susi also discussed changes in light of the introduction of the new National Curriculum this year, with the school focusing on spelling, handwriting, and grammar. It was clear to governors that the children have been given a creative context for their writing and made to feel all writing in class has a purpose, which helps them to enjoy it more. The school has an ongoing focus on reading for pleasure, with regular class guided reading, the organisation of World Book Day, visiting authors and the recent book fair.

Sian gave us a picture of KS2 and discussed how she ensures consistency across the year groups, linking to the school's priorities. She undertakes regular 'book looks', as well as Learning Walks while teachers are teaching, to get a clear picture across the school. Sian discussed Phase meetings in KS2 where they share good practise. She also described her role in supporting other teachers using 'team teaching' and observations. Sian also talked about the impact of teaching a new curriculum on the school and the changes to assessment. Ashmead is working with a federation of schools in Greenwich to trial a new assessment tool. Recently this has given the schools an opportunity to moderate children's work together, which was very positive. Governors asked Sian what changes she had noticed within the school since she had started at Ashmead. She commented on how 'behaviour for learning' is much better within classes and how the school's work on values has helped with that. She has also noticed how children are given far more challenge within lessons and are being encouraged to take initiative and responsibility.

Both Susi and Sian have been supporting colleagues with planning and by sharing good practise. We as governors would like to thank Susi and Sian for their hard work and contribution to Ashmead. We are very sorry to see them go and wish them all the best in the future.

New classes for next year

The children have been told today who their new class teacher will be and, if they have not already met their new teacher, they will have the opportunity to meet them on Monday.

The new class teachers who are starting in September are Chloe Smith (Y1), Leo Wallace (Y4) and Jessica Ponsford (Y5). We will be letting you know more about our new teachers next week!

See the table below to see which teachers will be in each class.

2015 - 2016 New teachers	
Nursery	Ashleigh Mugridge (EYFS leader)
Reception	Josie Hall
Year 1	Chloe Smith
Year 2	Lauren Burrluck (KS1 leader)
Year 3V	Vicky Harris
Year 3U	Usua Leniz
Year 4	Leo Wallace
Year 5E	Emma Dodsworth
Year 5J	Jessica Ponsford
Year 6	Andy McPartland (KS2 leader)