

Dates for the diary

11th July: Parent-Teacher meetings
3.50 - 7.30pm

12th July: Y4M trip to Science
Museum

12th July: KS2 production - 7pm

13th July: KS2 production - 7pm

14th July: Y5 guitar and Y4M ukulele
showcase

17th July: Secondary Transfer Meeting
for Y5 parents - 6pm

18th July: Drumming showcase

19th July: Y6 leavers' trip

20th July: Reception and Y6 Buddies
trip and Nursery picnic in school

20th July: 9am and 6pm - information
sessions about Ashmead's expansion

21st July: Leavers assembly (am) and
last day of term

Summer Holidays
24th July - 31st August (inc.)

1st Sept: INSET Day
School closed to children

Monday 4th September:
Children back at school TODAY

Attendance

Overall school attendance has unfortunately dipped a little in the last fortnight to 95.6%. Let's try and end the term with great attendance!
The class attendance figures for the last fortnight were:

Year 3:	98.2%
Year 6A:	97.4%
Year 2:	97.2%
Year 1:	96.9%
Year 4F:	95.7%
Year 6N:	95%
Reception :	94.5%
Year 4M:	93%
Year 5:	92.2%



**Every day
COUNTS!**

School success starts
with attendance

Expansion information session

As you know the local authority are expanding the school from one form to two forms of entry. The expansion officially begins this September when our original 'bulge' class is recycled and we will have two Reception classes, but to expand all year groups to two classes an additional building is needed.

If you would like more information on the rationale behind the expansion please visit our website: <https://ashmeadprimary.wordpress.com/2017/02/03/two-form-entry-expansion-plan/>

As you will know from a letter/parentmail that went out last week, we have an information session regarding the plan for the additional building next week on Thursday 20th July.

The same information session will be run twice (at 9am and 6pm) and will last approximately 45 minutes:

The architects will share the thinking behind the proposed building's location and design and there will be opportunities for discussion and questions. There will be plenty of drawings and diagrams to make the proposed plan as clear as possible too.



Safeguarding

Safeguard - to protect from harm or damage with an appropriate measure

As the children start to look forward to the summer holidays, our thoughts turn to safety and how our children might best keep themselves safe during the long summer break. I'm sure many of the children will be out and about enjoying the weather and long summer evenings so we would like to remind all children about keeping safe whilst out, particularly near roads. In school we are reminding all the children about road safety and being aware of what is around them, especially if they are with groups of friends which can sometimes be a distraction around busy roads. Please remind your child to be aware of traffic and the basic 'Stop, Look and Listen' advice when crossing roads.

Clubs

Last clubs this week.

**THERE WILL BE NO CLUBS
BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL
NEXT WEEK
(apart from Breakfast Club)**

News from Nursery and Reception

It's been another busy couple of weeks for Reception and Nursery as we head towards the end of the summer term. Thanks to all the parents and carers who came to our EYFS Sports Day. It was a resounding success and has helped to fuel a deep interest in athletics amongst the children. Duckling fever is still going strong in Reception and our five ducklings are thriving. It is such a fantastic opportunity to be able to watch them grow and change. We will have them for another week so there will be plenty more learning going on around them. Nursery will be continuing to learn all about healthy eating in the run up to their Teddy Bears Picnic, which is next Thursday 20th July at 2:30PM. We hope to see you there!

Josie Hall

News from Y1, Y2 and Y3

The end of the summer term is always such a busy and fun time and this year is no exception! On 30th June the children had a fantastic time dancing their socks off at our annual summer disco. It was a pretty hot and sweaty night in the hall but the children all went home tired and happy and hopefully all slept really well! Last week we had the first of our end of year parent-teacher meetings and it was lovely to read some of the comments from parents about their child's end of year reports, what a great opportunity to celebrate all they have achieved over the year. We finished last week with an author visit from Lucy Rowland who, as well as being our speech and language therapist, is also an author! The children were fascinated to hear how she has constructed and created each story and are now enjoying reading her books in class and wondering how they might develop themselves as authors!

Jane Bickley

News from Y4, Y5 and Y6

The last few weeks in Key Stage 2 have been even more filled than usual. All of the children enjoyed dancing the night away at the school disco thanks to the hard work of our PTA. Year 4 have continued to enjoy their topic of Robots and have been lucky enough to visit the Science Museum in London. Y5 also did us all proud as they sang at the Royal Festival Hall the week before last, what an amazing experience for the children, thanks to all the staff who accompanied them on an extremely long day only getting back to school at past 10.30pm! Last week, we also enjoyed another wonderful visit from Lucy Rowland who discussed her passion for poetry and rhyming books as well as the processes she used when writing a new book. This week bring another busy week with the Year 6 production of The Lion King on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings!

Andy McPartland

The INCLUSION NEWS

Inclusion news by Faye Howard - Inclusion leader

As the term draws to a close, the teachers spend some time looking over their provision maps and seeing which interventions have been effective, which targets have been met and setting some targets for September. I spend some time supporting this process. The next 10 working days will be very busy, planning our work for next year with outside services like our educational psychologist and speech therapist. We will also be thinking about which interventions we will continue with next year. If you need to speak to me before the end of term, the contact details are as always: fhoward@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk

Governor News: End of year summary by Dean Johnstone - Chair of Governors

Governors

As we approach the end of another school year it is useful to look back on some of the work and successes in 2016-17. Just over 12 months ago governors started discussing the real possibility of expansion and voted in favour of it. This is a big change for the school and is something that governors discuss at every meeting as well as scrutinise in detail in committees. Governors are also determined to ensure that the focus on teaching and learning is maintained and attendance is a big part of this. Staff and parents have worked very hard to improve attendance in such a short time, well done to everyone for this big effort! We have also seen the start of the Achievement for All programme to support vulnerable students. Ashmead is saying goodbye to our fabulous year 6 students, who will go on to continue their education in secondary. I hope that all leave with fond memories of their time here and excitement for what lies ahead.