



Ashmead Primary School



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15th March 2013

Dates for the diary

19th March: Nursery trip to Planetarium

21st March: Parent-Teacher Meetings

22nd March: Y2V class assembly - 9.30 and Y6 end of year celebrations fundraising cake sale - 3.30 and Y5/6 swimming gala - 2.00 - 7 pm.

26th March: Parent-Teacher Meetings

28th March: KS2 singing assembly for parents 9.15 - 9.45 a.m.

29th March - 12th April (inc) Easter Holiday

16th April: Y6 road safety talk

19th April: Nursery cake sale

24th - 26th April: Y4 School Journey

3rd May: RL Cake Sale - 3.30

10th May: Y6 end of year celebrations fundraising Book Sale

14th May: RF to Woodlands Farm

15th May: RL to Woodlands Farm and Y4 trip to O2

22nd May: International Evening

27th - 31st May (inc) May half term holiday

7th June: RF Cake Sale - 3.30

11th June: Y4 to Natural History Museum

21st June: Sports Day

24th - 27th June: Y6 Road Bike Safety Week

29th June: Dads' Fun Day

5th July: Y2V cake sale - 3.30

8th July: Nursery - Y5 open afternoon

23rd July: Y6 open afternoon and leavers' assembly

TABLE TOP SALE TOMORROW

Don't forget to come to our table top sale tomorrow and grab a few bargains! Entry is just £1 (children's entry is free).



If you have bought a table then all profits from the sale are yours! If you would be interested in having a stall (and haven't booked one already) then we have had a couple of cancellations so please email Kirstie, the chair of the PTA, ASAP if you would like a table on the day. Email: kirstie.rose@hotmail.co.uk

We are still looking for a few volunteers to help with the event - in particular with tidying up, so please see a PTA member if you can help. Many hands make light work so the more the merrier!

Born in Lewisham Hospital event - Saturday 16th March



If you, your children, your sister or brother, your partner or anyone you know was born in Lewisham Hospital - or if you want to continue to defend the services at our hospital come and **JOIN HANDS AROUND OUR HOSPITAL AND DEFEND LEWISHAM'S MATERNITY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES.**

Why not go down after the table top sale? There will be family events and music in Ladywell Fields from 2.45 - 4 p.m., including the Millwall bus and mascot, so come down and show your support!



Parent-Teacher meetings and Take One Picture exhibition

We are holding Parent-Teacher Meetings on Thursday 21st and Tuesday 26th March. This coincides with our now annual **'Take One Picture' exhibition**, so please do drop in and see our work based

around Seurat's 'Bathers at Asnieres'.

Also on Tuesday 26th at 3.30 we will be holding a **choir showcase** for those children in the after school choir and also for those classes who have been working with Joyce this term. If you have a child in Y6, Y4, Y2H or Y1, please do come to hear the children sing!



Lost learning time

Every week in our celebration assembly we award the class with the best attendance and punctuality. Please continue to make every effort to bring your child to school every day and on time! The lateness figures for the last fortnight are MUCH better but we are aiming to lose even less learning time next fortnight!

These are our lost minutes of learning time this fortnight.

- Reception F: 50 minutes lost
- Reception L: 43 minutes lost
- Year 1: 1 hour 28 minutes lost
- Year 2H: 1 hour 15 minutes lost
- Year 2V: 48 minutes lost
- Year 3: 1 hour 32 minutes lost
- Year 4: 2 hours 11 minutes lost
- Year 5: 1 hours 55 minutes lost
- Year 6: 1 hour 6 minutes lost



Sports Coaches at lunchtime

Starting this Monday, we will be hiring two sports coaches to work with the children at lunchtime once a week. The trained coaches will be working in the playground offering different sports to the children such as basketball, cricket or other team sports. This is a result of a collaboration between the Governors, school and PTA so we thank all those who have worked to help us make it happen, in particular one of our parent governors, Lena Kyriacou. Thank you.



Curriculum consultation

Thanks to those parents and carers who have already filled out our [curriculum consultation survey](#). It has been really interesting to read all your comments and we looked at the initial responses at this week's full governing body meeting. We are always on the lookout for ways to make our curriculum even more interesting and engaging for the children and are currently in consultation with parents, children and staff about how to improve it further, including enrichment opportunities like whole class music lesson, exciting trips or experiences and extra-curricular activities. If you haven't already, then fill out the survey at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LVJ7DDC> or fill in a paper copy from the office.

International Evening



Our annual International event is planned for the evening of 22nd May and this year we would really like the event to reflect our diverse school community. We will be sending out more details nearer the time but if you feel you would like to become involved, then please contact Jane at:

jbickley@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk

or at school. This is always a really popular event which we would like to use to further strengthen our community and celebrate our diversity.

INSET Day - 24th July (school closed to children)

We are not being used as a polling station this year so we have decided to hold our one remaining INSET day on Wednesday 24th July. Therefore the last day of school for the children will be Tuesday 23rd July. Please bear this in mind if you are booking any summer holidays as our rates of unauthorised absence always rises around holiday times. Thanks for your cooperation with this. The INSET day will be used to share gaps in children's learning so we can start September with a clear view of their needs.

Governor News - Who's Who?



Over the next few newsletters we will be having a focus on who's who in the governing body. Today we start with Luke Ashton, a Parent Governor



I have three children at Ashmead - Max (Year 3), Rosie (Year 1) and Jessica (Nursery). I've been a parent governor for just over a year, and have found the experience to be both challenging and rewarding. It's quite a hurdle to get used to some of the jargon used in schools, but I got involved early on in moving the old school website to the new one. This led me to learn about lots of different areas of the school's activity while doing something useful at the same time. I recently took on chairing the Children, Families and Community committee, and feel like we've already made a difference with the new noticeboards - something raised by the PTA and which we were able to agree on very quickly! As a working Dad, it's good to feel more connected with the school while doing something useful, and I hope some of the other things we have coming out of the committee (like a policy on clubs) will give more transparency and better communication to parents.