



Ashmead Primary School



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16th October 2015

Dates for the diary

20th Oct: Y1 parent workshop - reading and phonics

21st Oct: Open Morning for prospective Reception parents - 9.30 am and Y3V trip to Horniman Museum

22nd Oct: Y6 Class assembly at 9.10 am

23rd Oct: Y2 parent workshop - reading and phonics and Y3U trip to Horniman Museum

26th - 30th October- Half term break

4th Nov: Cheese and Wine night/PTA AGM: 7.30pm in the main school hall.

5th Nov: Y5J Class assembly at 9.10 am

9th Nov: Y6 performing Macbeth at The Albany

12th Nov: Reception trip to Pizza Express, Y3V trip to The Transport Museum and Nursery (PM) Parent Cafe (Letters and Sounds) - 2.45 pm

13th Nov: Nursery (AM) Parent Cafe (Letters and Sounds) - 9am

17th Nov: Open Morning for prospective Reception parents - 9.30 am

19th Nov: Y3U trip to Transport Museum and Parent-teacher meetings 3.50 - 6.00

24th Nov: Y1 trip to Science Museum and Parent-teacher meetings 3.50 - 7.30

26th Nov: Y3U Class assembly at 9.10 am

3rd Dec: Y4 Class assembly at 9.10 am

4th Dec: Open Morning for prospective Reception parents - 9.30 am

8th Dec: Reception Parent Cafe (Maths through play) - 9am and Nursery (PM) Parent Cafe (Maths through play) - 2.45 pm

10th Dec: Y5E Class assembly at 9.10 am

11th Dec: Nursery (AM) Parent Cafe (Maths through play) - 9am

12th Dec: Christmas fair 11 am - 2 pm

Packed lunches

Following on from our message last week about NO NUTS in school, we thought it would be good to reiterate expectations for packed lunches for children.

Children who do not have a school meal are asked to bring a healthy packed lunch for their midday meal. This might contain a sandwich or salad or if you have a thermos food container you might want to provide your child with a warm dish like pasta or soup (unfortunately there are no facilities to heat up food from home). Other items that are suitable for a school packed lunch are fruit or vegetables, plain or fruit yogurt or a small cake, biscuit or cereal bar. Chocolate and sweets are NOT ALLOWED at school. The best drink to provide is water. Sugary drinks like fruit shoots or any fizzy drinks are not suitable for a school packed lunch.



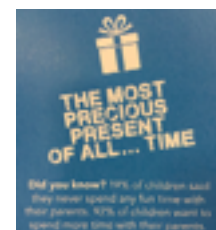
If you would prefer for your child to have a school meal then please let the office staff know. *We ask that families make the commitment to either school meals or packed lunch for a half term at a time.*

Meals for next half term (2nd Nov - 18th December) will be £66.50.

Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are all entitled to free school meals so why not make the most of this so your child gets a hot meal to keep them going through the day?

Parent Gym taster session - MONDAY

The taster session for Parent Gym will be on Monday (19th October) 9.00 - 9.45 in the small hall. Drinks and refreshments will be provided so why not come along and find out more. Parent Gym is a series of six workshops (starting straight after half-term) proven to increase parents' skills and confidence and so improve the behaviour and wellbeing of their children. If you haven't already seen our blog posts, have a look here at some of Parent Gym's top tips: <https://ashmeadprimary.wordpress.com/2015/10/15/parent-gym-top-tips/>



Do you have a child starting primary or secondary school in September 2016?

Lewisham's School Admissions Team will be running 30-minute training sessions for parents who need or would like help making their online application for starting school and/or transfer to secondary school in September 2016.

The sessions will take place at Deptford Green School, SE14 6AN on 20th and 21st of October 2015 (3.30 – 4.30 pm).

If you would like to attend one of the sessions, you should send an email (or the office staff at Ashmead can do this on your behalf) to the School Admissions Team at: schooladmissions@lewisham.gov.uk indicating your full name, email address, contact number and which session you wish to attend.

PTA events

As you know, the PTA AGM and FREE cheese and wine evening is straight after half term (**Wednesday 4th November**) so put the date in your diary and come along!



Another PTA date you'll all want to make a note of is the Christmas Fair on **Saturday 12th December**.



SELCE Community Share Offer

A pioneering community group is giving us the chance to have solar panels installed on our roof free of charge... and you can help to make it possible!

Local co-operative, South East London Community Energy (SELCE, pronounced Selcie), is aiming to raise £250,000 to install solar panels on Ashmead and three other local primary schools through a 'community share offer'.

The co-operative intends to pay investors 4% interest on their shares each year and initial investments will then be returned after 20 years. Most shareholders will also be eligible for 30% tax relief if they hold onto their investment for three years. 'This is a new way of raising money for community initiatives which involves lots of local people putting money into the project's pot,' explains Camilla Berens, one of SELCE's directors. 'This will be solar energy for the community which is also funded by the community.' The share offer will close at midnight on November 11th.

More information about SELCE's projects and the community share offer can be found on the team's website: www.selce.org.uk

School Improvement Plan (SIP) for 15-16 by Dean Johnstone - Chair of Governors

At the last meeting of the Full Governing Body, 7th October, Governors agreed an updated version of the School Improvement Plan. This is the second version of the plan, following an earlier draft presented to governors at the end of last term.

The agreed priorities for the school over the next year fall into three main headings:

- Embedding the recently agreed vision, supporting everyone to live the school values and ensuring a growth mindset for staff and children, whilst supporting children to be more independent and take on greater responsibility
- Ensuring inclusion so that all children are reaching their potential, developing systems to help families support their children with learning at home, with a focus on reading, and a continued focus on safeguarding for all children
- Strengthening the Leadership and Management of the school to support excellent teaching and outcomes, including developing excellence across all of the curriculum through implementation of our teaching and learning policy

As governors, we will hold the school to account for their progress against these ambitious goals. The school leadership team have detailed plans and success measures for each of these topics, which are scrutinised by governors in committees.

Having a coherent strategy: vision, values and plan, helps everyone in the school know the priorities and actions necessary for success. Well done to the senior team who have worked hard on creating an ambitious and consistent development plan.

Governors