



Ashmead Primary School



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19th July 2013

Dates for the diary

20th July: Y6 party: 7 - 11 pm at Telegraph Hill Centre, New Cross

22nd July: Y6 trip to Thorpe Park

23rd July: Y6 open afternoon and leavers' assembly

24th July: INSET Day - no children

25th July - 30th August (inc) Summer Holiday

INSET DAYS: 2nd and 3rd September

4th Sept: Children start back

28th Oct - 1st Nov (inc) Half term break

19th Dec: Last day of Autumn term



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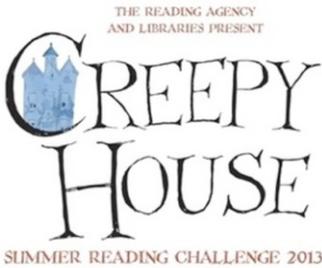
Those of you who had the pleasure and privilege of watching our fantastic Y6 production this week will know what a talented and amazing bunch of children we are saying goodbye to next week. The Y6 production is always an emotional event - we are immensely proud of every child and we know that we are sending them off in to the wider world with the best possible preparation for future life long learning. We will be saying goodbye to them properly next week in our leavers' assembly, when we will light a candle for them all to wish them all the very best for the future. We will remember them in the first assembly of the term in September, relight the candle and send them all our luck and best wishes. I am sure you will join with us to say, well done, we are proud you are 'Ashmead' children and we hope that you carry Ashmead in your hearts forever. In the words of a song from Bugsy Malone, "You're gonna be remembered for the things that you say and do".



Goodbye and Good Luck!

As well as saying goodbye to our children in Y6 we are also saying goodbye to some members of staff at the end of term. Francoise Fokias, who has been job sharing in Reception with Rachel, has a new job in Biggin Hill as a SENCo. Charlotte Davies who has been in Y1 since January is moving on to a school nearer her home in Epsom. We wish them both the best of luck in their new schools. We are also sad to be saying goodbye to Maria, our learning mentor who has been headhunted for a promotion to become the Parent Partnership Officer for Greenwich. Thanks for all your hard work. We promise not to 'custard pie' you when you leave!





Summer Reading Challenge

All children aged 4 - 11 are invited to take part in Lewisham Libraries summer reading challenge this summer. As well as being great fun, the reading challenge also helps children to maintain or improve their reading skills over the summer so they come back to school reading to continue their learning journey. To get started, children

can go to any Lewisham library to enrol and pick up a Creepy House collector's folder. There are stickers and prizes to collect and every child who completes the challenge will receive a medal and certificate which we will present at school in September. Happy reading!

Reports

All children from Reception to Y6 should now have received their reports. Nursery reports will be sent out on Monday. In each report, there is a separate 'Parent Comment Sheet' which we would really appreciate if you could fill in and return by next week. Teachers spend many, many hours writing reports and we hope they reflect your child's personality and year's work. It is really great to read your comments and feedback!



Lost learning time

We are getting lax towards the end of the term and some children are missing lots of minutes each week due to poor punctuality. **PLEASE make the effort to bring your child to school on time in the new school year!**

These are our lost minutes of learning time since 1st July:

- Reception F: 2 hours 59 minutes lost
- Reception L: 2 hours 27 minutes lost
- Year 1: 4 hours 19 minutes lost
- Year 2H: 1 hour 11 minutes lost
- Year 2V: 2 hours 55 minutes lost
- Year 3: 7 hours 26 minutes lost
- Year 4: 7 hours 20 minutes lost
- Year 5: 7 hours 53 minutes lost
- Year 6: 3 hours 51 minutes lost



School dinner money for next year

For parents who might want to get organised... the first half term's dinner money will be a total of £68.40 (4th September - 25th October, 7 weeks and 3 days). School dinners are £1.80 a day and £9 a week.

During the summer, we are updating our version of parentmail from parentmail 1 to parentmail 2 so please do not to pay any money into your online account until September.



Meet the Governor

This week we are hearing from our Chair of Governors - Carolyn Mumby



Hello, concluding our "meet the governor" series for this academic year I'm very pleased to have an opportunity to introduce myself and have a last word before the holidays.

Just briefly, in my day job I have my own business providing counselling and coaching training and working as a coach-therapist with individuals and organisations. Our daughter Ella was at Ashmead from nursery to the end of the last year 6 and Tom is in year 5 and we have seen them grow and flourish here. Despite having been a parent governor for four years becoming chair of governors last September was a steep learning curve (especially as Ofsted arrived 10 days after I was appointed!) but I have had great support from the rest of the GB and from an external mentor.

Our vision for the GB is to have a fully engaged and effective team, focused on strategic direction and on monitoring effectiveness. We aim to have an overview of all the areas of our responsibility but each have particular areas of specialism so that we are well informed to support and challenge the school leadership team, for the benefit of the children in the school. The four new governors appointed this year have each been an excellent addition to our longer standing team, and we are really grateful to all the governors who are moving on at the end of this term for all they have contributed over many years. Sean and Jane and all the staff are a delight to work with, being transparent about the challenges as well as the successes in the school and working hard to make Ashmead the best it can be.

We are so pleased for year 6 in their results this year, and continue to focus in detail on the achievement and well being of all the different groups of children at Ashmead. We look forward to welcoming the little ones who will join us in nursery and reception next year, and wish good luck to all those children leaving us this year. We have spoken as governors about what we hope for the Ashmead child, and something Sean said earlier in the year has really resonated for me. We want children to feel both loveable and capable at the end of their time with us. Thank you for everything you contribute to help to make this possible. Hope you have a lovely summer.

Carolyn



Ashmead results Summer 2013

Here are our end of year results for KS1 and KS2. We are particularly delighted with the Y6 results which I believe are the strongest in the school's history. Indeed, last week the school received a 'phone call from Frankie Sulke, Lewisham's director of children's services to congratulate the children for being third in the borough for their combined reading, writing and maths score. Our staff and children work so hard and these results reflect that. They also demonstrate our ambition that every child at Ashmead leaves us with the capability to thrive at secondary school. Equally important - but far less measurable - is our aim of helping every child to leave us with a strong sense of self-worth. I hope that those of you lucky enough to see the fantastic concentration, teamwork, risk-taking and sheer joy of Year Six's Buggy Malone performance will agree we've 'scored' pretty highly there too.

From Nursery to Year Six all our staff work with such dedication to give your children the best. It really is a privilege to see the quality of what they do from day to day. Children feel safe, inspired and challenged - and that's all down to our incredibly dedicated team. I know from conversations with parents and carers how much this is appreciated too.

Key Stage Two (Year Six) results (all figures in %)

Year	Reading Writing and Maths L4+	Reading L4+	Reading L5	Writing L4+	Writing L5	Maths L4+	Maths L5	Maths L6	SPaG Spelling, punctuation and grammar L4+	SPaG Spelling, punctuation and grammar L5
2013	97	100	62	97	45	97	45	10	90	62
2012	82	92	71	89	42	85	42	6	n/a	n/a
2011	63	83	37	63	32	87	37	0	n/a	n/a
National average (2012)	English L4+ 85 English L5+ 48%					81	36		n/a	n/a

Key Stage One (Year Two) results

Year	Reading L2+	Reading L3	Writing L2+	Writing L3	Maths L2+	Maths L3
2013	85	25	84	11	91	18
2012	90	40	73	10	93	20
2011	77	17	77	3	80	7
National average (2012)	87	27	83	14	90	22

Key

L2 - Level Two (the level expected at the end of Year Two)

L3 - Level Three (the higher level that children can attain at the end of Year Two)

L4 - Level Four (the level expected at the end of Year Six)

L5 - Level Five (the higher level that children can attain at the end of Year Six)

L6 - Level Six (exceptionally high - the level expected at the end of Year Nine)

Messages for the children

Have a safe and happy summer break and be safe!

We look forward to seeing many of you back in September and we wish those who are leaving us the very best of luck in their new schools.

Here are a few messages from us to you!

I just wanted to say a few words to thank you so much for welcoming six of the school governors to the school for a morning of visits recently.

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit and we all felt we learned a lot about the school. Thank you for letting us see you in some of your classes and activities.

It was great to see you all so involved in your learning and behaving so well. It was really good to see the school council at work and to watch the football group and the Soundwrite group.

Thank you too to the children who talked to us about behaviour and your literacy and maths work. You gave us a real sense of what's important to you and it was useful for us to hear about what you enjoyed learning and what you would like to do more of.

We were very pleased and impressed and it was good to be able to share some of our learning with the other governors at our meeting when we reported back on our visit. Next week, we are sending a letter to your parents and carers about the visit.

Many thanks again and very well done.

Carolyn - Chair of Governors



If you are looking for something to do in the holidays... pick up one of the leaflets in the Reception area about clubs, activities and playschemes running over the summer. Ask in the office if you would like any more information about the different things on offer!

Sam

FAREWELL TO YOU ALL... I will deeply miss working at Ashmead. Everyone including staff, children and parents have made my role so enjoyable. Ashmead is a very special place and one of the best schools I have known. You are lucky to have so many people who look out for you and want the best for you. A special thank you to Faye, Sean and Jane for all their support, respect and for always being approachable. I will miss you all!

Maria

