



Ashmead Primary School



ASHMEAD NEWSLETTER

28th September 2012

Dates for the diary

- 28th Sept:** PTA Bingo night 7.00pm
- 5th Oct:** 9.30 am Y6 class assembly
- 5th Oct:** Y5 to 'Britain at War' Experience
- 5th Oct:** Y6 Cake Sale - 3.30pm
- 8th Oct:** Y1 to Science Museum
- 9th Oct:** Y3 trip to Horniman Museum
- 8th-12th Oct:** Y6 School Journey
- 18th Oct:** PTA AGM - 7pm
- 19th Oct:** 9.30 Y5 class assembly
- 23rd and 25th Oct:** Parent-Teacher Meetings
- 24th Oct:** Nursery trip to Discover - Stratford
- 26th Oct:** 9.30 Y4 class assembly
- 29th Oct - 2nd Nov** Half term
- 5th Nov:** INSET Day (school closed to children)
- 9th Nov:** Y3 Cake Sale - 3.30pm
- 12th-16th Nov:** Book Week
- 15th Nov:** Y5 trip to Chislehurst Caves
- 16th Nov:** 9.30 Y2H class assembly
- 20th Nov:** Y4 to Horniman Museum
- 23rd Nov:** 9.30 Y2R class assembly
- 30th Nov:** 9.30 Y1 class assembly
- Sat 1st Dec:** Christmas Fair
- 7th Dec:** Y5 Cake Sale - 3.30pm
- 17th Dec:** KS1 Christmas show (2.30)
- 18th Dec:** KS2 Christmas show (9.30) and EYFS Nativity (2.30)
- 21st Dec:** End of term

BINGO NIGHT TONIGHT!

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you at the Bingo Night tonight. This promises to be a fun social and fund raising evening and is a great way to meet and get to know other parents if you are new to the school. The doors open at 7.00 for a 7.30 start and there will be a bar serving beer and wine. This is an event for adults only and the ticket price is just £6 for 6 games. Come along and join in the fun whilst also raising funds to benefit your child!



PTA AGM - 18th October 7pm

Ashmead PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) are holding their Annual General Meeting on October 18th at 7pm in the school hall. A crèche will be provided so it would be good to see as many people there as possible. The AGM includes the annual report from the chair and also the election of the chair, secretary and treasurer and the election of up to eight additional committee members. This is a great opportunity to come along and help to support the school by standing for a position on the PTA, or to cast your vote. Even if you don't wish to take an active part in the PTA please come along to the meeting if you can. Without your votes there can be no new committee!

Look out for more details of the AGM coming out next week but in the meantime, a huge thanks to the outgoing committee, who have volunteered so much of their time and energy and done an amazing job this year.

THANK YOU!

Any spare iPod Touches or Smartphones?

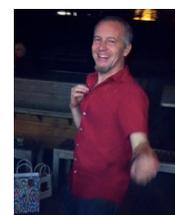


If any of you are having a phone upgrade (new iPhone 5 anyone?) and you have an old smartphone or iPod touch that we could use in school, it would be hugely appreciated. We use iPods and smartphones to blog what goes on in class. Don't forget to check out the blog each week - we are up to over 25000 hits now!

<http://ashmeadprimary.wordpress.com/>

Goodbye Brian!

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye today to Brian, our fantastic learning mentor. We will all miss him and wish him all the best in his new adventure down in Kent. Don't forget us up here in Deptford Brian!



We are thrilled to welcome Maria Stacey to the team as Brian's successor. We know she will continue Brian's good work and will have a big impact on the children. Welcome Maria!

Class Cake Sales

After the huge success of last year's PTA class cake sales we have decided to run regular fundraising cake sales throughout the year. The sales will take place on the first Friday in each month, beginning on October 5th with Y6 hosting the first sale. Please come along and buy some cakes! A percentage of the money raised goes straight to the class for them to decide how to spend so the children are always keen to sell a lot of cake!



Lost learning time

Each fortnight we calculate the number of minutes lost learning in each class. The cumulative minutes show how quickly time mounts up and we would really appreciate if all families could have a renewed focus on getting to school on time. Throughout the whole school we have missed a massive 20 hours and 27 minutes of learning time... please help us to improve our punctuality figures by getting here on time.

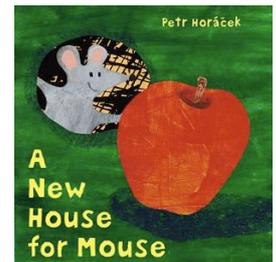
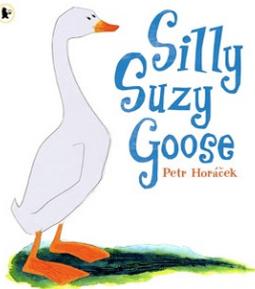


time counts
making more time
for learning

Year 1: 2 hours and 6 minutes lost
Year 2H: 2 hours lost
Year 2R: 3 hours 46 minutes lost
Year 3: 2 hours 9 minutes lost
Year 4: 3 hours 52 minutes lost
Year 5: 3 hours 36 minutes lost
Year 6: 1 hour and 26 minutes lost

Petr Horacek

Children's author and illustrator Petr Horacek will be working with all the children in the school on Oct 22nd and 23rd to produce a mural to go at the bottom of our internal staircase. Petr has written and illustrated many books such as Silly Suzy Goose and A New House for Mouse and he is very experienced at producing high quality mural working alongside murals. Check out his website at: <http://www.petrhoracek.co.uk/>



Parking on the zig zags

We have heard from the Lewisham Road Safety Team that a mobile CCTV traffic enforcement vehicle is now being used to combat illegal parking outside schools in Lewisham. If you do drop off or collect your child by car, and you are in the habit of stopping or waiting on the zig zags, please be aware that this could lead to you being caught on CCTV and receiving a Penalty Charge Notice by post.

Last year, the children did a great job at raising awareness of not stopping, waiting or parking on the yellow lines but we are beginning to see cars on the lines again...

It will be a real benefit for the whole school community if all parents and carers could be considerate at all times, regardless of the CCTV vehicle being in the area. Thank you.



School Council

We have recently held elections in class to decide the School Council reps for each class. Congratulations to the following children who are our new 'pupil voice' for 2012-13.

Y1: Rosie and Jordan
Y2H: Uma and Joshua
Y2R: Samuel/Walt and Chi Chi
Y3: Phaedon and Hazel
Y4: Connor and Ciara
Y5: Cerys and Amadi
Y6: Miles and Iris

Fruit for Key Stage 2 (Y3-6)

One of the things school council discussed last year was the possibility of KS2 children bringing fruit to school for a morning snack as Reception and KS1 children already have a snack provided through the 'Fruit for Schools' scheme. We are going to trial this, so from Monday, KS2 children are welcome to bring in a piece of fruit to school to eat at morning break.



Governor News

Welcome back to the new term at Ashmead. It's good to have the new classroom finished and to see Year 5 enjoying their new space overlooking the tree-tops!

Last week Governors met to discuss the latest school development plan, and this week held the first Curriculum and Inclusion Committee meeting of this academic year. We were really glad to have the opportunity to drop in on the first few minutes of the phonics workshop, on the evening of our meeting. Making visits to the school gives us a first hand view, increases our understanding of the work of the staff, and helps us to connect more with children and parents. We have our first full governing body meeting next Wednesday, and we will be thinking about other opportunities to meet and communicate with parents and carers through the year.



Carolyn Mumby