



Ashmead Primary School



Dates for the diary

19th Oct: Y2R trip to Mudchute Farm

19th Oct: 9.30 Y5 class assembly

19th Oct: PTA meeting - 2pm

23rd and 25th Oct: Parent-Teacher Meetings

24th Oct: Nursery trip to Discover - Stratford, Y2R trip to Mudchute Farm and Reception F's 'Dragon Hunt'.

26th Oct: 9.30 Y4 class assembly

26th Oct: Reception L's 'Dragon Hunt'

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

14th Nov: Y1 trip to Discover Centre

14th Nov: Governors' Meeting - 6pm

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

5th Dec: Y6 School Journey Photo Evening - 7pm

7th Dec: Y5 Cake Sale - 3.30pm

12th Dec: PTA AGM - 7pm

17th Dec: KS1 Christmas show (2.30)

18th Dec: KS2 Christmas show (9.30) and EYFS Nativity (2.30)

24th Dec - 4th Jan (inc): Christmas Holidays

School Journey

Year 6 have had a great time in Wales this week and are on their way home today. If you haven't already checked out the photos then take a look on the blog:

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

The children have been exploring slate mines, taking night walks, creating Andy Goldsworthy inspired art work, getting wet at the beach and generally having a fantastic time. We look forward to hearing more about it when they return.



We would also like to invite all Y6 families to a *School Journey Photo Evening on 5th December at 7pm*. I'm sure you will agree that this is a fantastic opportunity for the children to share this magical experience with family and friends so we look forward to seeing you there.



PTA AGM - POSTPONED until 12th December

Ashmead PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) have decided to postpone their Annual General Meeting until after the Christmas Fair. **The new date for the AGM is 12th December at 7pm.** As before, 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!

Streetdance

Unfortunately due to little take up of the Friday KS2 class, this after school club will be cancelled after the half term break.

Thursday's Streetdance class will continue and children from all years will be welcome to attend.

If this is not suitable for your child, please contact Miss Danni on: 07904 424 504, or email getdanndance@yahoo.com for further info on other classes they run.

England Talent Testing for Diving

On Wednesday 24th October we have been asked to host diving talent testing for Lewisham Schools for all children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Every child that takes part will receive an England Talent Participation Certificate and the most talented will be invited to the National Sports Centre to be seen by Olympic & International Coaches. The best in the school will be trained up to compete for Ashmead in the Lewisham School Diving Competition. This is an exciting opportunity which we think

the children will really enjoy. The children require no 'kit' for this - we will be holding the school trials in the school hall not the pool!



Lost learning time

Please keep up the focus on getting your children here on time. Often before a holiday the punctuality of certain children slips and this has an effect on how settled and ready to learn the class is.

These are our lost minutes of learning time this fortnight.



Reception F: 57 minutes lost
 Reception L: 1 hour 29 minutes lost
 Year 1: 2 hours and 27 minutes lost
 Year 2H: 1 hour 42 minutes lost
 Year 2R: 1 hours 56 minutes lost
 Year 3: 1 hours 16 minutes lost
 Year 4: 6 hours 42 minutes lost
 Year 5: 4 hours 18 minutes lost
 Year 6: 51 minutes lost

Year 4 - your punctuality needs to be MUCH better!

Please keep us informed!



A plea from the office: If a child is going to be late or to be collected early for any reason, please inform the office. Also, if they usually have a school dinner, let us know whether or not they require a lunch that day.

Contact details: You have all received a copy of the information that we hold on your child. If you have not already done so, please check this carefully, make any amendments where you need to (if it's a phone number or an email address please make sure that you write it very clearly) and return it to the office ASAP. It is really important that we have accurate up to date information so that we can contact you in an emergency.

Thanks for your co operation with this.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

We will be holding Parent-Teacher meetings after school for all children in the last week of this half term on Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th October. Letters will be coming out early next week so please tick a suitable time slot and return the slip to the class teacher as soon as possible so we can allocate everyone a time. Parents with children in Nursery can sign up on a sheet outside the class or contact Joseph about a preferred day/time slot. These meetings are a really important way for us to share information about your child so we look forward to seeing you all here.

Governor News

On 3rd October, the governing body met for their first full meeting of the new school year. Having served the school in their roles for a long time, and seen through significant changes, both the Chair of Governors (Richard Smith) and Vice-Chair (Estelle Coughlan) have opted to step down from their roles whilst remaining on the governing body. As a result, the meeting started with the election of a new Chair and Vice-Chair. We're pleased to report that Carolyn Mumby was elected as the Chair, and Luke Ashton as the Vice-Chair.

We'd like to express our great thanks to both Richard and Estelle, who have over the years put a huge amount of effort into the school. They have demonstrated great commitment, and their leadership in managing the recent change of headteacher and response to the Ofsted inspection has been tremendous. We also wish Carolyn and Luke all the best in their new roles as they continue to support and challenge Sean and the school leadership team in keeping up the pace of the improvement in standards we've seen over the past year.

Finally, there will shortly be three governor vacancies available, as two parent governors complete their terms in office in December, and a Community governor vacancy also becomes available. If you're interested in getting involved, please speak to any of the governors who will be available at the Parents Evenings, and watch this space for more details on upcoming elections.

