



Ashmead Primary School



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11th January 2013

Dates for the diary

- 15th Jan:** Open Morning for prospective parents: 10 am
- 23rd Jan:** Y6 visiting Goldsmiths University
- 25th Jan:** Y2 to Maritime Museum
- 30th Jan:** Reception classes visiting Deptford Library
- 1st Feb:** Y1 Cake Sale
- 5th Feb:** Y5 trip to Deptford Creek
- 8th Feb:** Reception classes trip to Unicorn Theatre
- 18th - 22nd Feb (inc) Half term holiday**
- 25th Feb - 1st March:** 'Take One Picture' Week
- 26th Feb:** Astrodome (Planetarium) visiting Key Stage 2 classes
- 27th Feb:** Dentist in visiting Reception and Y1
- 28th Feb:** Y6 visiting Science Museum
- 1st March:** Y2H Cake Sale
- 7th March:** World Book Day
- 15th March:** Y4 trip to Museum of Docklands
- 15th March:** Y6 to Museum of London
- 19th March:** Nursery trip to Planetarium
- 21st March:** Parent-Teacher Meetings
- 26th March:** Parent-Teacher Meetings
- 29th March - 12th April (inc) Easter Holiday**
- 19th April:** Nursery cake sale
- 24th - 26th April:** Y4 School Journey

Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and are excited about all that 2013 has to deliver..

Today we are sending out the first letters about this half term's clubs. New clubs this term include a dance club for children in Y3 - 5 run by the Laban, Cricket for Y5 and 6 and a 'Jack-a-nory' story club at lunchtime. These are in addition to our ongoing clubs (football, choir, knitting, Lego, streetdance, filmclub, table tennis, ukulele etc) and we are planning more clubs to start after the February half term.

Thanks to all who came to the choir club showcase at the end of last term. We are really keen to keep this club and are changing it slightly so that the after school club will be open for Y1 - Y6, still on a Tuesday, and Joyce the choir teacher will also be doing some whole class choir work during the school day so many more children will get a taste of our choir. There will no longer be a lunchtime choir club so please do return the permission slip for after school if your child wishes to continue in the choir.



Reception Places for September 2013

Have you got a child who is due to start Reception Class in September 2013 (born between 1st September 2008 and 31st August 2009)?

If so please remember you only have a few days to complete a common transfer form before 15th January 2013, **even if they already attend our Nursery.**



The forms and a Starting School booklet are available from our school office or any other Lewisham primary school. You can also view the booklet online [here](#).

Please make sure you apply in good time so your child doesn't lose the chance of a place at the school of your choice.

World Book Day 2013

This year we are delighted to announce that **Anne Fine** will be visiting the school for World Book Day, which is on 7th March this year. Like Anthony Browne, Anne is a former children's laureate. She has won the Carnegie Medal twice as well as the Guardian Prize, the Smarties Prize and the Whitbread Award.

On the same day we will also be visited by Chris Wormell, author and illustrator of the incredibly popular George and the Dragon books.



Welcome new staff!

A new year brings new staff to Ashmead. We are pleased to welcome Charlotte Davies as our new Key Stage 1 phase leader teaching in Y1 and leading the team in Y1 and Y2. Also in the nursery we welcome Becky Taylor as our new Nursery Nurse and Nicoletta Zambon as an extra teaching assistant in the nursery. We are sad to say goodbye to Karen Nageh one of our teaching assistants who trained as an HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) at Ashmead and is now leaving to further her career. We wish her every success in the future.

Dinner money

Dinner money for this half term will be £49.30 per child. If you could please help the office by paying in advance.



St John's disturbances

If you live within close proximity to St Johns Station then you will know that the bridge works have been going on for a long time now and are scheduled to carry on for a while yet... If the works have been affecting your child's sleep patterns then please let the school office know as we are keeping a log so we can monitor how children are being affected. Thanks.



Parents on school premises

We have noticed that recently quite a few parents are entering the school via the double doors into the playground, either to drop off a packed lunch or P.E. kit at the beginning of the day or to pick up a forgotten packed lunchbox or P.E. kit at the end of the day or, sometimes, in order to stand at the bottom of our internal staircase to pick children up early! We need to ensure our building is secure so parents can only access the building via the front entrance as this door is secure and supervised by school staff.

Lost learning time

In the last fortnight (before and after the Christmas holiday) we have lost 13 hours and 35 minutes in learning. This is much better than the last fortnight but we'd like to see this improve further each fortnight. Well done to Y2H who only lost 22 minutes - only two children were late in class over the fortnight which is a huge improvement. Keep up the good work. Which class will be the best class next fortnight?

These are our lost minutes of learning time this fortnight.

- Reception F: 50 minutes lost
- Reception L: 1 hour 40 minutes lost
- Year 1: 2 hours 24 minutes lost
- Year 2H: 22 minutes lost
- Year 2R: 2 hours 27 minutes lost
- Year 3: 1 hour 19 minutes lost
- Year 4: 1 hours 30 minutes lost
- Year 5: 2 hours 5 minutes lost
- Year 6: 58 minutes lost



Governor News



Happy New Year! What a good year Ashmead had in 2012.

We improved our results*, Ofsted thought we were a Good school, we have had a number of author visits, the children have enjoyed many different school trips and we now have a variety of after school clubs on offer. The PTA has organised lots of brilliant fundraising events and we also have a new website which is fun and inspiring!

None of this would have happened without all the hard work, and dedication from Sean and his team. It wouldn't have happened without the support from you - the parents, either.

2013 offers new opportunities and challenges and as governors we will continue to work hard to improve the school.

We are still looking for parents to volunteer for the school - especially with reading. Please consider doing this as it makes a big difference to our children.

Very best wishes for 2013.

Lena Kyriacou
Parent governor

***(LAST YEAR'S RESULTS ARE BEING SHARED WITH PARENTS TODAY AS A SEPARATE DOCUMENT)**