



Ashmead Primary School



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21st March 2014

Dates for the diary

24th March: Y1 Junk modelling workshop

25th March: Y3S trip to Science Museum

26th March: NUT strike (partial closure) School is open for Nursery, Y3S and Y6

28th March: Y3U trip to Science Museum.

28th March 9.15: Y1L class assembly

31st March: 9.15 KS2 Spring assembly - all parents welcome

3rd April: Nursery trip to Maritime Museum

2nd - 4th April: Y4 school journey to Wrotham, Kent

7th - 21st April (inc) Easter break

22nd April: Children back to school

1st May: International Evening from 6.30pm

7th May: Reception trip to Pizza Express in Canary Wharf

7th May: Full Governing Body meeting

12th - 16th May: KS2 (Y6) SATs week. School open from 8am for Y6 all week for free SATs breakfasts!

20th/21st May: School Photos

22nd May: Polling Station/INSET day - school closed to children

26th - 30th May (inc) Half term

11th June: Reception trip to the farm

23rd - 26th June: Y6 bikeability

4th July: Sports Day

22nd July: Last day of term

What a busy week!

Wow, it has certainly been a busy week.

On Monday, Y4 met early at school to make the journey to Flag Fen, a Bronze Age site near Peterborough.



On Tuesday, all Y3 children took part in an 'Ancient Civilisation' workshop to support their work on Aztecs this term.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday saw over 75 parents coming to our handwriting workshops - as always thank you for your amazing support.



Today Y5 have left for another fantastic trip to West Stow Anglo-Saxon village in Suffolk.

I think we are all looking forward to the weekend for a rest! Have a good one.

NUT Strike

Wednesday 26th March

Partial closure of school

Next week we are partially closed as a result of the NUT strike. Nursery, Y3S and Y6 will be open.

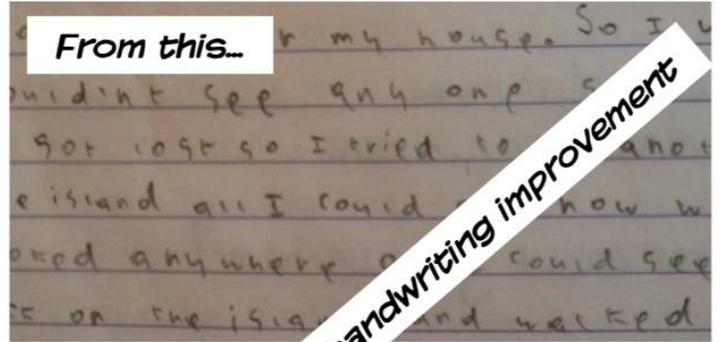
Handwriting focus

We are having a whole school focus on handwriting and presentation this year and are offering prizes for the most improved handwriting.

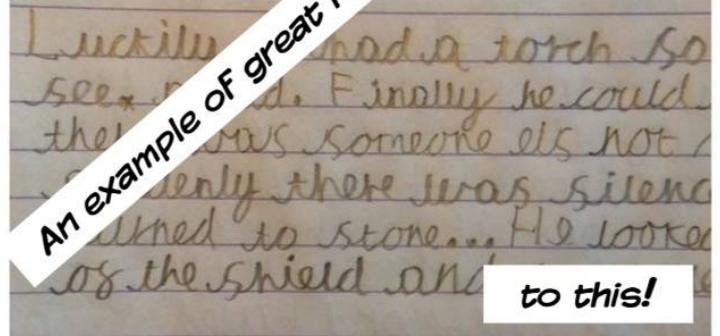
To support this we have hosted three handwriting workshops for all Key Stage 1 parents this week and we will be uploading some video clips on the website to reinforce correct letter formation.

If your child is keen to practise their handwriting at home, the key is 'little and often' and keeping it age appropriate and relevant. Fine motor activities will help less experienced children to develop their muscles in preparation for writing and an efficient pencil grip will enable a comfortable and sustainable writing experience. Making writing meaningful (shopping lists, invitations, thank you cards etc.) will also give your child a real purpose to write. Have fun!

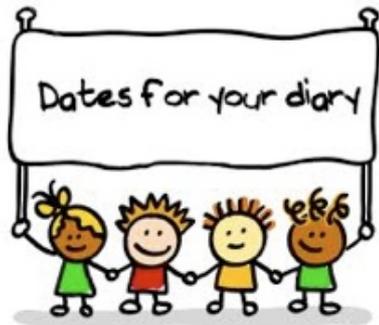
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An example of great handwriting improvement



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Dates for the diary

We have added some dates for the diary for school events happening in the second half of the school year. Please do make a note of these on a calendar at home as we would like to see as many parents and carers here as possible!

KS2 Spring Assembly: Monday 31st March at 9.15am

International Evening: Thursday 1st May at 6.30 pm

Sports Day: Friday 4th July - KS2 from 9.15 am and KS1 from 1.30 pm

Governors

Many of you will have met one of our new Governors, Kevin Jeffrey, at our recent parents evening. Here he tells us more about his time as a governor.

I have been a governor in Lewisham for many years and have served on the governing bodies of primary, secondary and special schools as a Local Authority and Parent governor.

Lewisham is a great place to be a school governor with lots of support from governor services and all schools and children are making progress. I joined Ashmead in the autumn term of 2013 as a Local Authority governor and have attended three meetings, my first impressions are that the school is very ambitious for the children to make progress and gain high attainment. There is a real sense of team work and partnership between the governors and the senior team at the school and transparency in the school's progress and areas for improvement. I was really pleased to attend a parents evening a few weeks ago and tried to meet as many parents as possible after they had met with teachers and felt there is a great deal of commitment for their children and the school, I look forward to developing further our links between governors and parents.

