

**Dates for the diary**

**28th June:** New Reception Parents' Meeting - 2pm

**30th June:** Reception Sports Day (am) and Nursery Sport Day (pm)

**30th June:** Y1 'Pirate' trip to Maritime Museum

**30th June: KS1 and KS2 disco:  
6 - 7pm (KS1) 7 - 8pm (KS2)**

**4th July:** Y4F trip to Science Museum and Y3 trip to Kew Gardens

**6th July:** Y3 recorder showcase - 3pm

**6th July:** Parent-Teacher meetings: 3.50 - 6pm

**11th July:** Parent-Teacher meetings 3.50 - 7.30pm

**12th July:** Y4M trip to Science Museum

**12th July and 13th July:** KS2 production - 7pm

**17th July:** Secondary Transfer Meeting for Y5 parents - 6pm

**19th July:** Y6 leavers' trip

**20th July:** Reception and Y6 Buddies trip and Nursery picnic in school

**21st July:** Leavers assembly (am) and last day of term

**Summer Holidays  
24th July - 31st August (inc.)**


**1st Sept: INSET Day  
School closed to children**

**Monday 4th September:  
Children back at school TODAY**

**Attendance**

Overall school attendance was up to 97.3% again for the last fortnight which is great. Let's keep this up all the way until the end of term!  
The class attendance figures for the last fortnight were:

Year 6A:	98.7%
Year 4F:	98.3%
Year 6N:	98.3%
Year 3:	98.3%
Year 4M:	96.9%
Year 3:	95.7%
Year 1:	95.4%
Reception:	93.7%
Year 5:	92.3%



**Every day  
COUNTS!**

School success starts  
with attendance

**Summer Fiesta -  
thanks and well done!**

Thanks to everyone who came to join us at the Summer Fiesta last weekend. The weather was amazing and the atmosphere was chilled with lots of happy children and adults having fun - perfect!

The grand total raised was £2,100 which is an amazing amount to raise in just 3 hours!

Thanks to all the volunteers - parents, staff and local businesses - who helped out on the day or with donations. A special thank you to Ginny Sandringham and Louise Hinchliffe, the PTA joint chairs who put such a lot of work into making it such a successful event. Next up... the disco!



**Sports Day - thanks**

Thanks to all the parents and carers who came to support their children on Sports Day at Ladywell Arena last week. The children had a great day. A special thanks to Faye who organised the whole thing. It's quite a military operation to get all children, adults and equipment in the right place at the right time, so well done Faye!

**Safeguarding**

**Safeguard - to protect from harm or damage with an appropriate measure**



We have talked to the children again today about e-safety and keeping safe online. We spoke about not sending on chain letters and also being aware of what could be 'fake news'.

If you have any concerns about your child's safety online, do see our presentation from our Parents Workshop: <https://ashmeadprimary.wordpress.com/2017/03/31/parent-workshop-e-safety/> Also check your Parental Controls on any internet access your child has at home to help safeguard your child.

### News from Nursery and Reception

Last week it was Reception's turn to visit the farm and the children coped brilliantly with the heat, impressing the farm staff with their fantastic behaviour. The pond dipping was so much fun! Reception are really excited about the arrival of the duck eggs on Tuesday and have been busy writing signs and notices for our duckling area "Be gentle with the ducklings!" Hopefully the hatching will go smoothly and when they are big enough, the ducks will go to live at Woodlands farm so you will be able to visit them over the summer. Thanks so much to all of the parents and carers who have donated junk for our junk modelling area. This is going really well and I have seen some incredible creations. Don't forget it's the EYFS sports day on Friday. We look forward to seeing you at either the Reception event 9:15 to 10:15 or Nursery 2:30 to 3:15.

**Josie Hall**

### News from Y1, Y2 and Y3

We have been loving the fantastic summer weather recently. Y2 enjoyed the sunshine on their beach trip to Joss Bay and we all had a good time at our KS1 Sports afternoon in school. One of our favourite places to hang out at playtime is in the water play area as it keeps us cool playing with the water in the shade of the trees!

Y1 are off for a Pirate adventure at the Maritime Museum this week so look out for some great costumes in school on Friday. Y3 are venturing out to Kew gardens next week so we hope the good weather holds for them too!

*Please don't forget to send your child in to school with clothes that cover their shoulders, backs and upper arms so their skin doesn't burn and to apply sunscreen to any exposed areas like their face and neck. Thanks!*

**Jane Bickley**

### News from Y4, Y5 and Y6

It's been another lovely few weeks in Years 4, 5 and 6 and we've all been embracing the summer weather.

Year 6 are busy with their rehearsals and preparation for their end of key stage performances of 'Lion King' on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July. Year 5 enjoyed the fantastic experience, and represented our school brilliantly, performing at a festival at the Royal Festival Hall in London and Year 4 have been busy designing and creating robots as part of their final topic of the year. All the children enjoyed our annual sports day at the Ladywell sports track on Friday.

The children all competed and gave 100% effort and it was a genuine pleasure to see the level of sporting behaviour on show. No matter the result, all of the children were encouraging and congratulating each other at the end of each event. We are so proud of all of our children!

**Andy McPartland**

### Governor News: Positive Workplace Survey by Harriet Becher - vice chair of governors



**Governors**

Staff wellbeing is very important to us at Ashmead. The school recently joined an employee assistance scheme, which will offer emotional and practical support to staff who need it. Staff will take part in an annual wellbeing survey, which will help us find out how well we are doing on staff wellbeing and highlight areas for improvement.

Governors recently reviewed the results of the first staff survey. We were really pleased to see that staff wellbeing at Ashmead is generally very high. Ashmead's results put us in the **top 10% nationally** of all schools participating in the scheme. Staff were much more likely than average to agree with statements like: *'I believe in our organisation'; 'I enjoy my job immensely'; 'we are always searching for new ways to be better'; 'it is rare for me to feel that my job is dull and boring'; 'we are achieving things we can be proud of'; 'I have the opportunity to use my skills and initiative in my work'; 'there is a real interest in the welfare and wellbeing of the people who work here'; and 'the people my colleagues and I deal with treat us with decency and respect'*. These are really fantastic results and reflect Ashmead's vision and values very strongly.

The survey has also given us some issues to consider. Our results on teacher workload and long hours are in line with national averages, but there is more we could do to improve and balance workloads, especially for teachers earlier in their careers who are most likely to feel overloaded. We also want to create closer links between different staff groups and teams, and improve communication with part time staff and support staff. We will run the survey again in a year and hope to see an improvement in these results.

We are very lucky to have such a committed, positive and loyal group of staff at Ashmead - we are determined to look after them.