



Ashmead
Primary School



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

26th June 2015

Dates for the diary

- 1st July:** New Reception parents' meeting
1.30 pm (slightly earlier time than before)
- 1st July:** Y2 fundraising cake sale - 3.30 pm
- 2nd July:** Parent-Teacher meetings 3.50 - 6pm
- 3rd July:** Y5 trip to West Stowe and Y3 trip to the Wellcome collection
- 3rd July:** End of year PTA disco from 7pm
- 7th July:** Parent-Teacher meetings 3.50 - 7.30 pm
- 8th July:** Y2 trip to Joss Bay
- 8th July:** 3.30 pm: Drama club production of Oliver - all welcome
- 9th July:** Y6 performances 2 pm and 7pm
- 10th July:** Reception and Y6 buddy trip
- 14th July:** Y5 trip to Royal Victoria Docks and Y6 'treat' trip
- 17th July:** Y6 Open Morning - 9.00 - 10.00am. Leavers' Assembly at 10 am
- Summer break: 20th July - 31st August**
- 1st and 2nd Sept: INSET days - school closed to children**
- 3rd Sept:** School starts for children in Y1 - Y6
- Reception and Nursery children have different start dates (please check individual letters)**

Nursery opening date

In September the nursery will open for our existing children on Monday 7th September. If your child is starting nursery for the first time, please see your separate letter for your child's starting date.

Thank you!

Thanks to all the parents, carers, staff members and children who helped out at last week's summer fair.

As you will have seen from the PTA parentmail, we raised over £2700. AMAZING! Events like this do not happen without the hard work and dedication of volunteers so thank you to all those who came along to set up or run a stall or clear up afterwards and all of you who came along to spend your money! See below for our next PTA event - the school disco!



End of term disco

Our end of term school disco is NEXT FRIDAY (3rd July) and tickets will be on sale in the playground from next week.

This is not a fundraiser but a fun event for the children to celebrate the end of term. Tickets are just 50p and there is also a tuck shop with drinks and snacks for sale. Tickets might not be available on the door so get tickets before they sell out!

This event is for Ashmead pupils only. KS1 children can come and dance their socks off between 7.00 and 8.00 pm and KS2 children will own the dance floor between 8.00 and 9.00 pm.

ALL CHILDREN NEED TO BE COLLECTED FROM SCHOOL. CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO WALK HOME ALONE AFTER THE DISCO.

DANCE YOURSELF DIZZY!
IT'S THE 2015 ASHMEAD PTA
SCHOOL DISCO
FRIDAY 3/7/2015

TUCK SHOP

TICKETS ONLY 50P

KS1 (years 1 & 2)
7pm - 8pm

KS2 (years 3-6)
8pm - 9pm

This event is for Ashmead pupils ONLY. All children must be collected promptly at the end of their session by a parent or guardian.

Calling all scientists

How flexible are you?

Try this experiment to test your flexibility.

What you need:

Cardboard or plastic box

30 cm ruler

Sellotape

Scissors

A willing volunteer

How to:

Sellotape the ruler to the box at the 20 cm mark. The 20 cm mark should be in line with the edge of the box. The lower numbers should be on the part of the ruler that is not touching the box.

Place the box against the wall. Point the ruler towards you.

Take off your shoes and sit down. Put your feet flat against the box and your legs flat on the floor.

Slowly and gently reach forward towards the ruler. Reach along the ruler as far as you can go. Get your willing volunteer to record what number you reach.

The further along the ruler you can reach, the more flexible you are.

What's happening?

When you reach forward to the ruler, you are bending at your hip joints. This causes your lower back and hamstring muscles to stretch. The further along you can stretch, the more flexible you are.

This experiment is called the sit and reach test. Physiotherapists use the sit and reach test to find out how flexible their patients are and to see if a lack of flexibility could cause an injury.

Flexibility is important for sport. It means that your body can move through a whole range of different motions and positions. Some sports, like gymnastics, need a high level of flexibility. Are you flexible enough to do the splits like a



Walking to and from school

We have had a visit from one of our neighbours asking that parents and carers ask their children not to walk on the walls or clamber across the brick pillars of the houses in St John's Vale opposite St John's Church. As well as having had to spend money on repairing the walls and pillars, they are also worried that a child might be hurt. Please keep your children with you at all times and don't let them climb on or walk along the walls.

Thank you.

Hot weather

Next week we are forecast to have H^OT weather so can your children please be dressed appropriately for the weather. All children need a water bottle at school every day. On hot days they should also be wearing sunscreen and a hat. Shoulders should be covered (no strappy tops). **Thank you!**



'My Maths' and 'Bug Club'

Don't forget to sign on with your child to their Bug Club and My Maths accounts.
NB: The Bug Club website has recently migrated to www.activelearningprimary.co.uk



MyMaths.co.uk



Governor News from Harriet Knight - new governor

Hi, I'm Harriet and I recently joined the Board of Governors as a Community Governor.

I currently work within the Advertising and Marketing Industry with the likes of Debenhams, Dove, Costa Coffee, B&Q, Wilkinson Sword and Rimmel London; leading campaigns across the UK, but also globally. I feel my day-to-day job equips me to bring a voice and perspective on 'communications' for the school.

I cherished my own education and the supportive environment in which I grew up and see it as a privilege to have the opportunity to be involved in shaping that environment for the children at Ashmead. I have a passion for the development of children after working at an American Academic Summer Camp several years ago. Afterwards, I pursued this interest through mentoring at local primary schools and more recently; I have taken an active role in raising awareness of the Advertising industry amongst local schools as well as organising the company annual children's events.

So far, I've attended two Full Governing Body meetings and the Children, Families and Communities Committee. I'll also be visiting Ashmead next week to see the school in full swing! I've been impressed with the ambition of the management team and the vision for the school and look forward to working more closely with the team of Governors to help grow the prospects of our city's talented youngsters.

I look forward to meeting some of you soon!

Governors