



Ashmead
Primary School



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4th Oct 2013

Dates for the diary

7th - 11th Oct: Maths Week

8th Oct: Maths workshops for parents:
9.15 am and 6pm

8th Oct: Y1J trip to Science Museum

9th Oct: Y3 trip to British Museum

10th Oct: Y1L trip to Science Museum

11th Oct: Y6 trip to National Maritime
Museum

11th Oct: Happy Puzzle Company
visiting, open to parents after school -
3.30

14th - 18th Oct: Y6 school journey

15th Oct: Leigh Hobbs (author/
illustrator) visiting. Book sale and
signing after school

16th Oct: Reception trip to Discover
Centre

16th Oct: PTA AGM - 7pm

17th October: School closed
(NUT/NASUWT Strike)

18th Oct: Y3S class assembly - 9.15

22nd Oct: Parent-Teacher meetings
(3.50 - 7.00)

24th Oct: Parent-Teacher meetings
(3.50 - 6.00)

25th Oct: Y6 class assembly - 9.15

28th Oct - 1st Nov: Half Term

5th Nov: Y4 trip to Museum of London

15th Nov: Y5 class assembly - 9.15

22nd Nov: Y3U class assembly - 9.15

25th - 29th Nov: Science Week

29th Nov: Y4 class assembly - 9.15

4th Dec: Y2 trip to Museum of London

20th Dec - 3rd Jan:
Christmas Holiday

Maths Week/Happy Puzzle Company

Next week we are holding a whole school Maths Week with lots of fun activities planned. The theme of the week is 'Everyday Maths' and the aim of the week is to raise the profile of Maths in the school and for children to make links between the Maths skills they learn in school and how they use them in everyday life. One activity will be to create a display called 'Maths out of school'. It would be great if you could send photos of children (or other family members) using their maths skills at home (e.g. cooking, using money, measuring etc.) or email them to their class teacher, as soon as possible or by Friday 11th at the latest. Also, on Friday 11th October we have a company coming in to work with all the children from Reception - Y6. They are called the 'Happy Puzzle Company' (website: <http://www.happypuzzle.co.uk/>). There will also be an opportunity after school on Friday to buy Maths puzzles and talk to their staff - please see poster attached with this newsletter.



Teachers' Strike

As you will know from a letter earlier this week, due to joint industrial action by the NUT and NASUWT the school will be closed to children on Thursday 17th October.

Roots of Empathy - baby wanted!

This year we will be repeating our 'Roots of Empathy' project, this year in Y2. This is a year long project which involves introducing the class to a young baby and by watching the baby develop, and the interaction between parent and infant, the children are said to learn emotional literacy and the need to show kindness to each other.

However, we still need a baby and parent to commit to coming in to school once every three weeks for a 30 minute session. The children will have weekly sessions with our 'Roots of Empathy' instructor and the baby and parent will visit nine times over the year. If you know of a parent who has a baby who is currently 6 - 12 weeks old and they would be willing to take part in the project, please contact Jane at school or email:

jbickley@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk

More information about the project is available at [http://](http://www.rootsofempathy.org/)

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Class assemblies and productions this term

This term KS2 classes will be doing class assemblies on a Friday morning at 9.15 a.m. All parents and carers of children in the relevant class are welcome to stay to watch the assembly. KS1 will be doing an end of term Christmas production again and of course our youngest children in Nursery and Reception will be performing our annual Nativity. All the dates are in the 'Dates for your diary' section so please make a note of them now so you don't miss out!



Pupil details

Next week we will be sending home the details that we hold on the children for you to check and update. Please check all details (especially contact numbers) and send the signed form back to the office the next day. Thanks.



School Council Mayor's visit

Last Friday some representatives from our newly elected School Council were lucky enough to be invited to meet the Major and Young Mayor of Lewisham. After visiting the Council Chambers, we were invited in to the Mayor's Office where we were able to ask any questions we had about our borough, how it was run and even to suggest a few changes!

We even had the chance to hold the Mayor's chains of office, some pieces of which are over 100 years old! It was a real privilege to be invited and the children were, as ever, our greatest ambassadors and represented Ashmead excellently.



Literacy Links

National Poetry Day: Yesterday was National Poetry Day and we celebrated in school with two assemblies jam packed with favourite poems read by different members of staff. Why not have a look at some poems this weekend and think about what your favourite poem might be...

Author visit: On Tuesday 15th October, we are lucky enough to be having another author visit, this time from Australian author/illustrator Leigh Hobbs (<http://www.leighhobbs.com/>). Leigh will be working with all children from Reception to Y6 and even the teachers will have the chance to exercise their illustration skills! Leigh will be around after school to sign books so please do pop by and see him then.

Phonics workshops: Thanks to those who attended this week's phonics workshops, aimed at parents with children in Reception and Nursery. The notes from the presentation will be posted on the website soon.



Road Safety

There have been a couple of 'near misses' recently at the Lewisham Way pedestrian crossings so please ensure that you wait for the traffic to stop before crossing.

Don't assume the traffic will stop, even if the lights are red. Let's keep our children safe.



No toys in school please!

We have noticed recently that a lot of children are bringing in small toys and mini figures to school. Unfortunately, these can often become lost or broken causing unnecessary upset so please ensure that your child leaves any toys at home. They have their friends and school equipment to play with at school so should have plenty to keep them occupied!



Website/Blog

Our website/blog is a great showcase for the amazing learning that goes on at Ashmead. We have had over 94,000 hits so far and I know it is very popular with many parents and carers. Can I ask more of you to leave comments please? It really doesn't take very long and is greatly appreciated by both children and staff. Thank you! Visit: <http://ashmeadprimary.wordpress.com/>

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