



Ashmead Primary School



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4th July 2014

Dates for the diary

7th July: Y1 trip to London Aquarium

8th July - 9.15 am: Y5 guitar club assembly

8th July: New Reception Parents' Meeting (1.30 pm). Reception children in new class from 2pm.

9th July: Nursery trip to Horniman Museum (morning nursery children)

9th July: Open Afternoon - from 2.30 pm

10th July: NUT Strike
School closed for Reception - Year 5

10th July: Nursery trip to Horniman Museum (afternoon nursery children)

11th July: KS1 and KS2 Sports Day

16th July - 2pm: Y6 production

17th July - 9.15 am: Harmonica assembly

17th July - 7pm: Y6 production

18th July: EYFS Sports Day and end of term school disco (evening)

22nd July: Y6 open afternoon from 1.45pm. Leavers' assembly at 2.30 pm.
Last day of term.

23rd July INSET day
(school closed to children)

1st/2nd Sept: INSET days
(school closed to children)

3rd Sept: School starts for Y1 - Y6 (Nursery and Reception classes begin staggered entry)

27th - 31st October
Half term break

3rd Nov: Back to school

22nd December - 2nd January
Christmas break

5th Jan: INSET day
(school closed to children)

Sports Day for KS1 and KS2

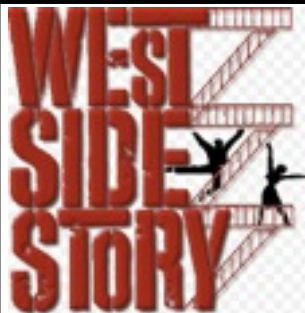
EYFS Sports Day was unfortunately postponed today but we have rearranged it for **Friday 18th July** (same times as before). Sports Day for KS1 (Y1 - Y2) and KS2 (Y3 - Y6) is on **Friday 11th July**. Next Friday (11th July) we will be having activities for children in KS2 in the morning and KS1 activities will be in the afternoon. Parents are welcome to watch their children's sports sessions.

You will also receive a letter today to let you know which team your child is in. Working in teams across the school is a great way to encourage cooperation and builds a sense of team spirit and unity.



Y6 Performance

The children in Y6 are working hard on their end of year production and we are all looking forward to seeing the results of all their hard work. We are doing two performances for parents - Wednesday 16th July at 2pm (pre-school children can come to this show) and Thursday 17th July at 7pm (adults and school aged children only please). Tickets will be available from the school office from next week. Y6 families have access to tickets first (Monday and Tuesday) and then tickets are available for the rest of the school after this. Get your tickets soon, especially if you want to come to the evening performance as last year we sold out!



Instrument assemblies

At this end of term it is a great way to showcase what we have been doing in our music learning this year. Last week we had our Y3/Y4 ukulele concert, next week (8th July - 9.15 am) will be our guitar club concert and our harmonica players will be playing for us on Thursday 17th July at 9.15 am. Parents are welcome to all these assemblies and we look forward to seeing you here.



NUT Strike

Next Thursday (10th July) school will be closed to all children from Reception - Y5.

(The Nursery trip for afternoon children will still go ahead.)

Brockley Open Studios - This Weekend

**BROCKLEY
OPEN
STUDIOS 2014**

SATURDAY	JULY 5th	2pm - 8pm
SUNDAY	JULY 6th	2pm - 8pm
MONDAY	JULY 7th	5pm - 8pm

Stuck for something to do this weekend? Well, this weekend 36 Brockley Artists invite you to view their recent work during this 22nd Annual Open Studios Weekend.

Entry to the studios is free and everyone is welcome!

Enjoy the opportunity to meet and buy direct from the artist and view their work in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere in a great variety of interesting workspaces all within walking distance of each other.

Some of you might remember we had a stall of Barbara Wiggins' bags and stationery at the Summer Fayre, Barbara is opening her studio at 53 Breakspears Road. There is a map of all the artists' studios here: <http://www.brockleyopenstudios.co.uk>



Open Afternoon for Reception - Year 5

Next week (**Wednesday 9th July, from 2.30 - 3.15pm**) is our open afternoon for all parents and carers of children from Reception - Year 5. This is a chance to come into classes and see your child's learning, look at scrapbooks and chat with your child about all the things they have enjoyed learning this year.

This is also the day we open our kitchens for parents to come and try our school dinners. We are hoping this will be particularly popular this year as the vast majority of parents have indicated that they will be taking up the offer of universal free school meals for all children from Reception - Y2. The free taster meals will be available from 3.00 - 3.45pm so please come along to try them!



Curriculum Changes - Harriet Becher, Vice-Chair of Governors

Governors

September 2014 will see big changes to the National Curriculum for all maintained primary schools in England. The changes being brought in by the government are intended to raise standards across the UK, and include:

- A new computing curriculum, with children learning to write and test programs from Year 1 - a new challenge for lots of the teachers!
- All children will learn a modern foreign language from Year 3. Ashmead will be doing Spanish as this links well with what is offered at local secondary schools.
- Maths will be more challenging, for example Year 1 children will be expected to count to at least 100 (at the moment they are assessed on numbers to 20) and by age 9 children will be expected to know all their times tables up to 12x12.

The staff at Ashmead have been working hard this term to prepare for the changes. The governors' Curriculum & Achievement committee have been monitoring progress, and we are really excited about the school's proposals.

Jane Bickley and the team have looked carefully at the new curriculum requirements, but they have also asked all the children what they like best about their learning at the moment and worked hard to keep the 'best bits'. Ashmead's new curriculum manages to keep some of the current favourites - like 'The Victorians' in Year 4 and 'Britain at War' in Year 6 - but also has some brand new topics to engage the children's imagination. Year 3 should enjoy studying 'The Golden Age of Baghdad' and Year 1 will have fun studying journeys through a topic called 'Fish and Ships'!

The school wants to make sure children will have at least one visit or 'experience' every half term to support their learning, and will be looking for creative ways to resource this.

Governors will continue to monitor and support the introduction of the new curriculum this autumn, and will keep you updated on how it is going.

If you have comments or would like to know any more please talk to Jane Bickley.