



Ashmead Primary School



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17th January 2014

Dates for the diary

20th Jan: Y4 trip to Natural History Museum

21st Jan: Y1J maths workshop - 9am

22nd Jan: Y2 maths workshop - 9am

22nd Jan: Y1 fundraising cake sale after school

23rd Jan: Y1L maths workshop - 9am

27th Jan: "The mystery of Maths" parents workshops for Y3 parents 9am and 6pm

29th Jan: Y1 fundraising cake sale after school

31st Jan: Reception workshops with artist from Dulwich Picture Gallery

31st Jan: 9.15 - Y1J class assembly

3rd - 7th Feb: Book Week and Scholastic book fair after school (Mon-Thur)

5th Feb: Full Governing Body meeting

7th Feb: Book character dress up day

11th Feb: Y1J and Y1L trip to London Zoo

13th Feb: Nursery trip to Mudchute Farm

17th - 21st Feb:
Half term break

6th March: World Book Day - Pat Hutchins and Jeremy Strong author visits

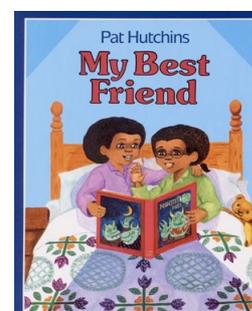
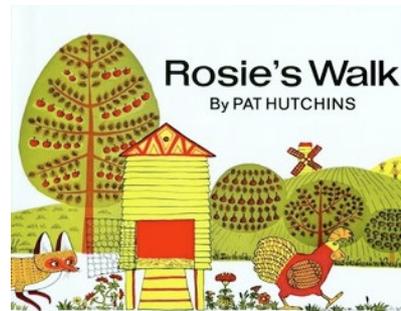
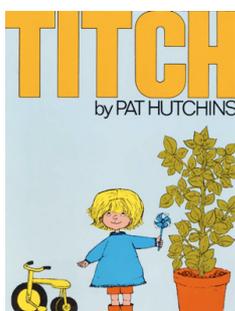
14th March: 9.15 - Y2 class assembly

28th March: Y1L class assembly

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

7th - 21st April (inc)
Easter break

22nd April: Children back to school



Books, books, books!

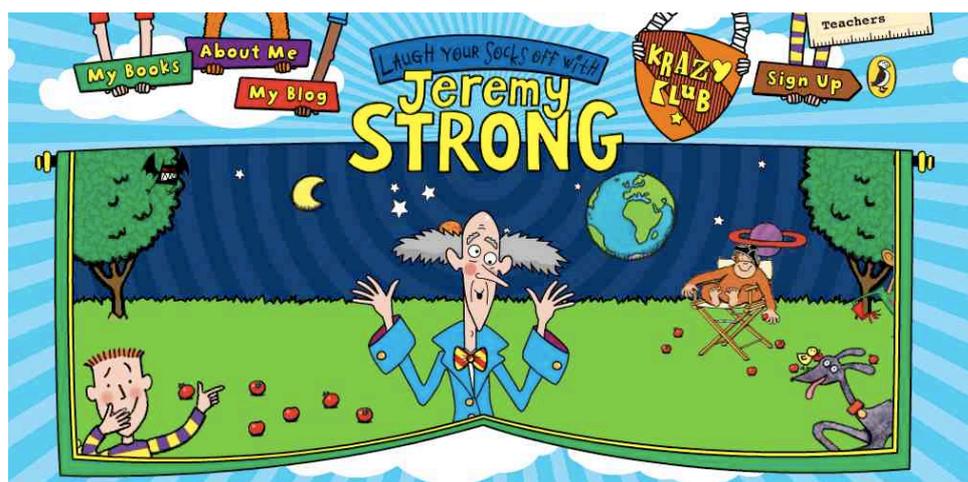
As part of our ongoing work to give our children a lifelong passion for reading we have some exciting book-related visits coming up:

Book Week begins on Monday 3rd February. There will be a character dress up day and a book fair during the week as well as lots of other great activities to help children love books. As part of book week, on Tuesday 4th February, Debbie Guneratne will be visiting the school. An experienced storyteller, she will share her skills with several classes.

On World Book Day (6th March 2013) we continue our tradition of having established authors visit Ashmead. This year we are lucky enough to have Pat Hutchins and Jeremy Strong coming to the school.

Jeremy Strong has written 77 books for children and has won several awards. His story *There's a Viking in My Bed* was made into a BBC TV series.

Pat Hutchins is an award-winning author-illustrator, well known for classics such as *Rosie's Walk* and *Titch*.



Maths Parent Workshops

Next week Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) are holding Maths workshops for parents and children. These will be fun sessions that will show you how we teach various Maths concepts in class and will give you some resources that you can use at home with your child. There will also be a chance to play games and have a go at some activities with your child. If you have not yet booked your place then please contact your child's class teacher as soon as possible so we can ensure we have enough goodies for everyone to take home!



Sian and Usua will also be running Maths sessions for Y3 parents the week after next on Monday 27th January. These are not sessions with the children but will be guiding you through the 'mystery' of Maths with ideas of how to tackle the dreaded times tables amongst other hints and tips! The sessions will be at 9 a.m. repeated at 6pm. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Dinner money

This term's dinner money is £52.20 if you haven't paid already. We really appreciate it when dinner money is paid in advance to the office or online via Pay+ on parentmail. Thanks!



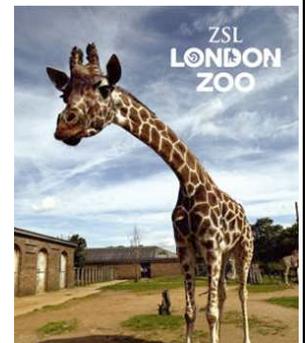
Bug Club



After the successful trial of Bug Club last term we have decided to renew our subscription for the whole school. This is a considerable expense but we feel it is really worth it. During the trial, some children read over 50 books online which is a great achievement. If your child hasn't logged on yet or if they have lost their log in details please contact their class teacher or email jbickley@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk

Year 1 are off to the Zoo... but we need your help!

To support their learning in their 'Amazing Africa' topic, Y1 are planning a trip to London Zoo. This will be an fantastic experience for the children but it is an expensive trip for parents to pay the whole amount so we will be



holding two cake sales to fundraise towards the cost. The cake sales will be on Wednesday 22nd and 29th January at 3.30. We would appreciate all donations of cakes and goodies to sell. Thank you!

Traversing wall

The traversing wall has proved to be a big hit so far this term. Dean from 'MockRock', who installed the traversing wall, came in on the first day of term and trained all the children from Reception to Y6 on how to use the wall safely. He gave us loads of tips and everyone had fun - even though it was pouring with



rain for some of the training! If you haven't had a chance to see the wall yet, do go up to the top playground and have a look. Better still, ask your child to show you how to use it (or have a go yourself!).

Thanks again to everyone who fundraised for this playground addition.