



Ashmead Primary School



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31st January 2014

Dates for the diary

3rd Feb: PTA meeting - 9 am

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

12th Feb: Dental screening - R/Y1

13th Feb: Nursery trip to Mudchute Farm

17th - 21st Feb:
Half term break

26th Feb: Reception measuring programme with school nurse

27th Feb: Parent-Teacher Meetings 3.50 - 6pm

3rd March: Reception trip to Horniman Museum

4th March: Parent-Teacher Meetings 3.50 - 7.30pm

5th March: Y6 to Junior Citizen Event

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

12th - 16th May: KS2 (Y6) SATs week. School open from 8am for Y6 all week for free SATs breakfasts!

22nd May: Polling Station/INSET day - school closed to children



Maths Workshops

Thank you to everyone who came to our hugely successful daytime and evening Maths workshops last week and this. We were thrilled to see so many of you there. For the daytime KS1 sessions we had an amazing 90% turnout. The children really enjoyed seeing so many of their parents and carers there supporting their learning.

Thanks also to our brilliant teachers who presented so clearly. We are planning to blog clips of the key Maths teaching methods we talked about so you have them for future reference.

The feedback you have given us about the workshops was really useful and we are planning to do more workshops with the same formula in the future - starting with handwriting workshops next half term. Watch this space for more details!





Book Character Dress Up Day!

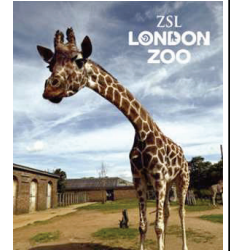
Once again we are planning to finish next week's book week with a book character dressing up

day on Friday 7th February. The children don't need to buy or wear a commercially produced costume - the most effective costumes are often those that have been inspired by a favourite character and created by the children. Have fun preparing something! We look forward to seeing all your costumes next week. Please also see the additional sheet with this letter about other activities in book week.

Y1 Cake Sales

Thanks to everyone who donated and bought cakes and goodies at our recent Y1 cake sales. The two sales were very successful and raised almost £400 and so Y1 are looking forward to going to London Zoo at a hugely subsidised rate.

Thanks for your support and help with this!



Safer Internet Day



Safer Internet Day (SID) is organised by Insafe each year to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and

mobile phones, especially amongst children and young people across the world. Safer Internet Day 2014 will be celebrated on 11 February and we will be doing work in school to promote this with the children. The strapline for the campaign is "Let's create a better internet together". You can get more information about the campaign by logging on to: <http://www.saferinternet.org/safer-internet-day>



Parents Evenings

As per our recent parentmail, we have our next Parent-Teacher meetings planned for straight after half term. The first meetings will be on Thursday 27th February (3.50 - 6pm)

and the second evening is Tuesday 4th March (3.50 - 7.30 pm). We will be sending slips out before the end of this half term for you to indicate your preferred day/times.



We are delighted to welcome four new governors to our team. They will introduce themselves to you in more detail in coming newsletters and once we have photographs of everyone we will update the website and noticeboard too.

Kevin Jeffrey, an experienced primary and secondary school governor and trainer for governor services joins us as a Lewisham governor.

Dean Johnstone, Associate Director in Leadership Development at the Charity Teach First, and previously a chair of governors of a primary school in Leeds, joins us as a Community governor.

Rehana Rahman, a teaching assistant here at Ashmead who leads the Numicon Maths interventions in school, joins us as our Support Staff governor

Hannah Nicholls, working for the Home Office, and with skills in finance and project management joins us as a Lewisham Governor.

It was great to have new governors join with all the existing team for a review evening last week, focusing on an audit of our skills and reflection on how we can build on our strengths and identify gaps so that we can increase our effectiveness as a governing body.

Carolyn Mumby - Chair of Governors