



Ashmead Primary School



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1st March 2013

Dates for the diary

- 1st March:** PTA Quiz Night - 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. start (adults only)
- 6th March:** Phonics workshop for Reception parents
- 7th March:** World Book Day
- 8th March:** Y2H class assembly - 9.30
- 12th March:** Volunteer readers training
- 15th March:** Y4 trip to Museum of Docklands/Y6 to Museum of London and Y3 class assembly - 9.30
- 16th March:** PTA Table Top Sale
- 19th March:** Nursery trip to Planetarium
- 21st March:** Parent-Teacher Meetings
- 22nd March:** Y2R class assembly - 9.30 and Y6 end of year celebrations fundraising cake sale - 3.30
- 26th March:** Parent-Teacher Meetings
- 29th March - 12th April (inc) Easter Holiday**
- 19th April:** Nursery cake sale
- 24th - 26th April:** Y4 School Journey
- 3rd May:** RL Cake Sale - 3.30
- 10th May:** Y6 end of year celebrations fundraising Book Sale
- 14th May:** RF to Woodlands Farm
- 15th May:** RL to Woodlands Farm
- 22nd May:** International Evening
- 27th - 31st May (inc) May half term holiday**
- 7th June:** RF Cake Sale - 3.30
- 11th June:** Y4 to Natural History Museum
- 21st June:** Sports Day

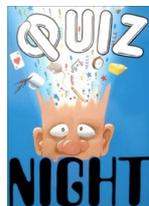


TABLE TOP SALE COMING SOON! QUIZ TONIGHT!

If you haven't bought your quiz tickets yet, you can get them tonight on the door. Tickets are just £5 and you don't have to be in a team to enter, come along and join a table. Doors will open tonight at 7 p.m. and the quiz will start at 7.30 p.m. See you there!

Our next PTA event, the table Top Sale, is fast approaching and we are looking for volunteers to help set up on day and clear away as well as help on the food stalls. We would really appreciate donations of cakes to sell on the day. They can be left at school on Friday 15th or brought to the Table Top Sale on the day. We will be outside the front of school from Monday for people to pay for their stalls and stalls are selling fast so book your stall early - no extra stalls will be available on the day. Payments need to be made no later than Wednesday 13th March. Thanks very much!

ASHMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA TABLE TOP SALE SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 12PM-3PM

CLOTHES TOYS BRIC-A-BRAC



£10 per table (£15 for two)
contact the PTA on kirstie.rose@hotmail.co.uk
or speak to a PTA member in the playground
or sign up on the noticeboard

PTA FOOD STALL

NO FOOD OR DRINK TO BE SOLD ON TABLE TOPS



come along and buy a bargain!



ENTRY:-
adults £1
free for children

Good luck to Deborah Arnold!



Today we say farewell to Deborah Arnold who leaves today to go on maternity leave. We wish her the best of luck on her exciting new journey in to parenthood. We are happy to welcome Allanah Secis who will be taking over Y5.

Look out for pictures of baby Evie when she arrives...

Lost learning time

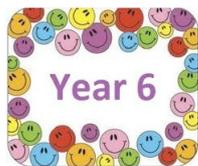
Our new monitoring of lateness has been very interesting - unfortunately we are often seeing the same families coming late each day. **Please make every effort to arrive at school on time. School starts at 9.00 so please aim to be in the playground before that! Playground gates close at 9.05 a.m.** These are our lost minutes of learning time this fortnight.

- Reception F: 1 hour 5 minutes lost
- Reception L: 1 hour 21 minutes lost
- Year 1: 3 hours 5 minutes lost
- Year 2H: 1 hour 15 minutes lost
- Year 2R: 1 hour 52 minutes lost
- Year 3: 1 hours 39 minutes lost
- Year 4: 2 hours 21 minutes lost
- Year 5: 4 hours 7 minutes lost
- Year 6: 1 hour 14 minutes lost



Year 6 Party, cake sale etc.

Today or tomorrow our Y6 children should find out which secondary school they have been offered. An exciting time for all and a reminder that it won't be long until we bid them a fond farewell. Some Y6 parents are planning an end of primary school party on Saturday 20th July and also a couple of fund raising events in the lead up to help fund the party. There will be a cake sale on Friday 22nd March and a book sale on Friday 10th May. For more details about the events see Laura Farrelly (Eilish's mum) or Karen Craughwell (Jolie's mum).



Dinner Money

The dinner money for this half term is **£40.80**. Please help the office by paying for school dinners on time, or better still in advance. At the moment there are over 27 families in school who owe us dinner money! It is a huge job for the office to chase this up so PLEASE pay on time. If you think your family might be eligible for Free School Meals then see the office for more information. Thank you.

Following the news about food sourcing recently, we have had this statement from Chartwells who provide our school dinners

We wish to reassure all parents in Lewisham that all fresh meat for the lunchtime school meal service is UK sourced. The traceability and quality of our food is our top priority. All of our nominated suppliers have to meet strict food quality and safety standards and they regularly undergo independent audits to ensure these standards are upheld. In addition we have asked all of our meat suppliers to re-confirm their compliance with the required traceability, testing and hygiene processes. We have received this confirmation from all of our current UK nominated meat suppliers, who have also verified that all of our meat products adhere to the required standards and specifications.

Headlice!

We have had cases of head lice being reported to us by parents from a number of different classes in the school.

Would you all please check your children this weekend and treat as necessary and hopefully we won't have any more cases reported to us next week!



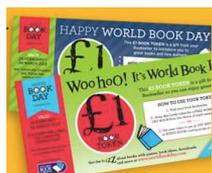
Phonics workshop for parents

If you have a child in Reception, please do try to come to our workshop/talk about phonics next Wednesday (6th March). This will hopefully give parents an idea of how we teach reading and writing and how you can continue to support your child at home. It is also a good opportunity to share and celebrate what you do at home and to ask any questions you might have. Look out for posters around school - we look forward to seeing lots of you there.

Also, don't forget our **Coffee Mornings** with Maria, our Learning Mentor, will be every Tuesday morning (9.00 - 10.00 a.m.) so do come along for a cuppa and a chat. All are welcome - we are very friendly!



WORLD BOOK DAY - NEXT WEEK!



As you will know, it is World Book Day next Thursday and we are delighted that we have TWO authors visiting the school that day. **Anne Fine**, a former children's laureate, will be visiting the school in the afternoon and **Chris Wormell**, author and illustrator of the incredibly popular George and the Dragon books, will be visiting in the morning. Details about how and when to buy books will go out in a parentmail early next week. On Thursday 7th, the children will also be receiving their World Book day voucher which they can take to a bookseller to claim a free book.

Governor Information - What does a Governing Body do?

The governing body's main role is to help raise standards of achievement

- It is accountable for the performance of the school
- It helps shape the school's future direction
- It monitors and reviews the performance of the school
- It makes decisions about the school's budget and staffing
- It makes sure the school provides for all its pupils, including those with special needs
- It decides how the school can encourage pupil's spiritual, moral and cultural development



Who are the governors?

The governing body works with the school and although individual governors have no power or responsibility, the full governing body has legal duties and powers and all governors share in that corporate responsibility. There are different types of governors including parent and staff governors and those who have been nominated by the Local Authority or chosen by the Governing Body to be a community governor.

In the coming newsletters we will be focusing on different governors, their roles, their backgrounds and their thoughts on being a governor so take a look at our Governor section each fortnight to 'meet' your governing body.