

- Dates for the diary**
- 10th May:** Y2 trip to The James Caird
 - 14th May:** Y3 trip to The British Museum
 - 16th May:** Y5O trip to Deptford Creek
 - 17th May:** Y5J trip to Deptford Creek
 - 21st - 25th May:** Science Week
 - 22nd May:** Y2 trip to Greenwich Planetarium
 - 23rd May:** Reception trip to Hilly Fields
 - 23rd May:** Family Science workshop - 6pm
 - 24th May:** Y6 Black History local walking tour
 - 25th May:** 2.30pm: Y6 Science showcase (all parents welcome!)
 - 5th and 6th June:** School Photographs
 - 7th June:** Y6 to Lewisham College production
 - 11th June:** Y3 trip to Kew Gardens
 - 15th June:** KS2 Sports Day
 - Saturday 16th June:** Summer Fair
 - 22nd June:** KS1 Sports Afternoon
 - 29th June:** EYFS Sports Afternoon
 - 29th June:** Y1 to Maritime Museum
 - 5th July:** Parent-Teacher meetings 3.50 - 6pm
 - 10th July:** Parent-Teacher meetings 3.50 - 7.30pm

Attendance

Our whole school attendance (excluding nursery) has risen over the last two weeks so THANK YOU VERY MUCH for making sure your child is in school each day. This means our attendance for the last two weeks was 95.53%. It would be great to see this figure rise even higher over the next fortnight. Thanks for your ongoing support.

Remember: every day counts!

The class attendance figures for last week were:

Year 3:	97.78%
Year 2:	97.04%
Year 5J:	97.04%
Year 6:	96.43%
Year 4:	95.21%
Year 5O:	95.19%
Reception 2:	94.06%
Reception 1:	93.68%
Year 1:	93.33%



**Every day
COUNTS!**

School success starts
with attendance



COMMUNICATION

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As you know it's really important that we work together in partnership with families.

Communication is a key part of this to keep up a positive partnership between families and school.

Most queries or concerns that you might have should go directly to your child's class teacher or you could contact the phase leader for your child's phase (Phase leaders are listed overleaf in the Phase news sections). If you have a question regarding inclusion then contact David David and see Sean or Jane regarding anything else. Don't forget that before any general office enquiries, do check the website or newsletters for information, there's lots there!

Term dates 2018-19

All parents should have received next year's term dates sent out as a parentmail/paper copy last term. These are also on the website so do please make a note of them. Thanks!



Safeguarding

To safeguard - to protect from harm or damage with an appropriate measure

We are all really enjoying playing and learning in this recent bout of sunshine and hope it will continue for a while! To ensure the children don't have any additional hazards that could hinder their play we often remind children to tie shoelaces or make sure their coats are either on or hung to the side and not left on the floor! We have also noticed that some children are wearing jewellery which can be dangerous whilst they are playing, particularly necklaces or hooped earrings, that can be snagged and cause unnecessary injuries. If your child has their ears pierced, they should wear small studs and not hoops. Necklaces and bracelets are not appropriate for wearing in school time. due to safety reasons.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping your children safe at school.

Our current value

We are currently looking at the value of **Integrity**.

Putting Ashmead First - Gerri Peev, Parent Governor

As per the last newsletter, Gerri is appealing for ideas and feedback about what you, the families, think made or makes Ashmead your school of choice. We want to make sure that as we expand, other local families are choosing Ashmead as their first choice school.



Gerri Peev, one of our Parent Governors, is leading a project to promote and publicise all the great things that happen here. To that end, if there is something you particularly love about Ashmead let us know so we can shout about it! It might be an upcoming event, workshop or particular experience or quality, whatever your thoughts or ideas, do please email Gerri at gerripeev@gmail.com Thank you!

News from Nursery and Reception

We hope you enjoyed the long weekend and the amazing sunshine! As always when it's hot, please make sure you apply sun cream to children before school and just a reminder that we don't allow children to wear sunglasses - a hat is perfect to help shield them from the sun. Lots of amazing learning has been happening over the past couple of weeks in EYFS. A recent interest in fairies led to a startling discovery of a fairy world in our Forest School!! This has prompted lots of independent letter writing to the fairies and will continue to lead our Forest School learning this week! Nursery loved the focus on seeds and growing and are particularly excited about the idea of harvesting the spinach and garlic we have been growing. EYFS are planning a focus on food and cooking in preparation for this so look out for Tapestry observations of tasting and preparing salads and vegetables. We would like to develop our willow tunnel as a music making area and will need lots of pots, pans and chimes to do this. If you have any music making junk at home, please bring it in so that we can re purpose it and hopefully make some noise!

Josie Hall

News from Y1, Y2 and Y3

It's been a great few weeks with lots of trips in the making to enhance our current topics. On Monday 14th, Y3 are off to the British Museum for two workshops - one to further their learning on life in Ancient Greece and the other an interactive tour with iPads in the main gallery. Y2 are heading to Dulwich College this Thursday for a tour about Sir Ernest Shackleton and to see his lifeboat, the James Caird. Later this month, Y2 will compare polar explorers to space explorers and head to The Royal Observatory in Greenwich to join Teddy on a space adventure in the Space Safari Planetarium Show. Y1 have already been on two trips this term, to Greenwich Ecology Park and to the Albany to watch Grandad's Island. Keep an eye on the blog for photos of any future trips!

Emma Dodsworth

News from Y4, Y5 and Y6

It's been another wonderful fortnight in Key Stage 2. The children in Year 4 welcomed the Freshwater Theatre Company into school to inspire their topic of Extreme Weather. The children learned lots of wonderful vocabulary and thoroughly enjoyed the drama workshop imagining what it would be like to experience natural disasters such as earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. The children in Year 5 have continued to produce some great work and are thoroughly enjoying their new whole class reading text of Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick. The children's writing has certainly been influenced and it has been a real pleasure to be able to read some of the children's work. The children in Year 6 are in the final straight as they prepare for the Key Stage 2 SATs next week. We will all be thinking of them as they prepare to show off everything they have learned. All of the staff are incredibly proud of them all. Don't forget SATs breakfasts next week either Year 6...!

Andy McPartland

The INCLUSION NEWS

Inclusion News

Over the last two weeks teachers have been busy preparing for their Pupil Progress meetings. In these meetings, teachers have been discussing the progress of all children and together with the senior team, highlighting those who have made less than expected progress. These discussions have then led to action plans to support these children across the school. With 10 weeks of term left every day counts to support your children. As always if you have anything inclusion related that you would like to discuss with me, then please do get in touch by emailing me at dfielding@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk or by phone at 020 8692 6081. Alternatively, you can catch me in the playground before or after school.

David Fielding - Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion