

Dates for the diary

26th Sept: Y1A and Y3 trip to Horniman Museum

27th Sept: Y1E trip to Horniman Museum

28th Sept: Y6 Shakespeare workshops at The Albany

1st Oct: Olympic athlete visiting school

5th Oct: PTA AGM - 9am ALL PARENTS AND CARERS WELCOME

8th - 12th October: Y6 school journey

9th Oct: Open morning for prospective parents - 9.30 - 10.30am

19th Oct: Parentgym taster session - 9am, all parents and carers welcome

**22nd - 26th Oct
Half term break**

30th Oct: School photos - individuals and siblings

31st Oct: School photos - individuals and siblings

1st Nov: Open morning for prospective parents - 9.30 - 10.30am

2nd Nov: Parentgym 1st session - 9am
6 week programme for parents/carers

15th Nov: Parent-Teacher meetings
3.50 - 6pm

20th Nov: Parent-Teacher meetings
3.50 - 7.30pm

**Parent Workshops and Parent Cafe
dates to be confirmed.**


Attendance

The whole school attendance (excluding Nursery) for last week was 96.53% with our youngest pupils having the very best attendance. **WELL DONE RECEPTION!**


It would be great to see these percentages stay high as we move through the term.

The class attendance figures for last week were:

Reception R:	98.33%
Reception D:	98.14%
Year 6L:	97.83%
Year 2:	97.67%
Year 6J:	97.5%
Year 5:	96.83%
Year 3:	96.33%
Year 1A:	96.11%
Year 1E:	94.11%
Year 4:	92.47%



School success starts with attendance




PTA AGM - 5th October

Ashmead Parent Teacher Association (PTA) needs you! We are looking for new active members of the PTA and we'd love as many of you as possible to come along to our Annual General Meeting (AGM) to find out more and perhaps volunteer your time or ideas. The PTA is a charity which exists to raise money for the school and to bring the parents, carers, teaching staff and the community together. Its main focus is fundraising for the school through a series of events throughout the school year. The committee is made up of the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and other committee members. There is more information about each role on Ashmead [website](#).

We look forward to seeing lots of you here on **Friday 5th October at 9am.**

Safeguarding

Safeguard - to protect from harm or damage with an appropriate measure



As the nights are drawing in and the weather is on the turn there is an Autumnal feel in the air and you might feel tempted to jump in the car to come to school instead of breathing in that fresh Autumnal air! Just a reminder that children should not be dropped off outside the school, **the zig zag lines indicate the no stopping or dropping zone.**

As you know we are currently using the car park as an entrance whilst we are having work done on the roof. Please do enter and leave the site safely, it can get really busy at peak times, especially with buggies, bikes and scooters coming in alongside the pedestrians so patience and cooperation is really appreciated and will help to avoid any accidents! Thank you!

Our current value

We are currently looking at the value of **Responsibility**

Governor News: Jon Clements - Parent Governor

OPAL - Outdoor Play and Learning



After eighteen months hard work - and more importantly hard play - Ashmead has completed its Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) project.

If you've seen children playing with tyres, planks of wood, boxes, pallets, blankets, chalk, water, jugs, plastic figures and a whole lot more in the playground and wondered what is going on - this is OPAL.

Designed to encourage more imaginative play, to help children (and staff) judge and take risks when playing and most of all have fun during breaks and lunch, it has been a great success.

In fact Ashmead, has done so well at integrating this into playtime, the school has been awarded Platinum status by OPAL's founders. Of the 300+ schools across the U.K. running this scheme, only 30 have reached this level so Ashmead are in the top 10!

Other schools in London are now approaching Ashmead to see how our staff and children have made it work so well. It is a huge credit to the playground volunteers, the teachers and other staff and the children who have let their creativity and energy run wild that Ashmead has been recognised in this way.

The school is always looking to refresh its stock of materials for children to use, so if you have ideas on how and where Ashmead can source more items please let Sean or Jane know!

News from Nursery and Reception

We've been having a busy few weeks getting to know each other in nursery and reception. Children are making new friends and becoming more confident in their new settings. We've nearly all mastered lunch time, even if some of us eat our pudding first! The children have particularly enjoyed the outdoor water area over the last week, with this in mind please remember to bring labelled spare clothes in a small named bag. Our highlight last week, in Reception R and D, has been meeting our Yr 6 buddies! The children can't wait to see and play with them at lunch times.

Danielle Sanniti

News from Y1, Y2 and Y3

We're already midway through the half term. Our routines are established, the children are getting stuck into their topics and clubs, trips and music lessons (Y3 recorder) are all underway. Y2 enjoyed their visit to Deptford Creek and Y1 and Y3 are off to the Horniman Museum this week (Y1 to see The Colour Exhibition and Y3 for an Ancient Egypt Workshop). It was fantastic to see so many of you at our recent 'Meet the Teacher' meetings; the school website has been updated with the slides from the meetings and do also keep your eyes on the website as the homepage is a live blog and is updated with posts regularly.

Emma Dodsworth

News from Y4, Y5 and Y6

It's been a wonderful start to the year in Key Stage 2. Year 4 have begun their topic of the Romans in earnest, already visiting the Croft Roman Villa in Orpington for the day. Year 5 have settled in excellently and are looking forward to a special visit this Monday from Thor himself! The children in Year 6 have been especially busy preparing for both their upcoming residential week at the Kingswood Centre in Ashford whilst also learning the Shakespeare's tragedy Macbeth as part of the Shakespeare School's Festival 2018. A reminder to all of the importance and necessity for every child to be reading at home for at least 20 minutes per night and the keep a log in their reading records.

Andy McPartland

The **INCLUSION NEWS**

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A busy first few weeks to term, where teachers have been getting to know the children through the establishment phase. Now that teachers have got to know the children a little more, we are planning the provision for our SEN children across the school, to support them with their areas of particular need. I will be meeting with teachers to support them in this process. I have also set up meetings with outside agencies to come and support us with this process. If you have any inclusion related questions you can reach me on dfielding@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk or alternatively catch me in the playground.

David Fielding