

Ashmead Primary School

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27th March 2023

Dates for the diary

- 27th - 31st Mar:** Lime class swimming all week
- 28th Mar:** 9.15 am - Y5 Juniper class assembly, parents welcome!
- 29th Mar:** Y3 trip to Natural History Museum
- 30th Mar:** Y5 local fieldwork trip
- 31st Mar:** 9.15 am - Y2 Elm class assembly, parents welcome!
PTA coffee morning - 9am (school hall)
- 4th - 15th April (inc)
Easter break**
- 17th Apr:** Children back
- 20th Apr:** PTA Pub Quiz at The Brookmill Pub - 8pm
- 24th Apr:** Y3 trip to British Museum
- 25th Apr:** Sycamore trip to Brookmill Nature Reserve (am)
- 26th Apr:** Rowan trip to Brookmill Nature Reserve (am)
- 28th Apr:** PTA coffee morning - 9am and Y5 Aspen class assembly (9.15)
- 3th May:** Y6 trip to Jewish Museum
- 4th May:** Y1 trip to Railway Meadow
- 5th May:** Y4 Lime class assembly and PTA planting in playground
- 9th - 12th May:** Y6 SATs week
- 16th May:** Y2 Maple class assembly
- 23rd May:** Y1 Fig class assembly

Attendance

Whole school attendance has risen a little over the last fortnight to 93.28% so thanks for your ongoing support in getting your child to school every day they are well enough.

The class attendance figures for the last fortnight were:

- Cypress (Y6): 97.12%
- Fig (Y1): 97.07%
- Lime (Y4): 95.81%
- Holly (Y1): 94.5%
- Juniper (Y5): 94.44%
- Birch (Y3): 94.4%
- Maple (Y2): 93.47%
- Pine (Y4): 93.33%
- Sycamore (YR): 92.78%
- Elm (Y2): 92.5%
- Oak (Y3): 90.36%
- Aspen (Y5): 90.12%
- Rowan (YR) 86.78%

Attendance Matters



PTA News



THANK YOU to all involved with our two Spring events last Friday, we couldn't do it without your kind donations, participation and your time! Firstly the playground planting was a great success, the planters are looking fabulous and Spring is most definitely sprouting - make sure you take a look when you're next in the playground! We will be running another planting session later in the season...watch this space!

The rain held off and the sun shone for our Spring Sale, ever popular - cakes, egg tombola, plant & fancy dress sale along with the opportunity to plant your own pot. All raising over £200, thanks to your kind support.

PTA Parents Social - Pub Quiz Night!

Join us for an evening of entertainment at our Quiz Night. Have fun, make connections & support the PTA - Thursday 20th April. From 7pm (quiz @8pm) upstairs at the Brookmill Pub - food & drink available. So what are you waiting for, book a babysitter and get your team together! £3 per person - look out for booking details...coming soon!

Don't forget our coffee morning this Friday - last day of term!
Friday 31st Mar: PTA Coffee Morning - 9am Small Hall
Thursday 20th Apr: PTA Parent Pub Quiz - 8pm The Brookmill Pub

Many Thanks

Ashmead PTA





Safeguarding - Keeping children safe on site

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

Please help us keep children safe on our school site. A few reminders:

Before school: Children need to be able to see their way in, especially at the green gates which can become crowded. Please ensure children have a clear path to the gates every morning. You can encourage your child's independence by dropping them at the car park gate so that they can come in and park their scooters etc by themselves. Please do not stand directly in front of the green gates - instead stand on either side. We have had a number of incidents where small children have been knocked by a parent standing back or turning round and not seeing a child!

After school: Once you have collected your child please do leave promptly via either the Ashmead Road or Lewisham Way gates. Please keep your children (particularly younger children) close to you and supervise them carefully as you leave. Children should walk on the pavement, not on the road - remember vehicles can still drive down our school street. Staff are not able to supervise children at the end of the day so please help us to keep the playground safe, e.g. all fixed equipment, such as the climbing frame, are out of bounds. If you see a stray ball or racket then do please return it to a trug. We can't supervise children's games at this time (or adults'...!). *Thanks for your cooperation.*

Lower School News (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

It was so lovely meeting with parents and carers over the last two weeks. It is wonderful to be able to show you and talk about their learning and the fantastic progress. Thank you for all your support at home: it is clear how well the children are doing through daily reading at school and home; thank you.

Your child is read with in a small group of 6 so these titles are in sets of 12: 6 copies for daily reading in the small group at school and 6 copies so each child can take a book home to consolidate their reading skills.

Please do take care of these books as damaged and lost books impact on the whole of Lower School, who share these books. If you do lose a book, you will need to let your child's teacher know and a payment of £10 will be added to your Parent Pay for you to settle with the office so we can buy a replacement.

We still have some titles missing from last year's reception and year one so please do keep an eye out for the book titles in the photo. If you do find one, please send it in with your child to give to their teacher. Thank you.

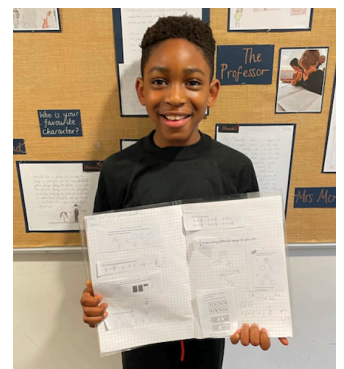
Emma Dodsworth - Assistant Head Lower School



Upper School News (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6)

I wanted to use the newsletter this week to provide a little more information for parents about the multiplication times tables check (MTC) which all of Year 4 children will take part in during the summer term. The check was introduced last year and requires all Year 4 children nationally to sit an online check which examines the children's ability to recall their times table facts. Each of the children completes the online check which asks 25 random multiplication facts. The children have 6 seconds to input the correct answer before the quiz moves along. The expectation is that all children, by the end of Year 4, can recall all of the times tables up to and including 12 x 12. The children in both Pine and Lime class have been practising already and are having lots of fun trying to improve their speed: I'm being challenged daily on the playground which is certainly keeping me on my toes! The times tables the children learn are a hugely significant support when moving into Years 5 and 6 where topics such as fractions are introduced in greater depth. If you have any questions about the MTC and how it works at Ashmead, please do feel free to send me an email or as always come and chat to me on the playground

Andy McPartland - Assistant Head Upper School



Inclusion Matters



It was lovely to see many of you at parents evenings over the last few weeks to review the progress your child is making. If your child is on the SEN register and you didn't take a copy of your child's SEN provision map, please contact your child's class teacher for a copy. Within the provision map, you will see the outcomes your child is working on and the progress towards these outcomes. If you have any questions about these outcomes, please contact your child's class teacher, myself or

Nicole (Assistant SENCO) and we will be happy to assist. *As always if you have questions related to your child's development, please email dfielding@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk*