



Ashmead Primary School

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22nd May 2023

Dates for the diary

23rd May: Y1 Fig class assembly (9.15am) and Y4 Vikings workshop (in school)

25th May: Class photos day

26th May: PTA coffee morning (9am) and last day of half term

**29th May - 2nd June (inc)
Half term break**

**5th June: INSET Day
(school closed to children)**

6th June: Children back at school

8th June: Y6 trip to the Jewish Museum

15th June: Y2 trip to Sealife Centre - London Aquarium

23rd June: Y3 Oak class assembly (9.15am)

28th June: Reception '23 children 'Stay and Play' session and parents' meeting

29th June: KS1 Sports Morning (Hillyfields) and EYFS Sports Afternoon (in school)

30th June: KS2 Sports day at Ladywell Arena

5th July: Y4 Pine trip to Chislehurst Caves

6th July: Y4 Lime trip to Chislehurst Caves and PTA evening social

6th July: 7pm: Y6 production

7th July: Y4 Pine class assembly (9.15am) and PTA Summer Fair (3.30 - 5.30pm)

14th July: Y1 Holly class assembly (9.15am)

Attendance

Our whole school attendance has risen for the second fortnight in a row and for the last two weeks in school it was 96.65%. This is great news so thanks for your ongoing support.

The class attendance figures for the last fortnight were:

- Elm (Y2): 98.48%
- Sycamore (YR): 98.29%
- Holly (Y1): 97.96%
- Cypress (Y6): 97.82%
- Birch (Y3): 97.78%
- Juniper (Y5): 97.78%
- Aspen (Y5): 97.66%
- Oak (Y3): 96.53%
- Lime (Y4): 95.83%
- Maple (Y2): 95.41%
- Fig (Y1): 95.06%
- Rowan (Y1): 94.03%
- Pine (Y6) 93.92%

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts...

PTA News

FINAL PTA DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Friday 26th May: PTA Coffee Morning
- Thursday 6th July: Parents Social Evening
- Friday 7th July: PTA Summer Fair

- 9am Small Hall
- 7pm Venue TBC
- 3:30pm-5.30pm Playground

THANK YOU! To all those who have responded to our plea for support to reach our fundraising goals for this school year. We had a great turn out for the planting last Friday, you can see the results for yourself in the playground! The Cake & Plant sale was also a huge success raising £360 so thank you to all of those who donated cakes, plants and their time, not to mention money!



SUMMER RAFFLE & SUMMER FAIR

Our final push!

Have you got the time, the skills or the links to provide any of the following;

- Corporate sponsor to sponsor our raffle and/or event?
- Raffle prizes (From our star prize e.g bike/iPad to local dinners, treatments, treats etc.)
- Time to support the PTA team contact local businesses
- Can you help with the summer fair in any way pre/set up/during/clear up?

Please get in touch/join the WhatsApp:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EnUHE0XgJYI8OWk0dkMK0S>

Want to know more and/or get involved now or in the future? Then come along to the coffee morning this Friday at 9am! It's a very informal affair for which you're welcome to stay for 5 minutes or the whole hour.

Many Thanks - Ashmead PTA



Safeguarding

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

As the weather slowly starts to warm up again we'd like to remind everyone about appropriate summer clothes and footwear that will enable your children to enjoy the sun and outdoor play whilst also staying safe.



Shoulders, backs and upper arms should be covered - children's skin is particularly vulnerable to burning so no vests, spaghetti straps or strapless or sleeveless tops please.

Shoes need to have a back (no flip flops, backless Crocs or Birkenstocks) so that children can run and play safely without the hazard of tripping and as always no open toe shoes please!



Children also must have a named **water bottle** to school every day so they can keep hydrated throughout the day. Please do not put water bottles in book bags as they often leak over books and ruin them!

Thanks for your cooperation!

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

As we move towards the final half term of the year it is wonderful to see such confident and independent children in EYFS and KS1. Reception have been busy applying the skills they have learned during phonics in their independent play, such as writing stories, recipes and signs. Nursery have also started a big interest in their writing journey, making books and writing wonderful stories together.

There has also been a continued interest in mini-beasts in year 1 with the children observing all the small creatures who visit our gardens and creating a Bug Hotel that caters for all their different needs. Y1 have also begun counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and are continuing this in their play with scoring games and counting to a Macarena dance - ask your children about it! There are some great counting videos on [scratchgarden.com](https://www.scratchgarden.com) In literacy, Y1 have been continuing their animal books, adding in a page all about reptiles, and finishing the book with a scales and fur collage.

Y2 have been reading 'The Bear under the Stairs' in literacy and thinking about different sentence types: questions, statements and commands to include when writing a postcard to a character in the story. In maths Y2 have been measuring mass on mechanical and digital scales and measuring objects in grams and kgs - you could continue this learning at home when baking or cooking - reading the digital or analogue scales.

All year groups have been practising for Sports Day in their PE slot - under arm throws towards a target, running for speed using our arms (and a 'pocket to mouth' motion) and jumping in a hessian sack ready for the sack race!

Emma Dodsworth - Assistant Head Lower School



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

I can't quite believe we are already at the end of this half term. It's been such a busy few weeks for all of us here at Ashmead with lots of things to celebrate. We all enjoyed learning about the history of the coronation of King Charles III and considering what life was like in Britain and the world the last time a British monarch was crowned.



The children in Year 6 were exceptional in their SATs week the week before last and even told me (mentioning no names) that it was their favourite week ever! All of the children tried their very best, which is all we can ever do and were a real credit to you as families and our school community. I felt very privileged to support the children through the experience and to see how truly far they have all come.

Please do look closely at the key dates on the newsletter, as the final half term of the school year is packed full of fantastic events that you won't want to miss.

Andy McPartland - Assistant Head Upper School

Inclusion Matters



Neurodiversity is the idea that there are a variety of ways that people's brains process information, function, and present. There are many different ways that neurodivergence manifests ranging from very mild ways that most people would never notice to more obvious ways, including autism, ADHD, dyslexia and many others. Rather than thinking there is something wrong or problematic when some people don't operate similarly to others, neurodiversity embraces all differences. It is important that, as a society we learn to understand these differences and help those who need support.

If you would like to discuss anything inclusion related, please contact at dfielding@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk