

Dates for the diary

- 15th June:** Y2 trip to Sealife Centre - London Aquarium
- 19th June:** Fire Safety workshops for Y2 and Y5
- 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 10-12pm (Hillyfields) and EYFS Sports Afternoon 2.00 - 3.15pm (in school)
- 30th June:** KS2 Sports day 10am - 2.30pm at Ladywell Arena
- 5th July:** Y4 Pine trip to Chislehurst Caves
- 6th July:** Y4 Lime trip to Chislehurst Caves, Y6 production (7pm - school) and PTA evening social (7pm - venue TBC)
- 7th July:** Y4 Pine class assembly (9.15am) and PTA Summer Fair (3.30 - 5.30pm)
- 10th July:** Nursery and Reception report afternoon from 3pm
- 11th July:** Y1 and Y2 report afternoon from 3pm
- 12th July:** Y3 and Y4 report afternoon from 3pm
- 13th July:** Y5 report afternoon from 3pm
- 14th July:** Y1 Holly class assembly (9.15am) and Y6 report afternoon from 3pm
- 21st July:** Y6 leavers' assembly (10am) and last day of term

Attendance

Our whole school attendance took quite a dip either side of the half term break and for the week before and after half term was just 94.63%. It would be great to see this edge back up to where it has been previously, thanks for your support. The class attendance figures for the last fortnight were:

- Elm (Y2): 98.99%
- Juniper (Y5): 98.06%
- Birch (Y3): 97.11%
- Rowan (YR): 96.5%
- Sycamore (YR): 96.15%
- Maple (Y2): 96.14%
- Cypress (Y6): 95.83%
- Pine (Y4): 95.5%
- Oak (Y3): 94.68%
- Aspen (Y5): 94.44%
- Lime (Y4): 91.44%
- Fig (Y1): 89.51%
- Holly (Y1) 85.93%

Attendance Matters



PTA News

FINAL DATES FOR THE DIARY!

Thursday 6th July:	Parents Social Evening	7pm Venue TBC
Friday 7th July:	PTA Summer Fair	3:30pm-5.30pm Playground

FINAL FUNDRAISING PUSH! Thank you for all of your help and support this year and what a year we've had so far, we couldn't have done it without you! Not much longer until the end of our fundraising year so if you have any time or resources please do sign up and support where you can, even 1 hour can make a huge difference to what we can achieve/raise.

SUMMER RAFFLE - can you offer any time and/or links to help with the following:

- We need a corporate sponsor to sponsor our raffle and/or events
- Raffle prizes (From our star prize e.g bike/iPad to local dinners, treatments, treats etc.)
- Time to support our team contact local businesses for prizes

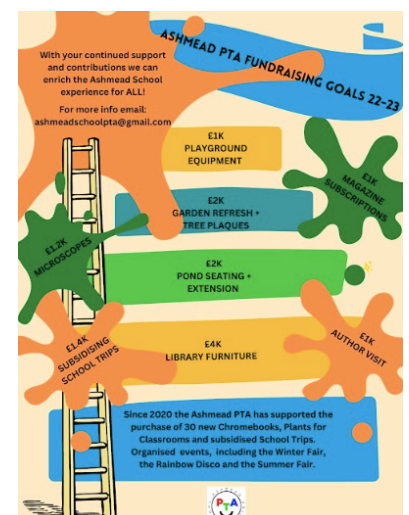
SUMMER FAIR - we need volunteers on the day to help with (but need an idea of numbers now for planning purposes):

- Setting up from 2pm (we only have a short time on the day to work our magic!)
- During the fair we need people to help run stalls - 1 hour slots available
- Clearing up (we have about 30 minutes to take everything down)

Please get in touch/join the WhatsApp to help with any of the above and state what you are available for - thank you:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EnUhE0XgJI8OWk0dkMK0S>

Many Thanks - Ashmead PTA



ASHMEAD PTA FUNDRAISING GOALS 22-23

With your continued support and contributions we can enrich the Ashmead School experience for ALL!
For more info email: ashmeadschoolpta@gmail.com

- £1K PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
- £1K MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS
- £2K GARDEN REFRESH + TREE PLAQUES
- £2K POND SEATING + EXTENSION
- £1.2K MICROSCOPES
- £1.5K SURVIVING SCHOOL TRIPS
- £4K LIBRARY FURNITURE
- £1K AUTHOR VISIT

Since 2020 the Ashmead PTA has supported the purchase of 30 new Chromebooks, Plants for Classrooms and subsidised School Trips. Organised events, including the Winter Fair, the Rainbow Disco and the Summer Fair.

Safeguarding



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

As per our parentmail yesterday it's going to be a scorcher this week! Please make sure you put sunscreen on your children before school, the 'once a day' sunscreen is ideal, for example Aldi sell a highly recommended 'once a day' SPF product. Children also (still!) need a water bottle in school EVERY DAY so they remain hydrated. A covered back, shoulders and upper arms is essential so no strappy tops please and a hat is also a good idea too to keep them safe in the sun.



Thanks for your cooperation!

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

It was a sunny first week back after half term and the hot weather looks like it will continue. As you know in EYFS and year 1 we spend a lot of time outside (in all weathers!) so please do ensure your child is appropriately dressed with shoulders, back and arms covered and closed toe shoes please! As mentioned in the last newsletter, children must have a named **water bottle** to school every but please do not put water bottles in book bags as they often leak over books and ruin them and this has happened! The children can usually carry their water bottle in their hand to their class.

Y1 have kick-started their topic 'Greenfingers' by sharing the names of plants they know or may have in their outdoor spaces at home as well as harvesting some of the vegetables in their outside area - lettuce, mint and coriander. Please take a look at the Knowledge Organiser for the common flower names they are learning off by heart but also feel free to send photos in of any plants - email Emma or Sophie or add to Seesaw. Y2 have started reading 'Where the Forest Meets the Sea' and are enjoying discussing the meaning of this mysterious book as a way to kick start their conservation topic and look forward to their trip to The Sealife Centre - London Aquarium this week.



A plea - if you have an old backpack or drawstring bag you would be willing to donate to school for school trips they would be greatly appreciated. They only need to be big enough for a packed lunch and water bottle but would save children carrying carrier bags - thank you in advance.

Emma Dodsworth - Assistant Head Lower School

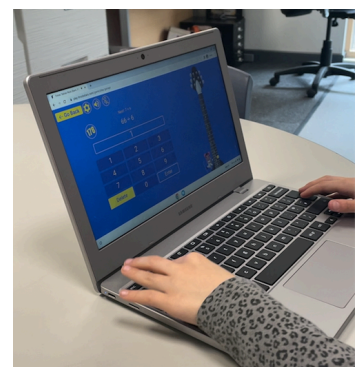
Upper School News (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6)

Welcome back to everyone for the final half term of the school year. The summer sunshine has finally arrived so the first thing I would like to do is to remind everyone of the importance of bringing a named water bottle to and from school every day.

This half term also sees our Year 4 children taking part in the MTC (multiplication times tables check) which is a national assessment of the children's times table recall. The children will take the assessment online and will be faced with 25 questions asking any times table question up to and including 12 x 12. The children get 6 seconds to respond to each question before the next arrives on screen.

The children in both Lime and Pine class have been practising hard all year and have had so much fun improving their speed. I'm being challenged regularly in the playground and I'm happy to say I'm starting to find excuses to avoid inevitable defeat! If you have any questions or would like any more information with regards to the national MTC then please don't hesitate to ask.

Andy McPartland - Assistant Head Upper School



Inclusion Matters



Our speech and language therapist, Kate, works one day a week at Ashmead. Kate will be beginning her final block of therapy, before the summer holidays, with children across the school starting this week. Each term, we organise Kate's work into 5-6 week blocks. If your child needs speech and language support this term, we will be in touch with you this week to let you know and get your consent. Please note, if you are not contacted, this means your child will not get direct support from

Kate this term as it is not possible for her to give support to every child, every term.

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