

Ashmead Primary School

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10th July 2023

Dates for the diary

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

13th July: Y6 production (7pm - school - rescheduled from 6th July)

14th July: Y1 Holly class assembly (9.15am) , Y5 trip to Horniman Museum and Y6 report afternoon from 3pm

17th July: Transition day - children visit new classes

18th July: Y6 and Reception 'buddy' trip

21st July: Y6 leavers' assembly (10am) and last day of term

24th July - 1st Sept (inc Summer break

4th and 5th September INSET days (school closed to children)

6th Sept: Y1 - Y6 children return to school

6th - 7th Sept: EYFS home visits (Nursery and Reception classes closed)

8th Sept: Nursery and Reception children start (*staggered start*)

Attendance

Our whole school attendance (excluding nursery) for the last fortnight has remained pretty much the same which is good, attendance from 26th June - 7th July was 95.02%. Let's keep this up to the very last day of term! Thanks for your cooperation.

The class attendance figures for the last fortnight were:

- Holly (Y1): 97.67%
- Fig (Y1): 97.24%
- Lime (Y4): 96.91%
- Pine (Y4): 96.32%
- Sycamore (YR): 96.15%
- Elm (Y2): 94.77%
- Maple (Y2): 94.57%
- Birch (Y3): 94.4%
- Rowan (YR): 94.38%
- Juniper (Y5): 94.2%
- Aspen (Y5): 93.31%
- Cypress (Y6): 92.92%
- Oak (Y3) 92.45%

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Staffing News



We are sorry to be saying goodbye to some brilliant Ashmead staff this summer.

Chris Chambers has been at Ashmead for 35 years and after all these years of dedication, as both a class and intervention teacher, she is moving on to her well earned retirement, we wish Chris a restful time ahead!

We are also sad to say goodbye to Andy Mcpartland who has been at Ashmead for ten years but we are delighted for him as he has accepted a promotion as a deputy head at a school in a neighbouring borough.. We wish him every success in his new school, our loss is their gain!

At the end of term we are also saying farewell to Emily Sandford, one of our members of support staff, who is leaving to work in an education tech company and Tia McNeill, who has been teaching in Year 5 this year, and is leaving to explore roles outside teaching. Penny Andrews, another long standing member of support staff, left earlier this term after many years at Ashmead, we wish her all the best.

I'm sure you will join with us to wish them all the best for the future, they will all be missed!



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

In school over the next couple of weeks we'll be reminding the children about road safety and being aware of what is around them, especially if they're with groups of friends which can sometimes be a distraction around busy roads. Please remind your child to be aware of traffic and the basic 'Stop, Look and Listen' advice when crossing roads. Can we also remind every adult that you can model road safety by only ever walking down a road on the pavement (and not in the middle of the road) even during the restricted access Ashmead Road School Street times. Children will not always be able to judge when it is safe to be in a road so we would advise ALWAYS walking on the pavement! Thanks for your support!



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

As we enter the final two weeks of this academic year, I want to say how proud I am of all the children in EYFS and KS1. It has been such a pleasure to spend time in each of the classrooms over this year.

The children have shown an amazing thirst for learning throughout the year and we are keen to keep this going over the long holiday. Please have a go at the summer reading challenge and writing summer diaries, shopping lists and any other kind of purposeful writing will really help to keep children interested in literacy and it is essential that they have lots of practice with this to consolidate and keep up their skills over the long break.

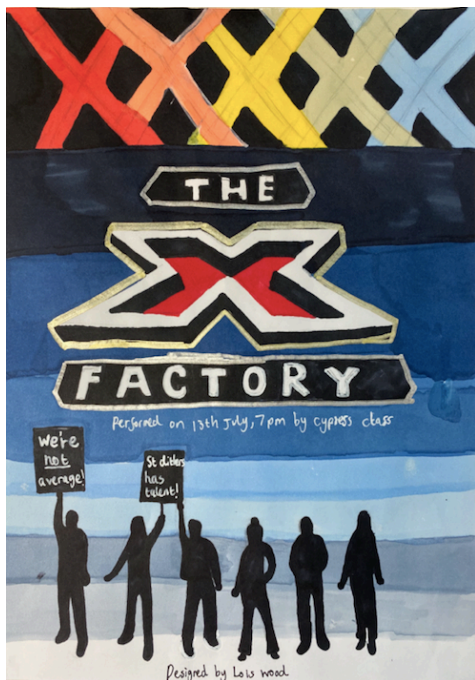
We won't be sending reading books home in the final week as we'd like to get these all back, sorted and audited before the holidays. Please return your child's book on the last Monday and if you find any other school books please hand these in too!

It has been wonderful to see all the children learn and grow this year and we're excited to see all the amazing things they will do as they move through the school. Thank you for a brilliant year and all your support. Enjoy the break!



Emma Dodsworth - Assistant Head Lower School

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



Somehow, I can't quite believe this is the final newsletter of the school year. I wanted to start by saying a huge thank you and congratulations to all of our children and families for their participation in this year's KS2 sports day at the Ladywell Arena. It truly is one of my favourite days of the school year and the atmosphere of support always makes me smile. At playtimes, I remind the children that we encourage and not complain and I think it is this mindset which underpins the success of the event.

We still have a jam-packed fortnight before we break up for the summer. This week, we are all really looking forward to welcoming families into the classrooms for our end of year report afternoons.

This Thursday is also the Year 6 end of year production. Year 6 parents and carers, please do purchase your tickets from the main office: I promise it's a show you won't want to miss!

As this is my final ever newsletter, I want to finish by saying an enormous thank you to each and every one of you for all your support and kindness. Being a member of the Ashmead community has been truly one of the greatest experiences of my life: I will cherish the ten years of memories forever. Thank you.

Andy McPartland - Assistant Head Upper School

Inclusion Matters

One of the ways we support our SEND children is through the use of 'provision maps'. These documents set out how children should be supported in class. I am working with class teachers to review these to help the transition to the next year to be as smooth as possible. Teachers will then share children's progress as part of our transition meetings including what they think the next steps should be to help the children thrive from the beginning of next year. *As always if there is anything inclusion related you would like to discuss with me, you can contact me at dfielding@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk*

David Fielding - Assistant Head for Inclusion

