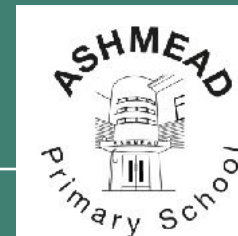


Ashmead News



Through excellent teaching and care every child knows they are both loveable and capable



Celebrating our school community

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Parent View survey as part of last week's Ofsted inspection. The lead inspector commented on the high number of responses received and the many positive comments shared - we really appreciate you taking the time to share your views. We are incredibly proud of our children and staff, who represented Ashmead so well throughout the visit, demonstrating the values, relationships and special moments that we see every day. We now await the publication of the report, which we expect in approximately three weeks, and look forward to sharing it with you once it is available.

Looking ahead, we have our parent-teacher meetings on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week, if you haven't booked via Arbor already then please do so ASAP. Wherever possible, we strongly encourage children to attend these meetings alongside their adults so that they can be part of the conversation about their strengths, achievements and next steps in learning. We believe this helps children take ownership of their learning and feel actively involved in their own progress. During the parent-teacher afternoons, we will also be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the Small Hall (this will be cashless but please bring a card/payment method if you'd like to purchase a book). We have asked Scholastic to provide a range of books to help us celebrate Black History Month - see more about Black History Month on the next page of this newsletter.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school community. Ofsted really did shine a light on so many of the positive aspects of our school, I feel very proud of everyone.

Jane Bickley - Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING - NO WHEELS IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS PLEASE!

It's lovely to see so many children riding and scooting to school. Please remember that nobody (adults, children or pre-schoolers) should be on bikes/scooters inside the school grounds though - including before school and after enrichment or after school clubs.

If your child brings a scooter or bike to school, they should a) be able to park this by themselves and b) should only be on their scooter/bike on the pavement (or road if they are proficient and wearing a helmet) on Ashmead Road/Lewisham Way, not anywhere in the school grounds, including the car park. Thanks!



Lost property

We have already built up quite a pile of lost property this term and the vast majority of items are not named so we can't return them to the right person! Please name any/all of the clothes and items your child brings to school - thanks!



Attendance

Our 'year to date' attendance is 96.1% (just above the National Average of 95.6%).

This is something we will continue to track really carefully.

Just a reminder that any lateness after 9.30am counts as unauthorised absence for the whole morning. You can track your child's attendance on the Arbor app.

Dates for the diary

14th - 16th Oct: Y6 away on School Journey residential

15th Oct: PTA AGM - 6.15pm in school. ALL WELCOME.

16th Oct: PTA Cake and Costume Sale - 3.30pm in playground

19th, 20th and 21st Oct: Parent-Teacher-Child conferences and Scholastic Book Fair in the Small Hall - 3.50 - 5.40pm

22nd Oct: Open Morning for prospective parents - 9.30am and Y5 trip to British Museum

23rd October: INSET Day
School closed to children

October half term break
26th - 30th Oct (inc)

2nd Nov: Children back to school

4th Nov: Flu immunisation team in school (*rescheduled date*)

6th Nov: Winter Fair sorting at school - from 9am

9th Nov: Y5 trip to London Central Mosque

11th Nov: Y3 trip to Horniman Museum and Open Morning for prospective parents - 9.30am

12th Nov: Individual and sibling photos

18th Nov: Y4 trip to Maritime Museum

24th Nov: Open Morning for prospective parents - 9.30am

25th Nov: Y4 trip to Maritime Museum and Y6 Goldsmiths' workshop

27th Nov: Winter Fair sorting at school - from 9am

1st Dec: Reception trip to The Albany Theatre

Friday 4th December
Winter Fair 3.30 - 6pm

PTA News

The PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

6:15pm Thursday 15th October, School Hall

Join us for the Annual General Meeting this Thursday. It's not just a meeting - it's an opportunity to shape the future of our school community! Doors will open at 6:15pm for some light refreshments and a chance to talk with the committee and other parents.

We'll share plans for the upcoming year and a new committee will be elected. If you would like to know more about joining the committee please get in touch

ashmeadschoolpta@gmail.com

As we have a number of committee members stepping down this year, we are looking for parents/carers to fill the vacant roles.

There are 3 roles (Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) that are mandatory and must be filled or the PTA will need to be dissolved - meaning no school disco, no winter fair, no extra funding for the school. If you are considering any of these roles (which can be shared) and would like to know more, please get in touch.

Cake & Costume Sale

3:30pm Friday 16th October, School Playground

The annual cake and costume sale is always a hit with the children. For those on the lookout for new costumes it's a good opportunity to pick up a second hand costume for a great price.

All donations are welcome:

- Home baked or shop-bought cakes (kids love it all - **no nuts please**)
- Pre-loved costumes to give a happy new home (perfect time for a clear-out!)

Costume donations can be left at the office all week.

Cakes donations on Friday only.

Upcoming PTA Dates

15/10 6:15pm Annual General Meeting (School Hall)

16/10 3:30pm Cake & Costume Sale (Playground)

6/11 9am Winter Fair Sorting (School Hall)

27/11 9am Winter Fair Sorting (School Hall)

4/12 3:30-6:00pm Winter Fair (Playground)

PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

THU 15 OCT | **6:15pm** | **School Hall**



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October is Black History Month, a time to celebrate the achievements, contributions and stories of Black individuals, past and present. This month, we have ordered some exciting new books for our indoor and outdoor libraries and will be shining a spotlight on key Black individuals in our assemblies.

However, our commitment to diversity and inclusion extends far beyond October. Throughout the year, we strive to ensure that our curriculum, books and resources reflect the diverse world we live in, introducing children to a wide range of people and perspectives. We want every child to feel seen, valued and represented, while developing an understanding and respect for others.

We warmly welcome ideas and recommendations from families throughout the year as we continue to learn and celebrate together as a school community.

