



West Ashtead Primary School

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Congratulations to Mrs Laura Hall and family. Alice Rose was born on 13th February at 13.13 hours! All are doing very well and we are looking forward to Alice's first visit to school!

I am afraid I am going to start with a grumble.

Behaviour

Unfortunately over the past few weeks, we have seen some very inconsiderate behaviour. We have had damage to a guitar, a brand new basketball post damaged beyond repair and deliberate flooding in one of our boys' toilet by blocking the sinks with paper towels and soap. We are disappointed that we have a very small minority of children who have a destructive attitude to school property. Going forward if school property is wilfully damaged, we will be passing on the repair and/or replacements costs to the parents of the culprits in addition to following the consequences set out in our Behaviour Policy. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Parking

A parent has sent the following: 'I notice that the parking by parents, particularly around Taleworth Close is less than ideal recently. Cars are frequently parked on the corner of the close, making it dangerous for cars to pull out, and putting our school children at risk.' Please remember to park considerately at all times.

And now for all the positives about West Ashtead

World Book Day

Thank you to Mr Gardiner and all the staff who planned a fantastic World Book Day. The day was full of book based activities and the highlight for me was seeing all the children reading their books to one another while sitting in the corridors! The Pupil Librarians and I spent a very happy lunch hour judging the wooden spoon competition. It was great to see so many entrants and every one will now be displayed in the library for all to enjoy. Congratulations to Ella D, Sam S, Olivia M, George W, Rafferty, Elliot, Zack, Will, Annabel, Bartie and William H who won a book of their choice for their efforts.

Young Photographer Competition

Congratulations to Emily W who has been named Runner Up (2nd place) in the Junior Category of the above competition organised by the Rotary Club. Certificate of Merits were awarded to Tamara, Olivia M and Hannah T. Well done and thank you to Mrs Dunham who is the driving force behind our photography club.

Curriculum

We have purchased a comprehensive set of Assembly plans. Each week we have a main theme which develops important individual and community values. Over the past two weeks, these have been:

Lent – values of perseverance and appreciation

Respond or React – values of kindness and self-control

As a start to Science Week, Swans and Kingfishers have some extra guests in their classrooms causing much excitement for everyone. Ducklings and chicks are hatching quickly and the engagement and motivation of the children is wonderful to behold. Thank you to Miss Clemson and Mrs Legg for ensuring that our children's learning is so inspiring. I am sure the writing will be spectacular!

Well done to 5D for a very informative class assembly based on Space – a taster of things to come for next week.

Sport

Good luck to Lennie, Benji, Oliver, Oscar and Miles who will be playing football against Liverpool Academy U10's & U11's over the weekend. A great opportunity and I look forward to seeing the pictures and hearing all about their prowess next week.

Mrs Hosken writes: Wow! What a busy week of sporting fixtures! Last week saw a team of Year 5 and 6 boys play away at the Greville where they enjoyed playing their match on their new Astro pitch. The boys showed great spirit and teamwork but sadly this time they lost their match. Mr. Chester the team manager for West Ashtead was very impressed with the boys' skills and commitment to the game. He added that they have the drive to do well and go far as a team, well done boys.

The Year 5 and 6 girls also enjoyed an action packed afternoon at Downsland School where they participated in a tournament organised by Josh Evans Football. They played against various other local schools. We are extremely proud of their dedication, determination and sportsmanship shown throughout the event. A massive congratulations to the whole team for WINNING the tournament!

We have also had 2 netball teams play away at the Greville. A fantastic afternoon on the court saw the A team win their game and the B team narrowly losing theirs. Well done girls!

Our cross country team have been working hard at building their endurance and stamina and look forward to their final two races.

The rest of March is jam packed with children participating in cross-country, dodgeball, football, netball and tag-rugby tournaments. Go West Ashtead Wasps!

When selecting teams, Mrs Hosken speaks weekly to the coaches from Sportstars to discuss all our children's enthusiasm, attitude, behaviour and aptitude in PE and Games lessons as well as liaising with afterschool club staff so that all children have a chance at being selected.

STEAM Week

Next week is our STEAM week. Miss Dalchow and the staff have planned a full week of activities based on Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Watch out for all the Facebook posts!

Finally, thank you to parents and pupils who provided feedback via our online questionnaires. Over the next few weeks, we will be analysing the results and will share our responses and next steps.

Best wishes
Ruth Hall
Headteacher

[DATES FOR YOUR DIARY](#)

Details of up-coming events are kept updated on our [CALENDAR](#)

Please do regularly check it for any changes and new events