



West Ashtead Primary School

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Welcome back. I hope you all had a lovely rest over half term. The first week has flown by and the sun now seems a long time ago.

Pupil Progress

At the end of every half term, our teachers make judgements about children's attainment levels. We then use this data to lead our Pupil Progress Meetings at the very beginning of each half term or term. We set aside a block of time and the teachers meet with me and Mrs Allum, our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator. We talk about every individual child and the progress they are making. We discuss whether further support or challenge is needed to accelerate their progress and how this can be achieved. I am delighted that all the teachers know and understand their children so well and are committed to doing their very best for them all.

Curriculum

As usual my days have been punctuated by children sharing their learning. Arthur and Florence (Year 5) have written very atmospheric poetry with excellent vocabulary. Felix (Year 2) has written a very impressive non chronological report about dinosaurs showing a real flair for language and sentence construction. Lizza and Lacey-May (Year 5) explained very clearly the importance of knowing your times tables when working with fractions. Year 6 have been learning about hearts and I have been shown various art work depicting how the heart works. 4W's assembly was full of life and enjoyment with some beautiful solo singing from Issy.

The grouping for maths in Year 6 has been working very well. Over the next few weeks we will be gradually rolling out the same approach in Year 4 and Year 5. All children will follow the same Mastery maths lesson sequence and will have the same curriculum coverage and content but grouping also gives us the following advantages. It enables some of our high flying mathematicians to move through the material at a faster pace and to have swifter access to further challenge. It also allows others time and support to consolidate their understanding before moving on. If you have any questions about this approach, please contact your class teacher.

Sport

Many thanks to Mr Binns who has arranged a comprehensive list of volunteers to assist at football matches. Miss White is now very busy persuading schools to play football with us.

Congratulations to Maddy in Year 6 who competed at the English Gymnastic Championships. Her determination and skills saw her come 1st out of 93 on beam and she is now the English Beam Champion 2019 - espoir level!

Extra-curricular and Enhancements

On the last day of term our Year 6 children planned, organised and ran a plethora of activities for our infants. I had a wander around and there was so much to see and enjoy. There were children in the woods, cooking, playing maths games, undertaking science experiments, putting on puppet shows and creating art. It was a pleasure to see how well our Year 6 children interacted with our youngest members. We all judged it to be a great success. The Year 6 children evaluated their endeavours and they will be repeating the experience at the end of this term. I am looking forward to even more experiences being offered.

World Book Day Thursday 7th March

For World Book Day, we will be writing a whole school book. Each class will have a different section of the story to write and we will share the book altogether at the end of the week. You will also be receiving a World Book Day token. Children have also been invited to take part in a World Book Day themed lunch. In addition, there is just about time to squeeze in a last minute entry to the 500 word short story competition.

[500 word short story competition](#)

Facebook

This page is now live! [West Ashted School Facebook](#). We will be using Facebook to share various stories and moments from School life - please do follow us and let us know what you think. All feedback as we start out on this is gratefully received!

Online Safety

Press stories have been causing concern about a 'challenge' on social media relating to a scary image being shared via one of the messaging apps. The key thing to know is that most upset has been caused by talking about it and fanning the publicity. Hence not mentioning the name or putting the picture in here. As Online Safety Lead, I have undergone comprehensive training this week. Ms O'Hanlon and Ms Morgan will also complete this training. All staff within the school will also undertake online safety training later on this term. The key message for adults is to have frequent open conversations with our children about the kind of content they could encounter online and to ensure that everyone knows where to go or who to turn to if they do come across anything unsettling.

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[NSPCC Online Safety](#)

And finally

A lovely email from a neighbour before half term which was a great way to finish the week

to the music teacher and the children who have just been practising their Lion King songs...

I have been sitting here (next door) listening to them and it is absolutely beautiful- finding it very hard to concentrate on the work I'm supposed to be doing.

Well done to all of them and I look forward to the next practice session 😊😊👏

Akuna matata - as they say!

Best wishes

Ruth Hall

Acting Headteacher



Café ALDAG



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Serving Pancakes



On

Shrove Tuesday

5 March

3 – 6pm

in the Café

St George's Christian Centre

Sweet and savoury options available

prices start at **£1.50** for two

Important Dates for your diary for the next 6 weeks

Date	Event
04.03.2019	Tag Rugby Tournament at St Peter's 12.20pm-3.15pm
04.03.2019	Netball Match v Leatherhead Trinity 3.30pm-4.30pm
05.03.2019	Swans Class Assembly
06.03.2019	Swans British Wildlife Centre Trip
08.03.2019	Year 4 Science Museum London 9am-4pm
09.03.2019	FOWA Spring Ball
12.03.2019	Drama Club Cancelled **club timetable change**
12.03.2019	Year 3 Imperial War Museum Trip
12.03.2019	6H Class Assembly
14.03.2019	Musical Event – times to be confirmed
19.03.2019	Kingfishers Class Assembly
20.03.2019	Parents Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm
21.03.2019	Parents Evening 3.30pm-8pm
21.03.2019	Bikeability for Year 4
22.03.2019	Bikeability for Year 4
25.03.2019	Last week of Teacher Led clubs
26.03.2019	Drama Club Cancelled **club timetable change**
27.03.2019	Year 3 and Year 4 Production 7pm
28.03.2019	Year 3 and Year 4 Production 7pm
05.04.2019	Term ends at 2pm
23.04.2019	School returns
04.09.2019	Inset Day
06.01.2020	Inset Day
20.07.2020	Inset Day
21.07.2020	Inset Day
22.07.2020	Inset Day

Our full calendar of events is available on our website:

[Click here for school calendar](#)

[Click here for school trips information](#)

******Please note all dates are subject to change at the headteacher's discretion******