



# West Ashtead Primary School

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A very full newsletter!

### Restorative Approach to Justice

All staff have recently undertaken two extended training sessions with a specialist teacher for inclusive practice to learn about this technique which is widely used in schools. Restorative practice is a set of principles and practice that encourages children to take responsibility for their behaviour by thinking through the causes, consequences and what they can do to make it better. Restorative practices centre around a set of key questions:

- What happened?
- What were you thinking and feeling at the time?
- Who has been harmed/affected by what has happened? How?
- What do you need to feel better about this?
- What do you think needs to happen to put things right?

Several members of staff and I have used this approach very effectively in previous schools and we are keen to embed West Ashtead. Although the focus will be on using the restorative approach, children understand that there still may be consequences for their actions if appropriate in line with our Behaviour Policy.

### Child Friendly Anti Bullying Policy

Ms O'Hanlon and the School Council have been very busy producing a child friendly anti bullying policy. Copies are now displayed around the school and can be viewed here [Child Friendly Anti Bullying Policy](#)

### Gates

We are jiggling Mr Heimsath's afternoon duties slightly to ensure our youngest children are safely escorted to the A24 gate. Mrs De Almeida will open the gate to the Junior playground at around 3.25pm after she has finished working in class. Thank you to all the parents who wait on the Junior playground. This makes sure that the learning in the Juniors is not disturbed. I appreciate this very much as a calm environment at end of the day is beneficial to all.

### Musical Event

Many thanks to Mrs Barber and children who performed at last week's Musical Event. It is lovely to see how many of our children are learning to play an instrument. It is great listening to all the instruments that are being learnt – some by very young children. Many thanks as well to our peripatetic teachers many of whom gave up their free time or juggled other work commitments to make this a success for our children.

### World Book Day Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

We had a great day on World Book Day. Every class wrote a page to tell an illustrated story. We shared our story during Friday assembly and you can read it here [World Book Day Story](#)

### Safeguarding

As a whole school we will be using the NSPCC PANTS campaign resources ([PANTS](#)) as part of our PSHE teaching either this half term or the half term after Easter.

## Curriculum

We have been thoroughly enjoying our learning over the past few weeks. Year 5 have been visited by some Blenheim High School pupils who showed them heart dissections. Judging by the amount of excitement that was filtering down to my office, the children had a marvellous time. Mariana, Abi and Molly have shown some excellent persuasive language when writing letters. Both Swans and 6H put on extremely vibrant assemblies. I do love the amount of learning that is showcased in our assemblies and the way our children really enjoy sharing with the rest of the school. We have organised a free trial of an online reading programme called Lexia Core 5 which can be used both at home and at school. We will be selecting children across the school to trial and will send out letters before the end of term with details.

## Extra-curricular and Enhancements

Congratulations to Jake, Silas, Laiba and Hasal (Year 6) who represented us at a recent Maths Competition run by St John's, Leatherhead. Laiba reports "I was very nervous but super excited. There were three rounds: logic, quick and crossword. I thought that the crossword was the hardest but I think we worked the best at the quick round as we finished before the 20 minutes ended and we worked very systematically. We definitely did very well as a team!" I am proud to say that the team came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 22 teams which is a magnificent achievement. Ms Morgan, who accompanied the group, says that the scoring was very close and that she was in awe of their mathematical prowess. Thank you for representing West Ashted so well.

Congratulations to our children who entered the Mole Valley Young Photographer 2019 Competition. The theme of the competition was The Beauty of Nature. Alex, Ellah (both Year 6) Brody, Issy, and Ben (Year 5) all received a Certificate of Merit. Brooke was named winner of the Junior category. Her photographs will now be entered in the next stage of the competition. You can view the stunning pictures on our new gallery section of the website [Mole Valley Young Photographer 2019](#)

## Sport

We have been busy sporting wise as well. Miss White and Mr Gardiner have taken 2 teams to a Tag Rugby Tournament at St Peter's. We came second out of eight. One of the referees said that we had the most ball carriers and try scorers showing the great team spirit. Miss White then ran back to school and 2 teams played netball against Leatherhead Trinity. Both of our teams won – one team by a considerable amount! Last Thursday afternoon we hosted a football tournament with 4 schools taking part. We won 2 of our matches and drew the third just losing out on the top place when it came down to the all-important goal difference. The boys have also played at Leatherhead Trinity and they won 13-0 with everybody scoring a goal. Huge thanks to Mr Spink who refereed at the tournament and Mr Bunting who managed the team at Leatherhead Trinity. We all truly appreciate you giving up your time to support us in this way as it could have been a lost opportunity.

## Parents Evening

Just a quick reminder that we have our Parents Evening this Wednesday (3.30 to 5.00pm) and Thursday (3.30 to 8.00pm). On Wednesday I have to attend Safeguarding training which cannot be changed but I will be in attendance on Thursday. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible then.

## And finally

We said a sad farewell to Miss MacKenzie - her new baby was born the next day! We welcome Mrs Hine, Teaching Assistant in Kingfishers and Mrs Wood who will be working in Swans full time on Monday and Tuesday and in 4W on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. I know that you will make them feel welcome and part of a great community which is one of our key strengths.

Best wishes

*Ruth Hall*

Acting Headteacher

## Important Dates for your diary for the next 6 weeks

Date	Event
19.03.2019	Kingfishers Class Assembly
20.03.2019	Parents Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm
20.03.2019	Boys Football cancelled <b>**club timetable change**</b>
20.03.2019	Junior Choir cancelled <b>**club timetable change**</b>
21.03.2019	Parents Evening 3.30pm-8pm
21.03.2019	Pudding Club cancelled <b>**club timetable change**</b>
21.03.2019	Boys Football cancelled <b>**club timetable change**</b>
21.03.2019	Cards Club cancelled <b>**club timetable change**</b>
21.03.2019	Bikeability for Year 4
22.03.2019	Bikeability for Year 4
25.03.2019	Year 6 PHSE meeting 3.45pm-4.15pm
25.03.2019	Last week of Teacher Led clubs
26.03.2019	Drama Club Cancelled <b>**club timetable change**</b>
27.03.2019	Year 3 and Year 4 Production 7pm
28.03.2019	Year 3 and Year 4 Production 7pm
<b>05.04.2019</b>	<b>Term ends at 2pm</b>
23.04.2019	School returns
01.05.2019	Year 4 Residential Dorchester
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](#)

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