



West Ashtead Primary School

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I hope you all enjoyed the half term and managed to spend time relaxing and enjoying time together.

Infant Sports Afternoon

The last day of half term saw our Infants showcase their sporting prowess at our Infant Sports afternoon. They partook in 15 different activities organised and run by our Y6 children. It was a really superb afternoon with all children participating so well and putting their heart and soul into everything. I am very proud of all of you. Special mention goes to Eliza and Parvini who were outstanding in their duties. Thank you to the Infant parents who told me of the extra lengths they went to ensuring every child was supported and encouraged. Well done to Maisy, Hannah W, Conor M and Jake our Y6 reporters and interviewers, Brooke and Freddie our Y6 photographers and Martha, our resident Artist. I look forward to seeing your final results! A very heartfelt thank you to all the staff who put so much effort in behind the scenes but especially Ms O'Hanlon.

[Infant Sports Day 2019](#)

Curriculum

Staff have been working very hard at reviewing our curriculum offer. We have spent much time ensuring that each year group has a good and deep coverage of every subject and that there is consistency across year groups and progression across the whole school. We have started to think about the learning behaviours that we want our children to embed from Reception to Year 6. We have also begun thinking about how to make our curriculum pertinent to our children's needs. It is very exciting to share and listen to all the ideas that our staff have and to use them to shape the future direction of the school. We will also be sharing the curriculum with you in the near future.

Thank you to the Year 6s who did a great job of clearing some of our raised vegetable beds. We are now in a position to fill with soil and plan some planting. Mrs Rigg has also been very busy planting strawberries and blackberries and our children are enjoying watering and watching them grow.

Robins put on a marvellous Class assembly and we all admired their storytelling, art, facts and singing. Everyone throughout the school always enjoys these very first public outings and we were not disappointed.

We have published some of our writing on our website. We are very proud of how hard our children are working to develop their vocabulary and writing. I hope that you enjoy the examples. [Our writing](#)

Extra-curricular and Enhancements

Our School Council have been discussing playtimes and have made some excellent suggestions. We have moved some of the picnic benches into the shade on the field and created both a Reading Box and a Creative Box for those children who wish to pursue more sedate activities. Our new field rota is working well with options of trim trail, cricket and football alongside ample space for free choice. The children have been very responsible and have respected the request not to play in the woods or damage the trees and shrubs. We are leaving the woods to regenerate this year as we are keen to introduce a more structured programme of woodland skills in the future.

Year 4 have been participating in Surrey Library Champion Book Awards this year. Towards the end of last half term, they visited Dorking Halls for the final. Casey, Ted, Rafferty, Azura, Bertie, Ollie, Emma, Bailey, May, Lottie, Amanda and Sophie presented their work in front of 600 people. Very well done!

Residentials

Year 5 had an action packed time on the Isle of Wight. The weather was fantastic and the photos on Facebook were great – although somewhat stomach churning! Mr Gardiner reports that the children were a pleasure to be with and, as I expect with our children, their impeccable manners and politeness were commented on by staff at the Centre. Year 3 also had a fabulous time at Gilbert White Field Study Centre. I was amazed to hear that a reasonable amount of sleep was had. The children certainly enjoyed a variety of activities with bat hunting a particular favourite. Thank you to Mrs Legg, Mrs Tribick, Mr Gayler, Mrs Johnson, Mr Stokes and Mrs Sartori who gave up their valuable time to ensure these trips went ahead. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Lunches

If children have packed lunches, they are discouraged from throwing any food away at school. This is to help you monitor how much (or little) your child eats so that you can adjust as necessary. We are also aiming to purchase lunch trollies that can be kept inside so that lunchboxes can be safe from small creatures especially now the weather is warming up. Thank you as well to all the parents who settle their outstanding lunch accounts promptly as it means that our office ladies do not need to spend an enormous amount of time chasing.

And finally

We are very sad to have said goodbye to Mrs Smith who has been an excellent practitioner in Robins. She has been a consistently calm, humorous and patient member of our staff team. We worked together in Robins a few years back and I know how much she will be missed. Mrs Smith will be working with St George's Church so we are hoping that our paths will cross again. Miss Balycky will be taking up the baton in Robins.

Best wishes

Ruth Hall

Headteacher

Important Dates for your diary for the next 6 weeks

Date	Event
03.06.2019	Year 6 Residential Shropshire group 1
07.06.2019	Pyjamarama Day
10.06.2019	Year 6 Residential Shropshire group 2
13.06.2019	Reception Induction Evening at 7pm
21.06.2019	Junior Sports Day
25.06.2019	Year 3 Induction Evening at 7pm
02.07.2019	Moving up Day
02.07.2019	Year 6 to Therfield-Induction Day
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03.07.2019	St Andrews Induction Day
09.07.2019	Bags2school
10.07.2019	Year 5/6 Production at 7pm
11.07.2019	Year 5/6 Production at 7pm
17.07.2019	Science Fair
18.07.2019	Year 6 Leavers Presentation at 7pm
22.07.2019	Year 6 Leavers Day
23.07.2019	School ends 1.30pm
24.07.2019	Inset day
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:

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