



# West Ashtead Primary School

## Newsletter Number 18 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019

I do hope you enjoyed the weekend weather. I have been busy watching my runner beans grow!

### Junior Sports Day

Many thanks to Miss White and Mrs Hosken who organised and ran our Junior Sports Day. The carousel of morning activities went without a hitch and the children still had plenty of energy for the afternoon events. Josh and Ed from Sports Stars UK, who have been working with our Year 5s and Year 6s since January, supported in the afternoon. The performances were really polished, smooth and fast. I thought the children looked very smart and professional in their house colours and they rose to the occasion extremely well. Water was the winning house. Diego's huge throw of 34m tipped the points just as the very end. Thank you to everyone who returned their T shirts washed and folded. It is much appreciated.

### Curriculum

Every year 25% of schools in Surrey have their assessments in Early Years and KS1 externally moderated to ensure that accurate judgements are being made in line with national standards. Two weeks ago our KS1 reading, writing and maths work was scrutinised by the Local Authority and Miss Clemson quizzed in detail. She answered all the questions with confidence and provided strong examples of evidence to back up her judgements. I am delighted to say that all her judgements were assessed as accurate. The moderator wrote that the Power of Reading "has had a positive impact on the outcome of work produced. Children are given plenty of opportunities to write at length. Lovely to hear such brilliant writing!" and in Maths "greater depth challenges are made available to all". Last week it was the turn of Ms O'Hanlon to be interrogated. Once again there was very strong evidence and feedback comments included "strong level of consistent, independent behaviour observed and emphasised in observations", "excellent learning environment", "strong, thorough teaching from all the team enables all children to make great progress". Well done to all the staff involved in these moderation sessions. I am so pleased that everyone's hard work and commitment has been recognised.

### Extra-curricular and Enhancements

Congratulations to six of our athletes who took part in the Quad Kids Qualifier. They undertook a 600m run, 75m sprint as well as throwing and jumping. Well done to Kia and Lily R who came first and second. They will now be representing Mole Valley at a Surrey Athletic Championship event. Silas also deserves a mention for winning the 75m sprint.

### Stationery

From September we would like to have a consistent approach to stationery across the Juniors. Please could every Junior child to come to school equipped with the following stationery items: plain named pencil case, pencils, coloured pencils, plain rubber, sharpener, glue stick, ruler and a Berol handwriting pen (medium nib). At the moment we have a mix of items and some confusion over what is or is not allowed so it would be good to iron out these worries. We will hold some emergency stock in school.

### Parking

The only blot on the landscape after Sports Day were the numerous complaints and photos from our neighbours who had been inconvenienced by inconsiderate parking. I have written letters of apology on the school's behalf to those affected. Many thanks to all of you who always endeavour to park with care.

## Parent Forum

Thank you to the parents who attended last week's Parent Forum sessions. The feedback, comments and suggestions you gave were very insightful and will be incorporated into our School Development Plan from next September. I am pleased that our curriculum innovations were received positively.

## Online Safety

In our tech-driven world, social media and mental health are interlinked in the lives of young people. Online safety is an increasing issue for children, and staying safe online is an important message we build into our lessons at every opportunity. In school we teach the children the simple principle that whatever is not ok in real life is also not ok online. This includes sharing private or confidential information about yourself, behaving in an impolite manner, or coming across anything which makes you feel uncomfortable. We would ask for your help in reinforcing these messages at home and that you help your child to use the internet and social media in a safe, responsible and age appropriate manner. More information on how to have informed conversations about online safety can be found on the National Online Safety website. <https://nationalonlinesafety.com> Every Wednesday, National Online Safety are producing guides that focus on specific platforms/risks which they believe trusted adults should be aware of. West Ashtead will be promoting their #WakeUpWednesday campaign through our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/WestAshteadPrimarySchool/> Alternatively you can download all of their platform guides from their website.

## And finally

On 9<sup>th</sup> July we will be visited by a British athlete – please see the attached details. As yet we have no name for the mystery guest but last time we hosted such an event it was a gymnast who gave a terrific display in the hall. We have had a short assembly today to introduce this event. Our School Council will also be holding an event during school hours on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon to raise funds for a calming area on the playground. More details will follow from the School Council.

Best wishes

*Ruth Hall*

Headteacher

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

Date	Event
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
<b>05.07.2019</b>	<b>Teacher led clubs end</b>
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-Open to parents 2.30pm-4pm
18.07.2019	Year 6 Leavers Presentation at 7pm
22.07.2019	Year 6 Leavers Day
<b>23.07.2019</b>	<b>School ends 1.30pm</b>
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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**\*\*\*\*Please note all dates are subject to change at the headteacher's discretion\*\*\*\***