



## West Ashtead Primary School

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I feel that Autumn is now definitely upon us!

### Curriculum

The focus this term is very much on writing and improving our presentation as well as implementing our new style topic books. Over the last few weeks we have worked hard to ensure that the presentation expectations are clear to all the children. It is great to see the pride they take in their books and work. It is also encouraging to see very young children sticking in their sheets neatly. Dexter (Swans) is particularly fastidious. Miss Clemson has been busy looking at teachers' English planning and highlighting development points. The Power of Reading materials introduced in January are showing an impact on children's vocabulary, enjoyment and engagement in the writing process. We have also introduced an enquiry based approach to our History and Geography lessons. Mrs Legg has been busy updating our Online Safety Policy and associated documents.

### Sport

Our children from Year 1 upwards have been enjoying their games sessions with Sport Stars. It has been lovely to see them responding so positively to the specialised coaching that these sessions offer. Mrs Hosken has led the Cross Country Club with vigour and has already taken two teams to events.



## **FOWA**

A big thank you to Mr Hills, Mr Senior and Mr Gadd who ran and organised the Friends of West Ashtead first event of the year. The family Bingo night on Saturday 28th Sept was a great success and raised over £400 for the FOWA charity.

Upcoming FOWA events include the Infant and Junior discos on Friday 18th October and Fireworks event on Friday 15th November.

## **School Council**

Ms O'Hanlon has held her first School Council session of the year. Congratulations to the next round of members: William B, Olivia N, Kulsum, Hucky, Jonny, Tamara, Lucas, Hugh, Jacob A and Violet. Their first session was spent discussing how to spend the money raised from last summer's obstacle course and fruit kebab fundraising activity. We look forward to their ideas for the calming area on the quiet playground.

## **Playground Leaders**

Miss Dalchow has been busy training up new Playground Leaders. They have been observing break and lunchtimes and coming up with ideas as to how these areas and times can be enhanced.

## **School Open Days**

I have held some Open Days for parents interested in Reception places in 2020. After a short presentation, some of our Year 6 children acted as tour guides showing small groups around and answering questions. All the parents have said how impressed they were with the children's politeness, kindness and passion for their school. The Year 6s were real ambassadors for West Ashtead and we are very proud of them. Thank you to Brody, Izzy B, Mio, Lenny W, Miles, Ellie, Alfie, Dylan, James and Arthur.

## **Harvest Festival**

Tomorrow we will be celebrating Harvest Festival and are asking for donations to local foodbanks. The items needed urgently are:

**Cereal, Tinned fruit or vegetables, Tinned spaghetti, Long life fruit juice, Sponge puddings, Instant mash, Powdered milk, UHT milk (blue and green), Custard, Washing up liquid, Shaving foam, Washing powder/tablets/liquid for clothes.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## **School Dinners**

A gentle reminder to ensure that you have ordered your child's school dinner, at least 48 hours in advance.

**West Ashtead Bake-off 2019** The House Captains will be organising a Bake-Off competition to be held during school on 25<sup>th</sup> October. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

Best wishes

*Ruth Hall*

Headteacher

## KEY 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

<b>08/09 October</b>	Harvest Festival Donations for the Food Bank
<b>18 October</b>	Robins – Painshill Park Year 5 – “Saxons & Vikings” workshop FOWA – Disco
<b>23 October 16:00 – 17:30</b>	Parents Evening
<b>24 October 16:00 – 20:00</b>	Parents Evening
<b>25 October</b>	WHOLE SCHOOL – Nasal Flu vaccination HALF TERM – usual school finish time
<b>4 November</b>	Children back to school
<b>11 November</b>	Year 3 – “Big Fish Monday” London
<b>19 November 09:00 – 09:30</b>	Class Assembly 4GH
<b>03 December 09:00 – 09:30</b>	Class Assembly 3H
<b>12/13 December 09:30</b>	Infant Nativity Play
<b>16 December 13:30</b>	Infant Christmas Party
<b>17 December PM</b>	Year 6 Christmas Fair – parents invited from 15:30
<b>19 December</b>	Whole School Christmas Day FOWA – Christmas Disco
<b>20 December</b>	School finishes at <b>13:00</b>