



## West Ashtead Primary School

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It is wonderful to see some blue sky and I am sure we would all like to see the end of the downpours!

#### House Captains

Congratulations to our new House Captains. The hustings were great fun and the children had obviously put a lot of thought and attention into their speeches. All our children voted and Mrs Hall counted the votes – it was a close run contest. Thank you and well done to everyone who put themselves forward.

Water: Lenny and Ida

Fire: Rosie and Katy

Earth: Mika and Ben

The House Captains have made an excellent start to their duties having had superb role models last term.

#### Curriculum

Our children are making me very proud with all the concentration and effort they put into their learning. Phoebe (5H) has shown me her English book full of great vocabulary. Ashton, Olivia and Neil (5D) have excelled themselves in their maths progress. Elvin (5D) has written a terrific newspaper report. I have heard Graycie and Amelia (3H) give clear precise explanations of their maths learning. 4H produced great poetry. Mr Malley from Therfield visited last Friday and was impressed with the Year 6 work he observed, taking pictures to share with teachers back at his school. Well done to all those who go above and beyond every day.

#### Behaviour Policy and Anti-Bullying Policy

Ms O'Hanlon has worked extremely hard to review and update our Behaviour Policy to make our expectations clear to all and the steps we will take to ensure that behaviour across the school is consistently good and that our children are not disrupted or prevented from learning. The Anti-bullying Policy has also been reviewed and updated. They can be found on our website here. [Behaviour Policy](#) [Anti-bullying Policy](#)

#### Parent Workshop 5<sup>th</sup> February 9 – 11am

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 9-11am our Educational Psychologist Dave Damon is leading a workshop focusing on **Anxiety in Children**. Over coffee and croissants, Dave will discuss what might be "normal" nerves, worries or shyness in children, and when as parents and professionals we should be concerned.

I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at this workshop.

#### Football at Lunchtimes with Y4, Y5 and Y6

Sports Stars have clarified the footwear situation. Trainers are acceptable. Shin pads are sensible. We will start a collection of second hand trainers and shin pads so that children can access if necessary.

### **SEND Peer Review Project**

Mrs Allum attended the launch day this week of the Surrey SEND Peer Review Project. This initiative will see SENCOs from 70 schools across Surrey sharing best practice to improve outcomes for our children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. It is a great opportunity to learn from others, as well as offer our own expertise and experience.

### **500 Words Story Writing Competition**

This very popular competition is now open and once again I have my fingers crossed. I have seen first-hand the standard of writing that our children produce so if you have an enthusiastic writer, please encourage them to have a go!

[500 Words](#)

### **Road Safety**

**We have had some very narrow escapes recently with children on bikes and scooters. Please ensure your children are fully equipped with helmets etc and aware of the many responsibilities and hazards that come with riding or scooting to school whether on the roads or paths.**

### **Online Safety**

It has come to our attention that some of our children are using the app 'Tik Tok' to record and post videos. Some children's accounts include their full name and have no privacy settings which could make them vulnerable. This app has an age rating of 13+ due to the potential online risks for young people. Please see the following link for further information: [Tik Tok Guide](#)

Best wishes

*Ruth Hall*

Headteacher

### [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