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Message from the Head Teacher

The end of term is rapidly approaching and it has made us think and reflect on the past year. The progress the children have made, the wonderful events and special days that have taken place and the fun we have had with all the children who always do and say the unexpected has certainly kept us on our toes!

I know that over the last few weeks parents and particularly those of our leavers, have been recalling and sharing happy memories of their children's time here at Ashtead. Thank you so much to those leavers who have jotted down a few words for our

Memory Book. The staff have really appreciated reading and sharing your thoughts. There is still time, if you would like to add a little something to the book. Spare notes are in the memory box in the porch.

When you read this newsletter, our Leavers' Assembly will be a new memory to be cherished. If the rehearsals are anything to go by, it will be brilliant but bring the tissues just in case!

Next week, is packed with end of term treats which is all thanks to DAPA. The children will have a wonderful end to a super year.

Tessa Roberts

Sharing Songs at The Red House



This week the children in Reception were very excited to visit the Red House Nursing Home. The children amazed everyone with their beautiful singing as they sang several summer songs in the garden. The residents even surprised us with a song and a delicious biscuit.

"That was a lovely day" said Sasha.

Christeen Hill

Super Sports Day

The sun shone down on Wednesday morning and First Steps were ready for action. The 'All around the World' theme of their Sports Morning went down a treat as the children raced from Mexico to Australia and then on to Italy! Both the parents and the Headteacher were amazed at how well the children kept within their running lanes and knew exactly what to do for each race. I was not sure who had the biggest smiles, the Mums, Dads and Grandparents or the children themselves. It was a wonderfully memorable event brilliantly organised by Mrs James and her team. Thank you!



Tessa Roberts



Stop Press

Extended Day

from
September 2019
will run from

16.00-18.00

Extended Day Fees:

16.00-16.30 - £5.00

16.00-18.00 without
tea - £9.40

16.00-18.00 with
tea - £14.40



News from Downsends

Drama productions, Sports Days and Surrey Cup wins have galvanised everyone this week. However, perhaps the pupils' highlight was touring the building works, complete with high vis jackets!
Ian Thorpe

Golden Board

Achievements in class work, good manners and excellent behaviour are celebrated in a special assembly every week. We congratulated the following children today:

First Steps

All of the super sport stars in First Steps. They all had so much fun and enjoyed taking part in their first Sports Day.

Rising Reception

All of Rising Reception for the great engineering skills which they demonstrated when recreating Stonehenge.

Reception

All of Reception children for their wonderful singing and friendly conversation with the residents at the Red House.

Year One

Tate Bishop
Thomas Adams

Golden Star Awards

Independent Golden Stars were awarded to:

William Lovell, Harrison Gay,
Sasha Wallis, Henry Butchers,
Lucas de Albuquerque

Well Done!

Fantastic DAPA Fair

The Ashtead Pre-Prep Summer Fair, arranged by DAPA, was a huge success with almost 70 children attending! We were worried that we were going to melt on the hottest day of the year to date. Luckily, the children were supplied with ice cream and lollies from the ice cream van, which went down a storm. We would like to thank all of the parents and children for coming to celebrate the biggest event of the year and for supporting DAPA events. Also a huge thanks to all DAPA committee members and volunteers for organising them. Have a wonderful and exciting summer.



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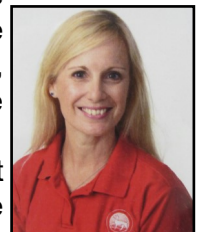
Events Week Commencing Monday 8 July

Lunch Menu Week 2

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| Mon | 15.30-16.30 | Andy Copps, storyteller visiting Last Swim Last Forest School Club |
| Tues | 09.45-11.15 15.30-16.30 | Open Box Theatre Company visiting Last Woodwork and Construction Club |
| Wed | 12.00 13.30 | Picnic in the Park (children/staff only) Term Ends—No Extended Day |

Staff News

It's that time of year when we have to say 'Goodbye' to one of our wonderful First Steps team as the children move on to Rising Reception. Those of you who have children in First Steps, I think will agree with me, that our current team are the best! Unfortunately, we have to say 'goodbye' to Katherine Gray who is looking to move to a position which is closer to home. During the time she has been with us, Katherine has supported the children both in First Steps and Year One. In each role, she has been outstanding and we are very sad to see her go but wish her good luck in her new role.



Also....Shazia Gale, although only joining the First Steps in January has been a wonderful addition to the team. She slotted into her role with ease and the children adore her. Luckily for us, Shazia has decided to keep her ties with Ashtead Pre-Prep and will be helping Mrs McCluskey in the kitchen next term. All of us at Ashtead Pre-Prep would like to thank them for all they have contributed to the children and the school.



Inspiring young minds