

# NEW ASH GREEN SCHOOL NEWS



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## **MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER**

**Curriculum Core Values - 'Together Everyone Achieves More'**

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our Newsletter for May 2021. As we head towards the May Half Term Break, for a well-earned rest, I would like to thank all of the school community for the wonderful support during the last term. It has been such a pleasure to see how well all the children have settled back into the routine of school life. Everyone has worked so hard to achieve this, which has been fantastic. Now that restrictions are easing, the school is looking forward for all the children to be able to take part in various activities in Term 6, such as year group trips, Covid secure Sports Days and many other events. In the meantime, I hope you all enjoy the half term break and we look forward to seeing the children return for the start of **Term 6 on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021**. Please note that Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 is an In-service Training (INSET) Day for staff, so children are not expected to attend school that day.

Mrs C.A. Cain, Headteacher



### **Reminder: Notifying the School of Your Child's Absences**

Please may we remind all parents and carers that when informing the school of your child's absence due to illness, please ensure that a specific reason is provided, rather than just saying your child is unwell.

Thank you.



### **Reminder: Notifying the school of Your Child's Collection Arrangements**

We would like to remind all parents and carers to ensure that any changes to your child's usual collection arrangements at the end of the day are recorded in your child's Contact Book. Should any emergencies take place later on in the day, then please ensure that the school office is notified by the **afternoon registration at 1.15pm**. This is to ensure the school is able to notify your child's class teacher.

Thank you.



### **Reminders: Year Group School Trips**

Please be reminded of the following dates to pay via ParentMail, for your child's school trip:

- **Reception (R3 and R4)** to Godstone Farm, visit on 8<sup>th</sup> July - **payment due: 25<sup>th</sup> June.**
- **Year 1 and 2 (R5, R6, R1, R2)** to Wingham Wildlife Park, visit on 29<sup>th</sup> June - **payment due: 18<sup>th</sup> June.**
- **Year 3 and 4 (B3, B4, B1, B2)** to Wingham Wildlife Park, visit on 13<sup>th</sup> July - **payment due: 1<sup>st</sup> July.**
- **Year 5 and 6 (H3, H4, H1, H2)** to Wingham Wildlife Park, visit on 30<sup>th</sup> June - **payment due: 17<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Reminder: for Year 5 Parents and Carers**  
**Procedure for Entry to Secondary School for September 2022**

**Key Dates:**

| Event:  | Date:                                     |
|---|---|
| • Registration for Testing opens                          | Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2021        |
| • Closing Date for Registration                           | Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2021       |
| • Application for Secondary Transfer opens                | Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021 |
| • Test Dates for Pupils in Kent Primary Schools           | Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2021  |
| • Test Date for Pupils <b>not</b> in Kent Primary Schools | Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 |
| • Assessment Decision sent to Parents and Carers          | Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2021   |
| • National Closing Date for Application Forms             | Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021     |

Further details may be found at:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test#tab-2>



**Class Photos:**  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

We are pleased to be able to confirm that your child will be having their class photo taken on **22<sup>nd</sup> June**. Details of how to purchase these photos will follow after the event.

**Non-Uniform Day for Charity:**  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

We have been asked by the local Co-op to raise money for the charity **Mind**, to raise awareness of mental health issues. To support this good cause, we would like to ask all children to come to school on **24<sup>th</sup> June** wearing their own clothes and to donate £1. Thank you.

**Mental Health Awareness Week**

All the children revisited the 6 ways to well-being and how to look after our mental health during Term 5. They painted pebbles with messages of hope and encouragement. The children also painted tulips which can be seen on the walkway.

**Fantastic Fred Experience**

We were incredibly fortunate to have a visit from Fantastic Fred, a group of actors who visited the school, promoting good mental and physical health. The whole school thoroughly enjoyed the performance.



We would like to make our parents and carers aware of a new educational online game to help children stay cyber aware. Cyber Sprinters website has been launched by the National Cyber Security Centre and is aimed at children between the ages of 7 to 11.

The game invites users to race against the clock and tackle cyber security questions in a bid to score points and beat cyber villains.

The game comes as part of a pack of educational resources which illustrates good cyber security practice, from creating strong passwords to being vigilant about receiving messages from unknown senders. If you would like your child to take part in this activity, then please click onto the link below:

[CyberSprinters is a free interactive game](#)



### Maths Week at the School

Maths Week took place this week at the school, where all the children engaged in a variety of maths activities. Each class created a wonderful maths model which is now on display outside the computer suite. All parents and carers have also been sent a family maths quiz to complete. These will need to be returned to the school by the first day back in Term 6 on **Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June**. Thank you.

### Year 4 Multiplication Tables Checker

Year 4 will be taking part in the Government's Multiplication Tables Checker (MTC) in Term 6. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. Please continue to support your child in learning their multiplication tables through accessing their TT Rock Stars subscription, reciting tables or answering quick-fire questions. Thank you for your support.

### Elmer Day: Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021

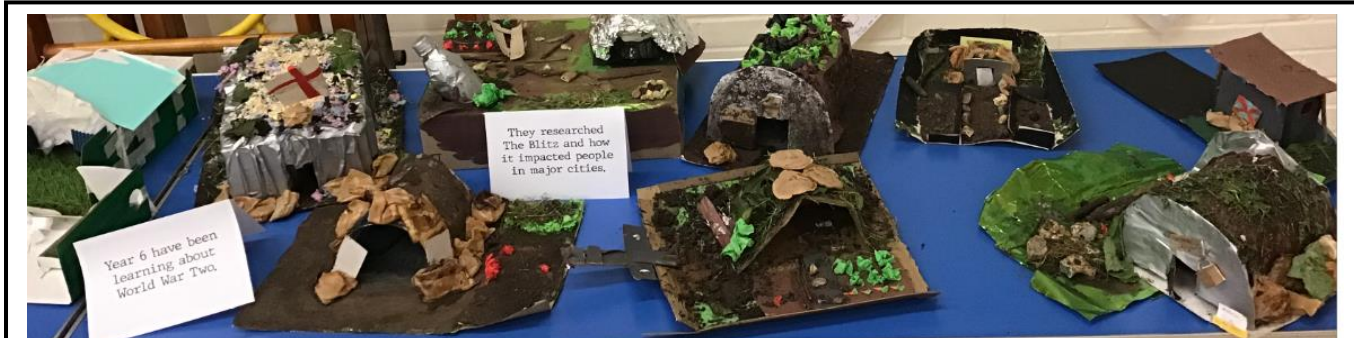
The school celebrated Elmer Day this week. Like Elmer the Elephant, we try to spread happiness and positivity. We focused on the importance of accepting ourselves and others, as well as celebrating being unique.



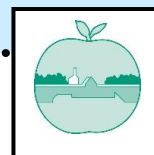
### Year 6 World War II Topic

Year 6 have been enjoying learning about World War II during Terms 4 and 5. They have made some fantastic models of the Anderson Air Raid Shelters (**see the pictures below**), which are now being proudly displayed in our main hall.

### Year 6 Models of the Anderson Air Raid Shelters



**New Ash Green Sports Achievements** This term has been very busy for PE activities, not only are all classes still participating in our Daily Mile Destinations travelling around the world visiting 15 countries on their route, they have also all been taking part in the following competitions this term:



### Infant Agility

The children in Year 1 and 2 started off the term competing in their Infant Agility which involved running, throwing and jumping. All children enjoyed the activities. The results were sent to our School Games Organiser and compared with the other Dartford schools. Overall, we came 6<sup>th</sup> and children who were placed within the top 5 distances/times for each event will be receiving a School Games certificate.

### Tri-Golf

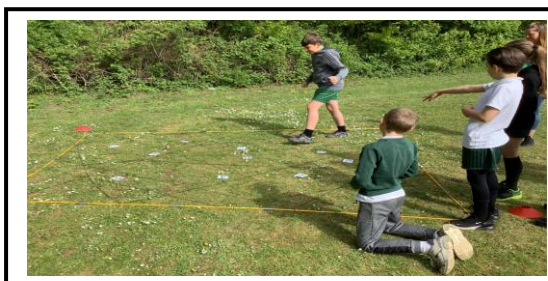
Next was the turn of our Year 3 and 4 children who took part in the Tri-Golf competition. This showcased their pitching and putting skills. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day despite the very strong winds. We definitely have some budding golfers amongst us! Again, the scores were sent off to our School Games Organiser to be collated and we await the results.

### Outdoor Adventure Activities

Year 5 and 6 were eager to join in their day of activities, including map reading and orienteering, obstacle course and the ultra-web. The children took part in their house groups earning house points for each activity for listening, co-operation, teamwork and encouragement. At the end of the two sessions the winning house was **Leeds** with **275** points.

### Cross Country

Normally, New Ash Green Primary School would host the Cross Country for all the Dartford Schools, but due to the restrictions this is not possible this year and therefore we are running the competition virtually with all schools completing the courses in their own grounds and then times being collated by New Ash Green. Pupils in Year 3 and 4 ran 1km and Year 5 and 6 ran 1.5km. The fastest 3 boys and girls in each year group will then be placed within the Dartford Schools Group. Everybody gave the distance a go and tried their best with all children feeling very proud of their achievement at the end.



## Academic Term Dates for the Remainder of 2020/2021

| TERM 6 Dates  | Time          | Event   |
|---|---------------|---|
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June                          | -             | <b>Start of Term 6</b>  |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June                         | 1.30pm-3.30pm | KS2 Covid Secure Sports Day - <b>children only</b>                      |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June                       | 1.30pm-3.30pm | Foundation Stage and KS1 Covid Secure Sports Day - <b>children only</b> |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June                         | Morning       | Class Photos  |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June                        | All Day       | Non-uniform Day - Raising money for Mind Charity £1 please              |
| Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June                         | All Day       | Year 1 and 2 trip to Wingham Wildlife Park                              |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June                       | All Day       | Years 5 and 6 trip to Wingham Wildlife Park                             |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July                         | All Day       | Foundation Stage trip to Godstone Park                                  |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July | All Day       | Year 6 Bikeability - <b>Further details to follow after half term</b>   |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July                         | All Day       | Years 3 and 4 trip to Wingham Wildlife Park                             |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July                       | -             | <b>Last day of Term 6</b>   |

### SUMMER TERM 2021

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| <b>Term 5</b>        | Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May     |
| <b>Bank Holidays</b> | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May and Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May      |
| <b>HALF TERM</b>     | <b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b> |
| <b>INSET DAY</b>     | Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June                                     |
| <b>Term 6</b>        | Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June - Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July  |



### **Academic Term Dates: 2021/2022**

#### AUTUMN TERM 2021

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <b>INSET DAYS</b>      | Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> , Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September |
| <b>Term 1</b>          | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September - Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October                        |
| <b>HALF TERM</b>       | <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>                    |
| <b>Term 2</b>          | Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December                        |
| <b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b> | <b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>                    |

#### SPRING TERM 2022

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| <b>INSET DAY</b>     | Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January   |
| <b>Term 3</b>        | Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January - Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February        |
| <b>HALF TERM</b>     | <b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>   |
| <b>Term 4</b>        | Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February - Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April             |
| <b>Bank Holidays</b> | Good Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April and Easter Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April |
| <b>EASTER BREAK</b>  | <b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>           |

#### SUMMER TERM 2022

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| <b>Term 5</b>        | Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May   |
| <b>Bank Holidays</b> | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May                                     |
| <b>HALF TERM</b>     | <b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b> |
| <b>INSET DAY</b>     | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June                                    |
| <b>Term 6</b>        | Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June - Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July    |

