



Next Week – Week 2 School News and Notices

Christmas Tree

Thank you to the Sixth Form Executive for decorating our Christmas tree so beautifully, and to The Christmas Tree Place for donating it.



LRC Update

This week our Year 9 Book Club had the opportunity of participating in an interactive virtual lesson with Warner Bros Studio in Leavesden. This inspiring talk gave students an insight into the world of filming Harry Potter including the work of the art department, location management, costume design and visual effects. We also had the chance to see some of the props and the incredible detail that went into creating them. It was a fantastic session which our students thoroughly enjoyed.

Congratulations to all the entries to the recent Year 7 House Competition to create a superhero character. There were so many great designs to choose from, but the winners are Izzie 7C2, Holly & Hugo 7B1, Joel 7R2, Martha 7H1 and Tilly in 7C1. Prizes will be distributed during LRC lessons. Well done!

Ashlyns Futures

As part of our student careers programme we are interested in working with parents who would be able to spare some time to be interviewed about their career. We are looking for parents from a variety of industry sectors who would be able to give an insight into the world of their work and the types of opportunities available to our students. If you are interested in participating, please contact Rebecca Lambert on rlambert@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk.

Uniform

A reminder that trainers, including Air Force 1s, are not acceptable school shoes. Please see our [guidance](#) on suitable shoes.

Herts Healthy Start Vouchers

Are you pregnant or have a child under four? Did you know you could be missing out on free fruit and vegetables or milk worth at least £200 a year? If you are at least 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under four years old, and in receipt of certain benefits, you could be entitled to Healthy Start Vouchers worth £3.10 per child per week.

Check your eligibility on www.gov.uk/healthy-start. You can also use the benefit-checker on the County Council's website, and access free information about benefits that you might be missing-out on

– www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/benefits

Year 11

Thank you once again for your support during the trial examination period for Year 11, who have displayed an impressively focused and committed attitude throughout. Session 6 will focus on non-examination assessment work and catch-up over the final two weeks of term. Separate sessions are being run by various subjects; you will receive an email if your child is invited to one of these. Year 11 students are also welcome to join us for general home learning and revision as usual during this period.

Key dates this half term:

- 18 December: Non-Uniform Day (Christmas Jumper Day)
- 18 December: Term Finishes 12.30pm

Attachments:

- ASA Christmas Raffle Form
- ASA Christmas Tree Sale Flyer
- Easyfundraising Advent Calendar

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 26 November:

7C2 99.6%

8C1 98.3%

9H2 98.2%

10R2 97.3%

Tooled Up

This week's resource is '[10 common mistakes that loving parents make](#)'.

More information can be found on page 2.

For those of you who were unable to attend the live video talk by Kathy Weston on Wednesday, you can watch a recording of the event by clicking the following link which will be available for the next 14 days <https://vimeo.com/486749111/2c505bca8a>

If you haven't yet signed up for a Tooled Up account, click [here](#) to enter your email and choose your password. **PIN number 4989**

Music Lessons

If you would like to start music lessons next term please go to www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk to register. If you would like to stop lessons at February half term please email SchoolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk.



Current house points



Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
14892	14887	13684	14161
1 st	2 nd	4 th	3 rd



04/12/2020



From Dr Kathy Weston, Tooled Up Education

10 Common Mistakes That Loving Parents Make

It is an interesting fact of parenting that much of what our children need (as suggested by research evidence), may not come easily to us. An anxious child, for example, is arguably better served by a parent who assumes a 'coaching' approach, remaining calm, cool and nudging their children towards 'puzzling out' what is at the heart of their worries and fears, than a parent who reassures and molly-coddles. In moments of crisis, parents often dive in with solutions, when instead we need to demonstrate patience, and give our children time to figure things out for themselves. We assume that being a 'good parent' means doing as much as we can for our children. Yet, this approach will not lead to greater resilience. Instead, our children need opportunities to learn new skills and to gradually hone and have confidence in their own judgement. Some of the top mental health researchers cite overprotection as a factor in poor mental health in children and young people. It goes against our instincts to allow our children to take some risks in their physical play or social interactions, but how else will they learn? To read more about this topic, go to the Tooled Up resource named ['10 Common Mistakes that Loving Parents Make'](#).

News from The ASA

ASA 100 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners of the November ASA 100 draw:

1st prize - K Galvin

2nd prize - E Jelf

3rd prize - F Ripley

Thank you very much to all the new supporters who have signed up over the last month. As we still cannot run many of our usual events the ASA 100 draw is a valuable source of regular funds. The more members we have, the more we raise for Ashlyns. Sign up today!

ASA100CLUB@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE - deadline for tickets is Friday 11th Dec - draw date Monday 14th Dec

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets to be in with a chance of winning one of our fantastic hampers. Fill in the form, scan and email to the ASA if paying by Wisepay, or drop an envelope into the school office with cash/cheque.

All Wisepay payments MUST be accompanied by the form or we can't allocate your numbers!

Donations are now closed for the hampers - you have all been so amazingly generous that we may end with quite a few hampers! And with the added bonus of some great donations from local businesses - you'd be mad to miss out!

CHRISTMAS TREES - £7 to the ASA for every tree sold if you mention Ashlyns School

Please see attached flyer for details about this pop-up in Berkhamsted who are supporting local schools this Christmas.

EASYFUNDRAISING

It's time to enter the #easyfundraising **Advent Calendar!** You could WIN a **£250** donation EVERY day for the school until Christmas. For each day you enter, you'll also get a FREE entry to the Christmas Day Grand **Prize Draw for £2,000** to spend at John Lewis & Partners and a £2,000 donation for us!

Visit: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/advent-calendar/



The Ashlyns School Association

Christmas Hamper Raffle 2020

Win a fabulous hamper this Christmas – and raise money for the school!

Draw date Monday 14th December

Each year group has a different themed hamper...
Year 7
Arts and crafts

Year 8
Home and garden
Year 9
World food and drink

Year 10
Christmas
Year 11
Bakes and treats

Year 12
Pampering and wellbeing
Year 13
Movie night in

We are still accepting donations for the Hampers!
Donations can be left at one of our drop-off locations listed below or sent in with students to the school:

30 Oakwood
(off Shootersway)
Berkhamsted HP4 3NQ

4 Valley Road
(near Westfield)
Northchurch HP4 3PY

9 South Park Gardens
(off Bridgewater Road)
Berkhamsted HP4 1JA

9 Birtchnell Close
(near Gossoms End)
Berkhamsted HP4 1FE

31 Swing Gate Lane
(near Captains Walk)
Berkhamsted HP4 2LL

10 Ryder Close
Bovingdon HP3 0HY

20 Hawkins Way
Bovingdon HP3 0UB

Please note:
Parents/carers are not permitted to drop off donations at school
Strictly no alcohol should be sent into school
Deadline for donations is Friday 4th December

All donations must be new and unused. Food and drink items must have a use-by date of at least March 2021 please.

This year is a little bit different and we are running the Christmas Hamper Raffle in a socially-distanced format!

To take part, decide how many numbers you wish to buy and fill in the form below. Students can hand forms into the School Office (please mark envelope 'ASA Hamper Raffle Tickets') or email scanned forms to asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

Payment can be made via WisePay, cash or cheque (please tick appropriate box below and ensure you submit your form!). We will randomly allocate numbers to you. Tickets are £5 for 3 numbers, £10 for 6, £15 for 9, etc – you can buy as many numbers as you wish in multiples of three!

The Raffle is open to all parents, carers, teachers, staff, and friends of Ashlyns School.
Ticket forms MUST be in by 3pm on Friday 11th December!
Thank you for your support and good luck!

Student's name:	Form:
Parent/Guardian's name:	
Telephone number:	
Parent/Guardian email address:	
Total number of raffle numbers required: (£5 for every set of 3 numbers)	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
Total amount: (minimum spend is £5)	£ <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
Payment via WisePay on Ashlyns School website: <input type="checkbox"/> Go to 'Donations' button on WisePay	Payment enclosed: <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque or <input type="checkbox"/> Cash

Wisepay, cash or cheques (made payable to Ashlyns School Association)
Raffle Tickets will not be issued - your numbers will be confirmed via email.

POP UP

CHRISTMAS TREE SHOP

**Supporting
local schools &
Berkhamsted
Raiders CFC**

**Parking available
On sale 9am - 5pm**

**A great
selection
of sizes.**

From only £20

**On sale from
28th Nov -
18th Dec**

**Now
including
Non Drop
Nordmann
Fir**

**Non Contact
Local Delivery
Available
07751 323 485**

**FIND US - The Old Mill,
London Road, Berkhamsted,
Herts HP4 2NB**



Berkhamsted Raiders CFC



CHARTERED STANDARD
FOOTBALL CLUB



25 days of prizes to be won! Help us **WIN** donations for **Ashlyns School Association**

Open a window every day on the
easyfundraising Advent Calendar

PLUS, a prize worth £4,000
to be won on **Christmas Day!**

**JOHN
LEWIS
& PARTNERS**



www.easyfundraising.org.uk/advent-calendar



25 days of prizes, in partnership with:

