



Next Week – Week 1

15 December: Christmas Carol Service

18 December: School Christmas Lunch

20 December: Last Day of Term, Finish at 12.30pm, Non-Uniform.

A full calendar is available on our website

School News and Notices

LRC Book Bake-Off

On Monday the LRC held its first ever Book Bake-Off with Candice Brown, former Great British Bake Off winner, judging the entries. Students created cakes based on their favourite books and the standard of entries was incredibly high. From a Paddington Bear inspired scene, Harry Potter's Hedwig, Hercule Poirot, Gangster Granny through to a Moomins book spread; a huge variety of books were created in cake form. Students had the opportunity to meet Candice and received cookery books, novels and signed certificates as prizes. Congratulations to everyone who took part, you are all Star Bakers!

Christmas Lunch

We are delighted to attach our school Christmas lunch menu that will be held on Wednesday 18 December. Priced at £3.20, lunch needs to be booked in advance by paying a deposit of 50p, at the tills in the Dining Hall, between 9-16 December, and the remaining £2.70 to be paid on the day. Please see the school website for further details.

Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who has kindly made a donation to our foodbank collection this week. We have collected over 30 large crates full of items; basic food staples, Christmas treats and non-food items.

The Hope Foodbank in Berkhamsted have already collected goods from us to make up 40 Christmas hampers for the families and individuals that they support, together with items to stock their foodbank. DENS will be collecting from us on Monday. Both foodbanks provide emergency food parcels to anyone who is struggling in the community, not just those who are homeless.

Study Support

As a reminder, for those students who need to access IT or have a quiet space to complete home-learning, our Study Support runs for an hour after school each day in F107. Please make arrangements for the prompt collection of your child at 4.30pm when they attend the group. Thank you.

Christmas Trees

Our thanks go to Rachel, John, Robert and Jakki of **Christmas Tree Place** for providing our beautiful Christmas Trees - they will be enjoyed by everyone at the school carol concert this weekend and at our Christmas event for senior citizens next week. Their tree farm is open until 23rd December, on Chesham Road, just by the A41 Berkhamsted junction. <https://www.christmastreeplace.co.uk/>



Plant a Tree to Save the World

Some of you may have watched the Channel 5 programme aired earlier this week: Chris Packham - Plant a Tree to Save the World. <https://www.channel5.com/show/chris-packham-plant-a-tree-to-save-the-world/> The programme informed us the Woodland Trust are raising money to plant 100,000 trees across Britain. Ashlyns School are proud to say we are part of this project and plan to plant new trees and hedgerows all donated to the school by The Woodland Trust. We will let you know further details next Spring when the saplings and shrubs are due to arrive.

Key dates:

- 6 January: First Day of Term

This Week's Attachments

- Christmas Lunch Menu
- Aspire Gym Offer

Attendance

Forms with highest attendance week ending 6/12/2019:

7H2 99.31%

8B1 96.13%

9H2 96.33%

10R1 100%

11H1 98.89%

Forms with the highest attendance receive 20 house points.

Music Lesson Reminder

Deadline to stop Music Lessons at February half term is Friday 20th December at 11am. Please notify Mrs Marval in the School Office, either by Email: musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sc.h.uk or in writing. Please check you have a response confirming receipt of notice.

Fearless

In November the Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children's Panel formally launched support for Fearless.org. Fearless.org is presented in a simple, user-friendly format aimed at young people. The site itself enables young people to access non-judgemental information and advice about crime and criminality, as well as anonymously report crime and concerns when they do not feel confident in approaching a trusted adult. Link to Fearless website: <https://www.fearless.org/en>

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
14703	15982	14922	14651
3 rd	1 st	2 nd	4 th

13/12/2019

SPORTS RESULTS

Date	Fixture	Result
Mon 2 Dec	U13 & U16 Table Tennis Y8 Boys' Football V Laureate Y7 A & B Football V CGS	Girls Winners Boys 4th L 1-5 L 1-3, L 0-2
Tues 3 Dec	Y8 & Y9 Netball V ABHS Y10 Netball V Longdean	W 8-9, W 14-10 L 8-16
Wed 4 Dec	Y9 Netball V JFK Y10 Basketball V HHS	L 10-26 W 43-26
Thurs 5 Dec	Y8 Boys' Football V KLS	W 1-0

News from The ASA

ASA CLUB

The December draw will be next week. Please sign up today for a number (or two). Each number costs £2 per month with half the money supporting Ashlyns School and the other half funding three cash prizes. Click on the ASA section of the Ashlyns website to join: any questions to ASA100club@gmail.com .

CHAPEL DECORATING - Saturday 14th December - AM

Thank you to those who have offered to help decorate our beautiful chapel for this Sunday's Carol Concert - you should have all received an email with details. If not, please contact us, and indeed anyone wanting to help - it's not too late!

asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT - Sunday 15th December 4pm

Please could we ask for donations of mince pies (homemade or shop bought) and mulled wine (alcohol needs to be dropped off by an Adult please!) and volunteers to help serve after the concert.

Please email if you can help in anyway: asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY - Wednesday 18th December (afternoon)

The school are also asking for donations of mince pies for this annual event, so please drop off by Wednesday morning at the latest. Thank you.

EASYFUNDRAISING

It's time to enter the easyfundraising Advent Calendar! You could WIN prizes for yourself and donations for Ashlyns School EVERY DAY until Christmas Eve. PLUS, on Christmas Day someone will win £5,000 to spend at John Lewis & Partners and a £5,000 donation! Just click today's window – it's free and very easy to enter (no purchase necessary!): <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/advent-calendar> also, don't forget if you want to raise free donations for the school when you shop with Amazon please register with www.smile.amazon.co.uk. Thank you for all your support!

GIVING FUND

The ASA is now enrolled in the PayPal Giving Fund for direct donations (PayPal does not charge charities or donors any fees for their services).

If you make a donation to Ashlyns School Association on the PayPal UK fundraising page before 23:59 on 31 December 2019 then PayPal are offering 10% matchfunding. Please use this link : www.paypal.co.uk/giveback



Christmas Menu

Wednesday 18th December

Main Meal

Roast turkey with homemade cranberry and apricot stuffing, pigs in blankets and gravy served with homemade cranberry sauce
(G)

Vegetarian

Brie and cranberry tart
(G,Mk)

Vegan

Crunchy baked tomato & onion gratin
(G,Mk)

Little extras

Roast potatoes, carrots & garden peas or brussel sprouts

Desserts

Homemade Christmas pudding or chocolate brownie served with cream
(G,Mk,So,E)



Ce = Celery
Cr = Crustacean
E = Eggs

F = Fish
G = Cereals containing Gluten
L = Lupin

Mk = Milk
Mo = Molluscs
Mu = Mustard

N = Nuts
P = Peanuts
Se = Sesame Seeds

So = Soya
Su = Sulphur Dioxide

DECEMBER 11TH - DECEMBER 23RD

12 DAYS

OF

FITNESS

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**ASHLYNS SCHOOL PARENTS CAN USE THE GYM
FOR 12 DAYS FREE OF CHARGE!!
IT'S A TIME FOR GIVING AFTER ALL!**

