



Welcome back to APPS!

We hope that you have all had the benefit of some precious time together over the holiday period. The weather was certainly a little disappointing especially during the summer holidays, and after the heat-wave that we experienced in June, but we hope that this didn't stop you from enjoying this time.

WELCOME to our new EYFS children and families

Over the coming weeks our EYFS staff will be visiting the homes of our new EYFS children and we will be welcoming our new community at the start of their learning journey with us at APPS. Our children with positions of responsibility will certainly be busy, settling our very youngest learners into school life, so we send our thanks in advance to our 'Friendly Faces', 'Prefects', 'Head Girls' and 'Head Boys'.

Free School Meal Eligibility or Pupil Premium

Application Forms

If you haven't already completed a Free School Meal Eligibility or Pupil Premium Application Form, please pop into the school office or download from our school website.

Our aim is that all parents of children attending Ashford Park Primary School complete the form, whether their child receives free school meals or not, as this allows the school to maximise our funding. Thank you for your support.

End of term Assembly

Our end of term assembly was full of exciting news! We celebrated our new Head Boys and Girls, Prefects and Friendly Faces. We celebrated attendance, the House Cup was awarded to Fire House and John Muir certificates were handed out by Mrs Bartlett to excited children!

We said goodbye to staff who were leaving and to Year 6, we wished them all the very best for the future.



Ready for learning?

Thank you for supporting your children with their

preparations for learning, by ensuring that they are wearing the correct school uniform, have their full PE kit in school and have a filled pencil case, ready with all the essentials to present their learning in a neat and legible style. THANK YOU!

INSET = STAFF LEARNING

4/9/17 – We worked with a consultant to further develop strategies to support children with their inference skills in cross-curricular reading.

5/9/17 – We have so many super talented sporting children in our school, that we have received additional training and will be introducing a new **PE** scheme, to develop a greater interest and challenge with the teaching expectations of **PE** within the Primary National Curriculum 2014. We are also in communication with the Hengrove Scouting Headquarters, as in the near future we would like to increase the 2 hours of statutory PE that our children receive, by having

access to another hall, and therefore more teaching space as our school continues to grow.

Behaviour for learning

At APPS, we continually research educational practice to support our children with their behaviour for learning choices, especially when reaching years 5 and 6. These years are essential to support the children to develop confidence with strategies to be successful learners at both primary and secondary school. Throughout this academic year three colleagues will be receiving accredited training with a programme known as 'The Thrive' <https://www.thriveapproach.com/the-thrive-approach/>

We will update you over this year, as to how we will be evaluating, supporting and further developing the expected learning behaviours for our children and seeking parental/carer contributions to inform our evolving practice.

Building enhancement projects

Once again our school has been receiving significant enhancement works throughout the summer holiday period. Our Learning and Additional Needs Centre – 'The Acorn Centre', has had a major classroom extension and toilet facilities installed, to enable our school to provide specialist teaching to KS1 children who have an Education and Healthcare Plan for learning and additional needs.

The EYFS and year 1 building has also been re-decorated with the installation of new lockers for the year 1 children and the year 6 classrooms have had a fresh lick of paint.

KOOSA KIDS

KOOSA KIDS have certainly provided an extremely busy summer holiday club, for families needing day care. We welcomed up to 70 children each day from a variety of schools across Spelthorne, Hounslow and Feltham.

Year 5 Summer school

Mr Bloomer and Mrs Tarrant had a busy last week of the summer holidays, opening our school to provide a summer school for our new to year 6 children. With the continuing raised expectations of the primary curriculum and with a long summer holiday, we wanted to provide our children with a chance to catch up and re-visit identified learning challenges from year 5 in preparation for the learning required in year 6 and to re-visit the targets set for them from their summer term Records of Achievement.

Home learning packs

The new to year 5 and 6 children each received a home learning pack to support them throughout the summer with some important key learning skills. We are always seeking ways to further develop home learning and we hope that the children and their parents/carers, found the activities fun and not too laborious!

Catering Assistant Roles

There are catering assistant vacancies within the Spelthorne area. For details please visit:

www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs

There are no vacancies at Ashford Park Primary at the present time.



September

11th Bushcraft pre-trip session at 6.00pm

13th, 14th & 15th EYFS children start school

13th Parents information evening for the Ultimate Adventure trip at 6.30pm

13th Swimming starts for Swift class

15th Roald Dahl Dress Up Day

20th EYFS Stay & Play, Otter class 3.15pm

21st Parent Drop in / Meet New Teacher Evening, in Year group class rooms, 3.30pm – 4.30pm and 5.30pm – 6.30pm

21st EYFS Stay & Play, Dormouse class 3.15pm

22nd EYFS Stay & Play, Rabbit class 3.15pm

27th EYFS Parent Workshop at 6.00pm

27th - 29th Bushcraft trip for Years 3 & 4

October

5th Matilda PTA Theatre trip

6th Woodpecker Class Assembly at 2.30pm

6th PTA Film Night 3.30pm & 5.30pm

11th Flu immunisations for Years Rec - 4

12th New to EYFS (Sept 2018) Parent Tours, 9.30am & 6.00pm

13th Harvest Service in school for children

19th Children finish school at usual time, 3.15pm

20th INSET Day

23rd – 27th Half term

November

2nd Individual school photos

3rd Owl Class Assembly at 2.30pm

5th PTA Firework display

7th New to EYFS (Sept 2018) Parent Tours, 9.30am & 6.00pm

8th Hedgehog Class Assembly at 2.30pm

10th Kingfisher Class Assembly at 2.30pm

15th Squirrel Class Assembly at 2.30pm

17th Heron Class Assembly at 2.30pm