



**Safeguarding hotspot**

During these wonderful days of festive celebrations, please work in partnership with us in keeping your children safe by **NOT** uploading nativity performances onto social network sites. There are a significant number of children in our school, whose parents/carers have not given permission for their child/ren to be on the web, and we greatly appreciate your support with this.

**Winter festivities**

Oh my goodness, Ashford Park you are amazing! Our EYFS and KS1 nativities helped to make our audiences smile, whilst enjoying your beautiful singing, wonderful acting and happy, cheery faces. Thank you.

**Reception – Year 4  
Nasal Flu  
Immunisation Catch  
Up Clinics**

If your child is in Reception to Year 4 and did not receive their nasal flu immunisation, please come to the school office as we have a letter offering further clinics for your child to attend. **These clinics**

**all take place in  
December.**

**MAC – Making  
Attendance Count**

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners this week being Deer class with 99% and Top Dog winners being Skylark with 98.2%! Fab-u-lous!

**Christmas surprises!**



We were incredibly surprised, yet secretly delighted by Donald and Blue's rabbit kits that arrived last Friday. All six bunnies, seem to be thriving under Donald / Daisies care! Blue has also visited the vets, to make sure that this is the last rabbit surprise that we receive at APPS!

**Salvation Army  
Volunteer Day**

On 4<sup>th</sup> December some of our Year 6 children accompanied the Enterprise Team and helped with the Salvation Army charity event.

This is a paragraph from the EU99 Charity newsletter:

'Before the 'shopping' began, approximately 8 children from Ashford Park Primary School (aged 9 and 10) joined the team and were paired up with volunteers in order that they could also help with the shopping task. They were all eager to help out and were extremely well behaved; they were a huge credit to their school. The task began and everyone worked very quickly and efficiently. The main hall soon filled up with a sea of shopping bags and all of the bags were filled by lunchtime. At that point, the children returned to their school.'

Well done children, you were an asset to our school.

**PTA discos**

Once again we send our thanks to our brilliantly supportive PTA, who ran three Christmas themed discos this week to celebrate a marvellous autumn term.

**Outcomes from the  
Parent View  
questionnaire  
November 2017**

Please find attached the outcomes from the Parent View questionnaire, when we asked for your contributions to inform our school self-evaluation and future school improvement priorities. Thank you for the 136 responses received, which represented approximately 33% of our school community.

### **Acorn Centre - Bags of Help, please vote!**

The Acorn Centre applied to the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme in order to raise money to develop our outside area. We have just found out that our application has been successful. Voting will take place from Tuesday 2nd January until Wednesday 28th February.

If you visit Tesco Extra in Stanwell / Ashford during this period, we would really appreciate your vote.



The primary school admissions system is now open.

Parents are being reminded that they can now apply online for 2018 primary school

places using the online admissions system. The admissions system is quick, easy to use and available all day, every day and parents will receive the outcome of their applications by email.

The deadline for applications is Monday 15 January 2018. Parents who miss the deadline reduce their chances of getting one of their preferred schools, so please encourage friends / parents to apply online by [visiting surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions).

### **Reception**

Our reception classes would appreciate any underwear that can be donated e.g. knickers, pants, socks and tights.



### **December**

18<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Carol Concert at 1.45pm

19<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Carol Concert at 3.30pm

19<sup>th</sup> – 5.30pm doors open to parents, who can listen to the School Choir whilst enjoying mulled wine & minced pies. Followed by 6.00pm start for KS2 Carol Concert

20<sup>th</sup> Reception Christmas Party 1.00 - 2.00pm

21<sup>st</sup> – Break up for Christmas at 2.00pm

### **January**

4<sup>th</sup> – Children return to school

5<sup>th</sup> – New to EYFS Tours (September 2018) at 9.30am & 6.00pm

10<sup>th</sup> – Skylark class start swimming lessons

29<sup>th</sup> – 'Just Joshing' Anti-Bullying Theatre Production for children

### **February**

6<sup>th</sup> – MUFTI Day in aid of Sign2Sing

8<sup>th</sup> – Children break up for half term at 3.15pm

9<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day

12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Half Term

### **March**

8<sup>th</sup> – 'Enough Abuse' workshop for parents and children in the hall 3.30 – 5.00pm

23<sup>rd</sup> – Secret Garden production for children

23<sup>rd</sup> – PTA Film Night at 5.00pm TBC

29<sup>th</sup> – Break up for Easter at 2.00pm

### **April**

16<sup>th</sup> – Children return to school

19<sup>th</sup> – Bikeability Year 4, details to follow

20<sup>th</sup> – Bikeability Year 5, details to follow

27<sup>th</sup> – PTA Toy & Uniform Sale at 2.00pm in the hall

### **May**

7<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday

9<sup>th</sup> – Pedals training Year 2, details to follow