



Welcome back to the Spring term

We hope that you have had chance to relax and enjoy this precious time together, before the busy Spring term begins!

Safeguarding Hotspot

Please be reminded to where possible, ***park*** and ***stride*** to school, to keep all of our children safe, by NOT parking in the turning circle, or in the immediate vicinity of the school. THANK YOU.

Palenga Primary School, Uganda

Thank you for your kindness and generosity over the Autumn term, and we are delighted to inform you that we have been able to send £500 to our partner school in Uganda, to support the school with developing their learning environment.

Inspiring a love for lifelong learning – alumnae success

Maddie Wright and Luke Sutton from Thomas Knyvett College had a fun filled day at Surrey University, chosen as gifted scientists supported from their former science learning experiences at Ashford Park. Well done!

Making Attendance Count (MAC)

Please be advised that if your child has 95% attendance, this would mean that s/he would miss out on 10 days of school this year, and if the percentage remains the same for your child's time with us, 70 days of education would be lost.

If your child has 90% attendance, this means that 20 days of education will be lost, with 140 days of learning missed in the 7 years at APPS. **TRAGICALLY** these lost school days cannot be replaced.

Elaine Brohoon Star of Hope Award – awarded by our support staff



Ryan T

We would like to present the Elaine Brohoon award to Ryan T.

"It's no secret that Ryan is a maths whizz and is like a little human calculator!

The fact is that Ryan puts 100% effort into every task that he is given, whether it be maths, reading, writing or topic. Ryan is also very kind and is always willing to help others, especially when it comes to maths. He has been really patient when explaining how to solve different problems to others in the class and the children know that they can go to him at any time to help them work things out. Ryan doesn't boast about the fact that he is extremely confident with what he learns and can pick things up quickly. He quietly gets on with his learning and has learnt how to develop and challenge his own ideas."

Nathan C

"We would like to give the Elaine Brohoon award to Nathan C.

Nathan has made some superb behaviour choices for learning and has supported children in the younger year groups."

We are sure that Miss Brohoon would have been very proud of all that Ryan and Nathan have achieved so far in this academic year.

House points

All the children have been working really hard this term to gain house points

and have been demonstrating excellent attitudes towards their behaviour for learning. We are really looking forward to introducing the new token system in the Spring term.

House points awarded for Autumn 2017 term:

Fire 4436

Water 4987

Air 3911

Earth 4741

Try a School Lunch Day

On Thursday 18th January we are holding a 'Try a School Lunch Day' for the KS1 children.

The menu for the **whole school** on this day will be:

Breadcrumb fish with chips

or

Pizza swirls and potato wedges

served with carrots and peas

followed by shortbread

Your child is entitled to a Free School Meal if they are in Reception, Year 1 or 2.

On 18th January **ALL** children from these year groups will be able to try a school lunch, freshly prepared in our on-site kitchen. If your child usually brings a packed lunch they may still do so, but will also have the opportunity to sample our delicious school lunches.

Volunteer readers

If any parent / carer has any spare time and would

like to come into school to support our children by listening to them read, then please contact the school office. Please note that we would need to carry out a DBS check and a Volunteer Form would need to be completed, along with safeguarding training. Thank you.



In December the children of Ashford Park Primary School have earned 352 badges for coming to school in a healthy way. The successful children have been given their badges in class and have been able to see how well they did on their classes Travel Tracker. These are the Top 5 and we now have a Trophy to award the top class.



1st Badger

2nd Squirrel and Woodpecker

3rd Mole and Hedgehog

4th Deer

5th Kestrel and Osprey

The children need to arrive in school once a week in a healthy way and log this information in class to earn themselves a badge. Come on children we can beat that during January and earn a new badge!



January

10th – Skylark class start swimming lessons

29th – 'Just Joshing' Anti-Bullying Theatre Production for children

February

6th – MUFTI Day in aid of Sign2Sing

8th – Children break up for half term at 3.15pm

9th – INSET Day

12th - 16th Half Term

March

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

23rd – Secret Garden production for children

23rd – PTA Film Night at 5.00pm TBC

29th – Break up for Easter at 2.00pm

April

16th – Children return to school

19th – Bikeability Year 4, details to follow

20th – Bikeability Year 5, details to follow

27th – PTA Toy & Uniform Sale at 2.00pm in the hall

May

7th – Bank Holiday

9th – Pedals training Year 2, details to follow